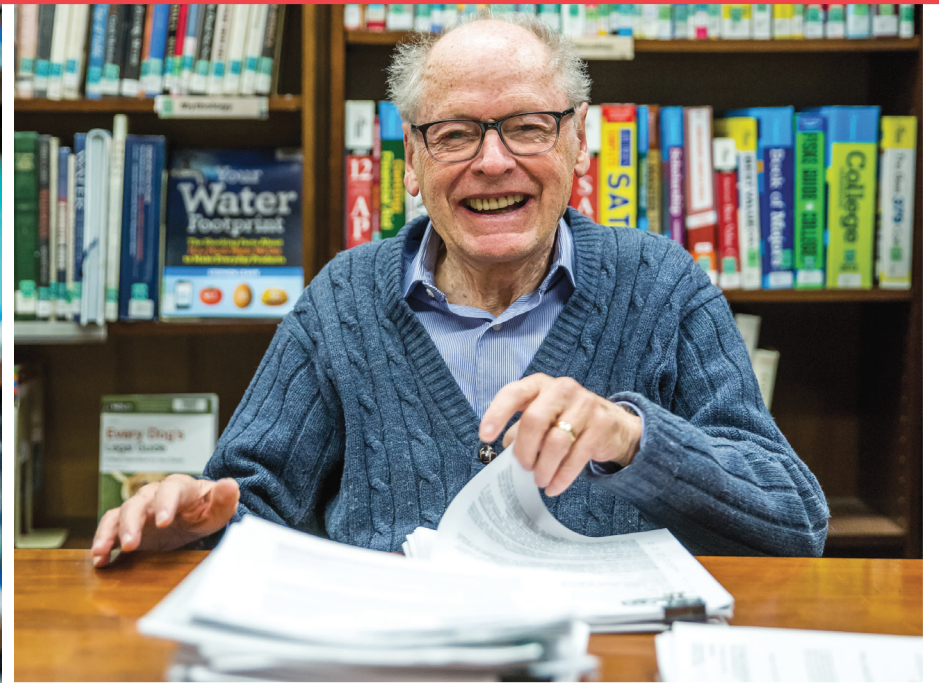


BOOKS ARE JUST THE BEGINNING



Onsite or online,
the Nevada County
Libraries offer more
than you might imagine!



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YOUR NEVADA COUNTY LIBRARIES

Connecting communities to a world of experiences

BY ANNE STOKES



According to Laura Pappani, Nevada County Librarian, there are a lot of library resources available to the public. "We're here to serve the public, that's what we do," she says. "We enjoy it. We wouldn't be in the library world if we didn't like working with people."

PHOTO BY KIM PALAFERRI

Philanthropist Andrew Carnegie once said, "A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert." The self-made millionaire, who credited his success, in part, to regular access to libraries during his childhood, built over 1,500 libraries across the country, including Nevada County's own Royce and Foley library branches.

Today, the many modern amenities offered at the Nevada County Libraries might surprise you. The best part — they're free!

From children's early literacy programs to professional development for adults, libraries offer educational resources for everyone. All five circulating branches have books, magazines, DVDs and more to check out. Several branches also offer classes and workshops, ranging in topic from crafts to technology.

For those on a more digital wavelength (or who want to be), the Nevada County Libraries offer a wealth of online resources.

Whether you need help setting up an email account or you're looking to write code, you can learn how at the library! Through the online databases, people can access a veritable treasure trove of information. Want to learn a new language? Study for a DMV driving test? Research your family tree? The Nevada County Libraries have the information you need to accomplish this and much, much more.

"We listen to the community, respond to them and offer them opportunities to learn about things that they are interested in learning about," says County Librarian Laura Pappani. "We enjoy a lot of support from the community in Nevada County and I hope that people will let us know how we can improve or continue to provide them with services they want."

➔ To find the branch closest to you or to inquire about a schedule of events or classes, call 530-265-7050 or visit www.mynevadacounty.com/nc-library.



Business is booming

In the past year, Nevada County residents visited the library

346,962 times
and checked out
678,793 items.



