



Library District Updates

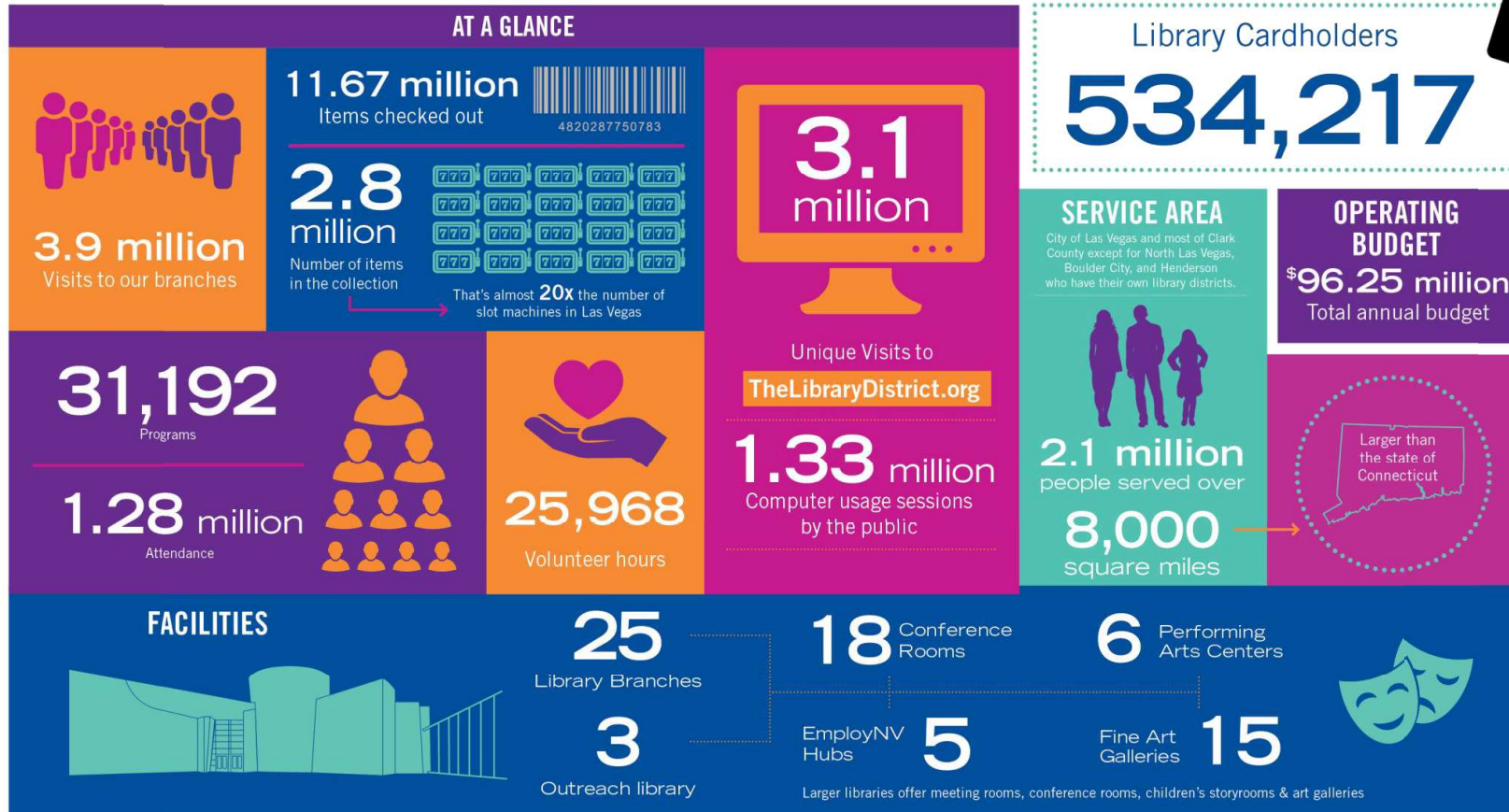
FY 2025 – 2026

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2024-2025 Stats at a Glance



New West Las Vegas Library

Grand Opening December 2025



New West Las Vegas Library

Facilities

- Art Gallery
- Bookstore
- Computer Centers
- Event Center
- EV Charging Stations
- Outdoor Event Plaza & Courtyard
- Podcast Room
- Storytime & Study Rooms

Features

- K-12 Homework Help
- Adult Learning Program
- Business Incubator
- Creation Labs
- Curbside Pickup
- Education Resource Center
- Event & Meeting Room Rentals
- Multimedia Lab
- Teen Zone
- WiFi



