

# North Las Vegas Library District

Strategic Budget Priorities  
Process (SBPP) Group

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# Divisions

## **Administration**

- Plan services
- Supervise staff and operations
- Develop partnerships
- Seek outside funding opportunities

## • **Circulation**

- Perform activities connected with lending and returning of library materials
- Issue library card
- Collect fines and fees



# Divisions

- **Adult Services:**

- Select materials for collection
- Reference services
- Reader's assistance
- Interlibrary loan
- Assist public with computers and electronic resources
- Public library service programming for adults
- Proctor tests



# Divisions

- **Family Services:**
  - Select materials for children and teens
  - Provide reference services
  - Homework assistance
  - After school programs
  - Story time and other specialized programs for children and their families
  - Outreach to schools



# Divisions

- **Technical Services**
  - Handle acquisition of library materials
  - Cataloging & processing of materials
  - Database maintenance
  - Maintenance of the materials in the library



# Library Services

- Lend materials in a variety of formats
- Downloadable eBooks, audio books, music, movies
- Databases – accessible from home computer or in the library - journal and newspaper articles, encyclopedias, test help, GED, SAT, auto repair, etc.
- Public access computers
- Internet access and instruction
- Free WiFi



# Library Services

- Homework help
- Educational and cultural programs for adults, children, teens, and families
- Summer Reading Program
- Outreach to North Las Vegas schools
- Test proctoring
- Meeting rooms



# Who do you serve?

- Community
- Library Board of Trustees
- Friends of the Library



# Recent Budget Cuts & Impacts?

- Library materials budget reduced from \$394,660 to 234,660 – reduction of 41%
  - Buying fewer materials
  - Not uncommon for materials to have several hundred holds before they are even available for circulation
  - Cancelling some database subscriptions
  - We no longer meet minimum public library standards which require that 10% of locally funded budget be spent for books and materials



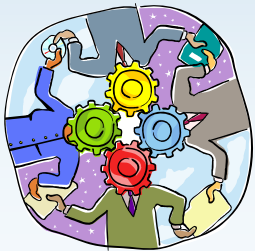
# Recent Budget Cuts & Impacts?

- Lost 8 FTEs, 12 employees, from 37.5 FTE to 29.5 FTE down 21%
  - Hours of operation reduced 10 hours/week
  - Long lines
  - Barely able to maintain the most basic level of customer service
  - Youth services department down to one staff member at each library
  - We are receiving many complaints from parents about the drastically reduced number of early childhood development programs and limited availability of homework help
  - Meeting rooms available shorter hours for the community



# Alternative Service Delivery

- We already contract with Las Vegas-Clark County Library District for Integrated Library System, library catalog, courier services, and downloadable resources
- Partnering with Olive Crest for early childhood education programming – but they too are experiencing budget cuts
- Seeking grant funding for programming specialist to provide roving services at the three libraries



# Service Delivery Challenges

- Future cuts will reduce staff and library operating hours even further
- According to ALA more people using libraries now than at any time in history
- People using Internet at library to find jobs, do resumes, apply for jobs online, apply for unemployment benefits and most of them need assistance
- Challenge is to deliver needed services in the community with smaller staff in fewer hours



# Interesting Facts

FY 09/10:

- 700,000 visits to the library
- 175,124 library computer use sessions
- 46% of the total circulation are children's and teen materials
- 26,975 attended 993 children's programs
- 32,181 attended functions in library meeting rooms



# Discussion with Group

Questions?