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY



Book Buddy Program

Do you know someone with a passion for books who is confined to their home? The Book Buddy Program links homebound Nevada County residents with a friendly volunteer who delivers books, magazines and DVDs to their doors.

This program helps homebound individuals maintain meaningful community connections.

"The library's for everyone," says Book Buddy liaison Ann McCormick. "We have to go to them since they can't come to us."

Volunteer as a Book Buddy or link up with one by calling 530-265-1407.



People & Stories

The Nevada County Libraries understand the extraordinary power of literature. Through a National Endowment for the Humanities grant and with resources from the nonprofit People & Stories/Gente y Cuentos, the Madelyn Helling Library hosts eight-week People & Stories sessions, where people on probation read together and discuss the literature. The program aims to encourage those who have possibly not engaged with literature the chance to do so in a meaningful way.



Inmate Book Drive

When Lori Greene wanted to improve the inmate library at the Wayne Brown Correctional Facility, she reached out to County Librarian Laura Pappani. Soon after, a donation box was set up at each branch for patrons to drop off new or lightly used paperbacks for inmates.

Greene, a work officer at the correctional facility, says the outdated and tattered books at the facility's library are being replaced with novels, self-help and academic books — giving inmates opportunities to improve their lives.



Lawyer in the Library

Need legal advice? Got 10 minutes? If you're in need of quick, easy and free legal advice, head to the Madelyn Helling Library on the first Friday of the month to meet with a staffer from Nevada County's Public Defender's Office or Public Law Center. Drop-ins are welcome between 3 and 5 p.m., but it's advisable to call in advance for an appointment. For in-depth issues, please leave background information when calling to reserve a time. Private consultations are held in the Collaborative Technology Center.

To reserve a time, call 530-265-7050. For a drop-in consultation, visit the Madelyn Helling branch at 980 Helling Way in Nevada City.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM NURTURES BOOKWORMS

Inspiring a lifelong love for books

BY ANNE STOKES

"Summer slide" sounds like something fun. But ask any teacher and they'll tell you that it's nothing parents would want for their children. To the contrary, it's something that could put them at an educational disadvantage by the time they head back to school in the fall.

"Children who don't read over the summer can lose two to three months of learning by the time they return to school," says Teri Rinne, youth services librarian in Truckee. "If they participate in the Summer Reading Program and read a minimum of six books over the summer, they score higher in reading and math when they return to school."

The Nevada County Libraries' Summer Reading Programs offer kids fun incentives to stick their nose in a book. Between June and August, kids can exchange reading logs for prizes. Libraries also host fun weekly events such as magicians, storytellers and even wild animal shows.

While the reading program aims to counteract the "summer slide" effect, its endgame is really to make

reading fun. Reading during the school year is usually for homework, but during summer vacation, kids are free to read what interests them: fantasy books, young adult novels, even comic books.

Sarah Adams, a Truckee resident who has two children who have participated in the Summer Reading Program for several years, says that it's a great way to encourage kids to read during vacation.

"I hope that it develops that love of reading so that they can be lifelong readers for pleasure and enjoyment," Adams says. "It makes the library an exciting place for kids to visit."

The Summer Reading Program will expand to include exciting events for kids at the new amphitheater planned for construction at Madelyn Helling Library this year.

➔ For more information on how to get your child involved, call 530-265-7050 or visit www.mynevadacounty.com/nc/library.



PHOTO BY KIM PALAFERRI

Kids love the library!



Summer Reading Program Participants:



1,557
2013



1,824
2014



1,942
2015



PHOTO BY ERIC MARKS

READING IS COOL!

Library programs engage kids and teens

Infant & preschool story times

Your littlest reader will make new friends and gain confidence during one of several preschool story times.

Paws to Read

Children can practice reading with a friendly canine companion.

Sing-Along Thursdays

Sing favorites and learn new songs with the whole family.

Mother Goose Time

This special story time encourages babies and toddlers to develop language, movement and social skills.

Game On!

Kids of all ages enjoy games like Scrabble, Candy Land, and fun with iPads.