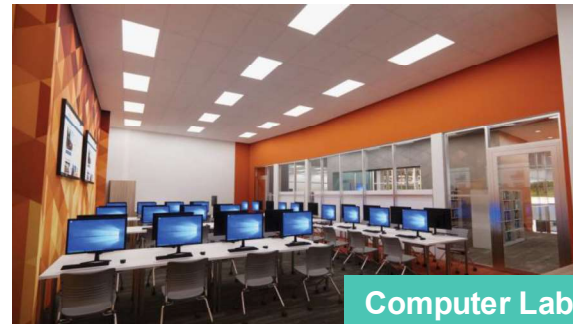
Courtyard



Storytime Room



Tween Area



Computer Lab



Innovation Lab

Up Next: Goodsprings Library – New Location

Preparing for Future Growth

Background

- A larger library is needed to accommodate growth
- Currently: single-wide trailer, no water or sewer access, located in the Goodsprings Elementary School parking lot.
- March 2025, the Library District purchased an adjacent 1,372 sq. ft. home on 1.33 acres.



Progress

- Property reclassified as a Public Facility & renovation drawings finalized.
- Maker space, separate adults & kids areas, two bathrooms, staff office, outside porch, expanded parking lot & ADA parking.





Local & National Recognition



Partnerships & Programs

Annual Teen Empowerment Summit *Making College Achievable*

- Whitney Library partnered with UNLV for the first time.
- Placed teens directly in a higher education environment.
- Connecting teens with current UNLV students and staff.
- Multiple career pathways, from college to trade school & other highly-skilled options.
- 140 local high school students; goal is to continue increasing this number!



Partnerships & Programs

Three Square – Community Nutrition

- Addresses food insecurity.
- Provides nutritious, predictable meals & fun social time for kids, teens & seniors.
- 371,390 meals have been served by the Library District since 2023:
 - "Meet Up & Eat Up" for kids during the school year.
 - "Kids Café" for kids during the summer.
 - "Senior Community Lunch & Social Hour" for ages 60+.



Partnerships & Programs

Vegas Golden Knights & Las Vegas Raiders Attract Library Card Sign-Ups

- Branded library cards
- Branded T-shirts using our #GetCarded slogan
- Bookmarks feature favorite books, movies & music
- Player social media videos



Grants & Private Funding

Pizza Hut Slice of Literacy Grant

- \$10,000 Pizza Hut Foundation grant will support Barbershop Books Program.
- Funding for 200 Inspire Boxes which bring the joy of reading into neighborhood barbershops.
- Each box is a take-home literacy kit for children to read aloud during barbershop appointments and beyond.
- Includes a library card, engaging picture books, DIY craft supplies, and information on library resources for parents.



Grants & Private Funding

VegasTickets.com ~ Lil' Learners

- \$25,000 grant from VegasTickets.com continues funding of Lil' Learners Activity Kits through 2026.
- Take-home, early literacy kits filled with educational items to support new mothers & caregivers
- QR Codes link back to pages on [TheLibraryDistrict.org](https://www.thelibrarydistrict.org) to promote the importance of early childhood learning



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StarLab Experiential Learning Lab

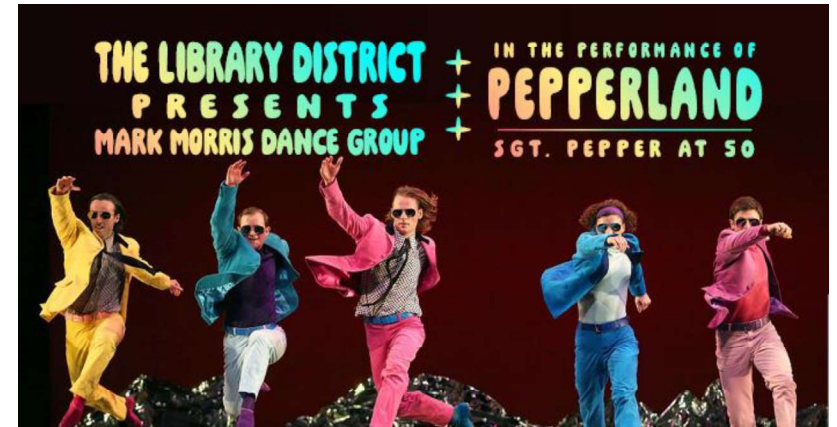
- \$66,000 grant from the Institute of Museum & Library Services.
- Portable, digital planetarium that creates an immersive, 360-degree experience.
- Exploration of constellations, planets, and Earth sciences.
- Seats 25-30 students.
- Launching for STEAM Month in April at East Las Vegas Library.
- Will travel to additional library branches throughout the year.



Unique Cultural Experiences

Bringing National Arts to Our Community

- Pepperland
- DisEnchanted!
- Bach to Beyoncé



Summer Challenge – Attracting New Library Cardholders

Direct Mail Campaign Targets Low-Income Households with Children

- Largest literacy program of the year for all ages – babies, kids, teens & adults
- Direct mail campaign targets low-income families without library cards, in zip codes across the valley:
 - Sends a list of benefits, programs, and great prizes they can earn through reading
 - Drives program participation & new library card sign-ups



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Thank you!