Report to the Community

Expanding our Community Impact

Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

After six years of revenue reductions and service cutbacks, this past fiscal year that ended June 30, 2014, saw the District round the corner and able to enjoy a year of stability as a result of an improved economic environment.

We continued to work hard to contain and manage expenditures, and focused our materials, programming and services on the priorities articulated in the strategic framework, Read Learn Achieve. The top service priorities are:

- **Read**: The Library offers a wealth of services and resources that promote reading and provide access to library materials in a variety of formats.
- **Learn**: The Library is a learning place for children and adults in all stages of life.
- **Achieve**: The Library is a place of possibility and a community partner that connects people to information and to each other.

The Library District is **proud of its significant accomplishments during the last fiscal year, including**:

- Added an additional evening hour of service back to the urban branches as a result of improved finances.
- Selected as one of five libraries in the country to receive the prestigious National Medal for Museum and Library Service. This medal is the nation’s highest honor conferred on museums and libraries by the Institute for Museum and Library Services and recognizes significant and exceptional services to the community.
- Established four Family Place Libraries in the Clark County, Las Vegas, Whitney and Windmill Libraries. A Family Place Library focuses on parents and caregivers as first teachers, is organized around the developmental needs of the child and links library services with other local and regional family support agencies.
- Planned and operationalized Youth Digital Media Labs (renamed TechArt Studio) that provide teens with digital media technologies and resources to connect their social worlds and interests with academic and career paths that better prepare them for success in the future.
- Remodeled the Sunrise Library to increase space for services for children, including increasing the number of computers for children from two to 40. Opened up the adult area by removing and rearranging furniture and equipment, adding four additional computers in the adult area and recarpeting all public service areas in the building.

In addition, the Board conducted a national search to replace Jeanne Goodrich who retired as Executive Director on September 2, 2014. I am grateful for her excellent leadership and management of District resources during an extraordinarily, challenging five years. The Library District is well-positioned going forward, and I’m excited to work with the Board and staff to provide valuable library services to our community.

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Executive Director