Fun with technology

Kids ages 3 to 10 can exercise new skills as they explore interactive technology and games during Kids CAN Tech! monthly gatherings.



PHOTO BY KIM PALAFERRI

Teen Advisory Group

Young adults can play a role in their library through the Teen Advisory Group, with monthly meetings during the school year at Madelyn Helling Library. The group plans events for teens and visits book stores, selecting the latest young adult titles to expand the library's collection.

➔ See a full listing of family-friendly events: visit www.mynevadacounty.com/nc/library and click on "Library Events Calendar."

CREATE. CONNECT. INSPIRE.

There is so much to explore at the Nevada County Libraries — more than you may have imagined! Discover all the ways you can explore technology, advance your career, connect and have fun at your local branch.



ALL THINGS TECH

Tinker with the latest technology at a library near you

3D printer

Imagine designing and creating a cookie cutter, a key chain or a part for your lawn mower! To try out 3D printing, sign up for a certification class. After that, you'll be able to use the 3D printer at Madelyn Helling Library for up to two hours at a time to design and print almost anything you can think of!

Collaborative Technology Center

Madelyn Helling Library's Collaborative Technology Center is a great place for Internet access or to reserve a room for a quiet study session. The center also houses classes on Mac use, email, PowerPoint and iPad apps, as well as nontech classes.

Library Geek!

If you have specific questions about computer programs, online resources or your gadget or device, sign up for one-on-one tech tutoring through Library Geek!

Free Internet Access

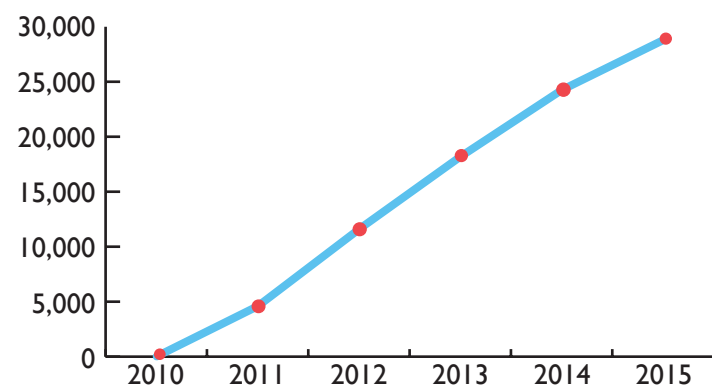
Residents throughout the county turn to the library to connect. Surf the Internet for an hour or two on branches' desktop computers — patrons logged more than 33,901 hours on library computers last year! Or bring your own device for free, unlimited access to high-speed Wi-Fi.



It's a brave new world



Digital checkouts (e-book and audiobook downloads) increased from 0 in 2010 to 28,763 in 2015.





LEARNING THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

Unlock learning and career opportunities with your library card

Atomic Training

Improve your skills in Microsoft Word, social media techniques, email, podcasting and more with this free online training that is primarily video-based.

Powerspeak Languages

Learn Spanish, French, German, Mandarin Chinese and English through written and oral exercises, tests and more.

Classes

The Madelyn Helling Library offers a variety of classes in tech, crafting and more!

Career Online High School

If you're an adult 19 or older, you can earn a high school diploma online and at your own pace. Apply for a library scholarship to pursue this opportunity for free. Learn more about Career Online High School at 530-265-7078 or via email at COHS@co.nevada.ca.us.

Job search

Bring your job-hunting skills into the 21st century! Come to the library for free online and in-person resources.

- JobScout uses fun and games to teach digital literacy skills including uploading résumés, searching databases and networking.
- Explore occupations, build résumés and prepare for interviews online with the Learning Express Job & Career Accelerator.
- The Collaborative Technology Center holds classes on résumés, online job searches and interviewing skills.



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ALL THE PLACES OUR LIBRARY GOES

A library card and Internet connection is your fast pass to all the library offers



Library to Go

Seamlessly check out e-books and audiobooks through the expansive online collection.

OneClick Digital

Visit the website or download this app to connect with even more audiobooks.

Enki

This application lets you explore e-books from small or independent publishers.

IndieFlix

Discover your new favorite indie film with this streaming video service.

Explora MasterFILE Premier

Easy access to magazine, newspaper and academic journal articles.

Zinio

In an instant, download an array of magazines from The Economist to OK! Magazine, as well as children's magazines.

Lending kiosks

Picture a vending machine, but for books! If you're in North San Juan, stop by the kiosk outside the San Juan Ridge Community Library and check out the current selection. A second kiosk is being installed outside Chicago Park Elementary School.

Coming Soon! Digital Branch

From homework help to car schematics, job-searching tools to newspaper archives dating back to 1865, the soon-to-open online-accessible branch will put myriad resources at patrons' fingertips.

Coming Soon! Mobile Tech Center

To better serve the far reaches of the county, the new Mobile Tech Center will be a traveling tech lab on wheels loaded with laptops, a wireless hotspot and more.



Visit www.mynevadacounty.com/nc/library to discover digital resources and materials.



Librarian Yolande Wilburn (left) leads participants in a book discussion for Nevada County Reads & Writes, which unites the community around one reading selection.
PHOTO BY KIM PALAFERRI



ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY

Annual event challenges community to read outside the box

BY ANNE STOKES

The Nevada County Reads & Writes program is like one big countywide book group. Together with the Superintendent of Schools' Office, the Nevada County Libraries invite everyone in the community to share how literature affects the world around them.

"I hope that it sparks conversations, gets [people] out to meet their neighbors and really share their views and opinions," says Yolande Wilburn, manager at the Madelyn Helling Library. "It's really a shared experience ... that

brings the community together."

The "one book, one community" idea encourages everyone to read the year's featured work and participate in related community events — movie screenings, discussions and community service — that tie into the book's themes. In consideration of 2016's selection, "Just Mercy," which highlights the inequalities in America's justice system, events included a book drive benefiting inmates at the Wayne Brown Correctional Facility.

"It goes beyond just reading the book, but really looking a little deeper into the issues or the feelings that these authors have touched on in the book," says Judy Nielsen, assistant to the Nevada County associate superintendent for educational services.

The program also encourages students to get involved in the literary process through a writing competition.

With cash prizes available for first through third place, the goal is to inspire young voices

to share their stories.

"Students [get to] read something that they don't necessarily have to read, that they're reading by choice," Nielsen says. "[It] then gives them further exercise by having them pick up the pen. It's really great for anybody — and that includes students — to step out of the box and try something that they wouldn't normally do."

Book selections are announced in January and events are scheduled in March and April.

**In 2015, the
Libraries held
1,066 programs
with
24,420
attendees.**



➔ For event schedules and how to participate, call 530-470-2692 or visit www.mynevadacounty.com/nc/library.

A PLACE WHERE EVERYONE CAN LEARN

Nevada County Libraries teach adults literacy

BY KATE GONZALES

The Nevada County Libraries offer more than books; they support the community by providing the place and the support for people to achieve their goals.

The Read Up! Literacy Service connects adult learners looking to expand literacy and other skills with qualified volunteer tutors. Potential students take an assessment to measure their literacy and numeracy

capabilities, and are matched with a compatible tutor. They work together one-on-one on reading, writing and sometimes math using materials provided by the California State Library.

The program attracts adult learners with a diversity of goals. While many learners are native English speakers who want to improve their job skills, others are immigrants who are studying to become United States citizens.

This literacy service is offered to all Nevada County adults through the Madelyn Helling Library and the Truckee Library. Rolann Aronson, Read Up! coordinator at the Truckee Library, says lessons are tailored to each learner's specific goals, so they get the most from the program.

"It really helps people to move forward in their life," Aronson says.

One student, who is originally



Garrett Veerkamp (left) works with tutor Steve Kubas to improve his literacy skills.
PHOTO BY KIM PALAFERRI

from China, pursued a bachelor's degree while improving her English skills. Today, she's earning her master's. Another successful student now works with a nonprofit to help abuse victims get back on their feet. Many parents who enroll in the program simply want to improve their children's academic future, and help them with their homework.

Volunteer tutor Jack Fitzpatrick says helping students progress and meet their goals is fulfilling.

"It feels good to participate in someone else realizing their goals," he says.

➔ **Connect with this program online.**
Visit www.mynevadacounty.com/nc/library and click on "Read Up! Literacy Service."

WHAT'S IN THE WORKS AT THE LIBRARY



Your Nevada County Librarians
PHOTO BY KIM PALAFERRI

Partnering with the public to shape the future of the Nevada County Libraries

BY ANNE STOKES

The question of how to best serve the community is the Nevada County Libraries' first and foremost priority. In deciding how resources would be best invested, it's taxpayers' input that matters the most.

"We're always interested in hearing what people like, what they don't like, what works for them and what doesn't. We're here to serve the public, that's what we do," says Laura Pappani, Nevada County Librarian. "There's a lot of things that we would like to do but we only have finite resources in terms of money and people. Every few years we go through the process of collecting public opinion and analyzing it, seeing what we're able to do and put together a plan that guides our efforts."

That effort was recently conducted through the Libraries' Strategic Planning project, which included a community poll aimed at identifying what's important to

patrons. The survey results reveal that community priorities include services for children and access to technology. Librarians are using this info to create programs and services that best suit the public's needs. Here's a look at a few new, exciting projects planned for library patrons:

Amphitheater

Thanks to a generous donation from long-time library supporter Jackie Wilson, construction will begin in the late spring of 2016 on an amphitheater next to the Madelyn Helling Library in Nevada City. The space will feature an outdoor stage and seating area, and provide extra room for Summer Reading Program events and more.

Mobile Tech Center

Nevada County covers a wide rural geographic area. With their Mobile Tech Center, the Libraries will be able to bring technology

and tools to residents who may not otherwise be able to get to their local branch. The project, which should be on the road by the summer of 2016, would bring access to laptops, a laser cutter, a wireless hotspot and many other tech tools to remote areas.

Digital Branch

As of the summer 2016, the Nevada County Libraries will have seven branches: six locations throughout the county and a digital library that can be accessed from the comfort of people's homes. The new Digital Branch will consolidate all of the Libraries' currently available online services into one, user-friendly place.

➔ To find out more, call 530-265-7050 or visit www.mynevadacounty.com/nc/library.



Doris Foley branch is a pathway to Nevada County's past

When you walk into the Doris Foley Library for Historical Research, you are taking a step back in time.

Originally the Nevada City Library — a Carnegie library built in 1907 — the branch has no books to loan, but instead offers a wealth of information on the rich history of the gold mining region. The building itself is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

"It's an absolute gem," says Alexis Tjoa, Foley branch archivist and president of the Friends of the Nevada County Libraries. She says writers, graduate students and locals interested in genealogy can get lost in the branch's resources.

Those resources include access to old newspapers, including early issues of The Union, assessor records, Gold Rush-era maps and free access to ancestry.com — a global genealogy research site. Anyone with a library card can access these tools for free, or they can hire a library volunteer for an affordable fee to conduct research for them.

Patrons who visit the Foley Library to take advantage of the genealogy resources never know what they may find.

Some discover they have an ancestor that robbed banks, and others, like one woman who visited from San Francisco, are touched by simply holding a photograph of a great-grandparent they never knew.

"She looked at it and she broke into tears. She'd never seen a picture of him," Tjoa says. "Sometimes it's very heart-warming."

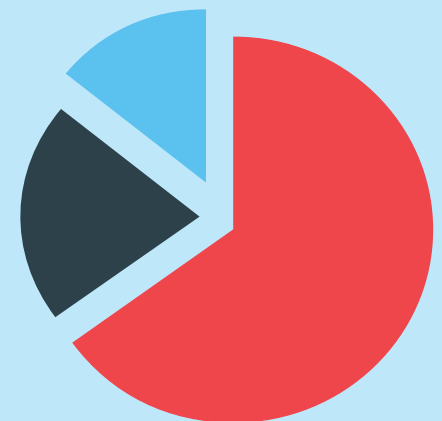
The branch also houses the Nisenan collection, a one-of-a-kind display of books and objects pertaining to the indigenous Nevada County people. With grant funding from the California State Library, the Foley branch compiled books, including John Sutter's journal, photos and artifacts to preserve the history of this lesser-known tribe. A traveling kiosk of Nisenan-related videos, audio and photos is available to Nevada County schools and event organizers.

LIBRARY FUNDING: A COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

A majority of the Nevada County Libraries' funding comes from Measure C, a 1/8 cent sales tax measure passed by voters in 2002. The measure will be up for renewal in November of 2016.

Library funding sources

- 65% Measure C tax revenue
- 21% Nevada County's general fund
- 14% Other sources, such as grants and donations



WHAT CAN THE LIBRARY DO FOR YOU TODAY?

Libraries offer free and easily accessible educational resources for children, teens and adults, from early literacy programs to professional development. At the Nevada County Libraries, resources come in both traditional and modern forms – from a good, old-fashioned paperback to a wealth of online knowledge at your fingertips. Visit your local library or go online and see what new things you can learn!

Discover your local branch



Madelyn Helling Library
980 Helling Way
Nevada City, CA 95959
530-265-7050

This main branch is a hub of traditional print as well as multimedia resources, including access to public computers and laptops, craft and computer classes and much more. You can even rent space in the Community Room for your next meeting or event for only \$10 an hour!



Grass Valley Library — Royce Branch
207 Mill St.
Grass Valley, CA 95945
530-273-4117

The top floor of this two-story Carnegie library is dedicated to adult services, with the convenience of self-checkout. The ground level is a space for children and young adults to read, play and grow their love for learning.



Truckee Library
10031 Levon Ave.
Truckee, CA 96161
530-582-7846

Discover the abundance of materials and services offered at this eastern Nevada County branch. Explore audio-visual materials, the adult nonfiction, mystery and science fiction collections, and let your kids relish in reading in the children's room.



Doris Foley Library for Historical Research
211 N. Pine St.
Nevada City, CA 95959
530-265-4606

Want to delve into your ancestry? Learn more about the Nisenan, the region's native people? Curious about the past of your historic Nevada County property? With help from an all-volunteer staff, you can access all this and more.



Penn Valley Station
11336 Pleasant Valley Road
Penn Valley, CA 95936
530-432-5764

This branch is small, but mighty. You can be sure you'll find a great novel, movie, or book on CD in this station, which is conveniently located in the Wildwood Commercial Center.



Bear River Station
11130 Magnolia Road
Grass Valley, CA 95949
530-271-4147

Housed on the Bear River High School campus, this station provides convenient web access at 22 public-use computers and features large adult, teen and children's collections.

Discover the classes, services and opportunities at each branch at www.mynevadacounty.com/nc/library.

Help Your Local Libraries

Volunteer

Whether you have a special talent for tutoring others, an eye for organization or want to ensure that libraries continue to add value to the community for years to come, your efforts can be put to good use!

From shelving books to lending a hand at the Collaborative Technology Center, volunteers help ensure day-to-day library operations run smoothly.

Friends of the Libraries

The Friends of the Nevada County Libraries and the Friends of the Truckee Library support the branches through volunteering and fundraising, in particular, managing the historic Doris Foley branch and book sales.

Donate

Books, CDs, DVDs, and audiobooks are accepted at any library location by the Friends groups to sell at their in-library book sale and at the Doris Foley Library on the first Saturday of every month. Monetary donations can be made to the County, the Friends of the Nevada County Libraries or the Friends of the Truckee Library.



To volunteer your goods or services, contact the Friends of the Nevada County Libraries, call 530-265-1407 or visit www.ncfol.org. For Friends of the Truckee Library, call 530-582-7846 or visit www.truckeevol.org. To volunteer with your local library branch, call 530-265-7050 or visit www.mynevadacounty.com/nc/library.



Create. Connect. Inspire.

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