

Building for the Future Las Vegas-Clark County Library District Strategic Plan 2016-2020

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Close to **700 Library District staff** were introduced to the draft plan in October 2015. This version reflects their feedback on details and general support for the strategic framework and focus.



Introduction

"We Don't Library Like We Used To!" The world is changing quickly and profoundly and so are libraries. New technologies, new communications, new competitors, new models of service, ever-expanding customer expectations and interests all add up to the need for libraries to stay relevant; to be flexible and adaptable; and to innovate and grow public value as times change.

On one hand, libraries are urged to go national and international as a platform for digital content creation and exchange. On the other, libraries are urged to be a bridge for local social, economic and education connections that are critical to well-being and to be local hubs for learning, creativity and community engagement.

The fact is, libraries are already both global and local, material and digital, transformations and transactions, experiences and exchanges. This strategic plan, *Building for the Future*, is a guide for deploying library assets – virtual and physical – in ways that advance and amplify the talent and vitality of our region, making even more people successful, happy and engaged in learning, discovery, achievement.

This document describes the draft strategic plan that will be considered by the Board of Trustees in January. Please use the worksheets (see pages 66-74) to organize your thoughts, goals and priority action steps for roll-out of the plan over the next four years.



THE URGENCY IS REAL

FAST-PACED CHANGE in Society, Technology, Economy, Environment, Politics Libraries

CHALLENGING LOCAL CONDITIONS related to literacy, learning, individual and community success

LOCAL ASSETS AND TALENT are the region's vital resources and economic generator



THE WORLD IS CHANGING

SOCIAL – aging populations, increased diversity, customization, personalization, culture of experience, social media, face2face

LEARNING - engaged learning, connected learning, project-based learning, digital natives, anonymity, social media, online learning, Google Glasses

ECONOMIC – budget cuts, restructuring, alliances, community initiatives, agency services going online, continuous job evolution, economic diversification, small business impact, 21st Century workforce skills

TECHNOLOGY – exponential change, fast adoption, rising demand for downloads, devices, WiFi and cloud, mobile, apps, persistent digital divide

COMPETITION – Google, Amazon, FaceBook, Wikipedia, Starbucks



BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Need to **ADAPT QUICKLY** and avoid the fate of Kodak, Blockbuster, Sony, Sears, Yahoo (companies who had strong brands and core products, but did not see new technologies, markets, services or competitors coming)

We must **PREPARE** for any number of scenarios

We must **FOCUS** on our preferred future



COMPLEX COMMUNITIES

68% of Library Service Area Households are Families, mostly young parents with young children

> The Vegas Valley is a new gateway for immigrants

10% of Households are Seniors

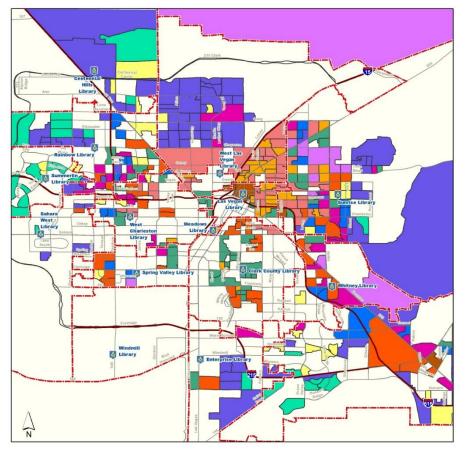
There is a large population of ADULTS with low literacy and digital skills

> Decades of Rapid Growth, High Mobility, Service & Construction Jobs, Low Education Levels

22% of Households are Singles or Couples

Post-Recession Challenges: Food Housing Clothing Employment Education





Segments in Families with Children Super Group



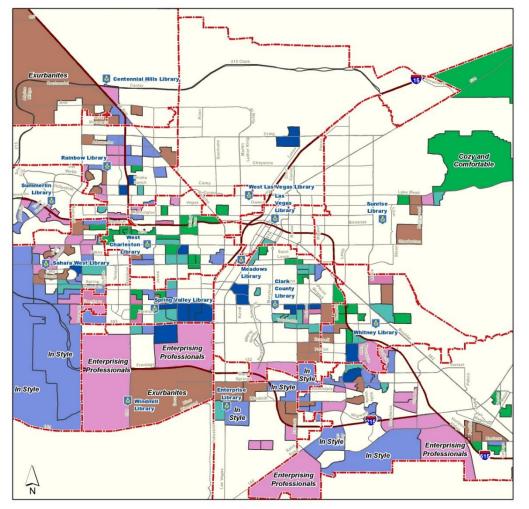
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FAMILIES SUPERGROUP

- 68% of our population
- Distributed throughout the valley
- For all branches but 4 they make up at least 50% of population





Segments in Professionals, Couples/Singles Super Group



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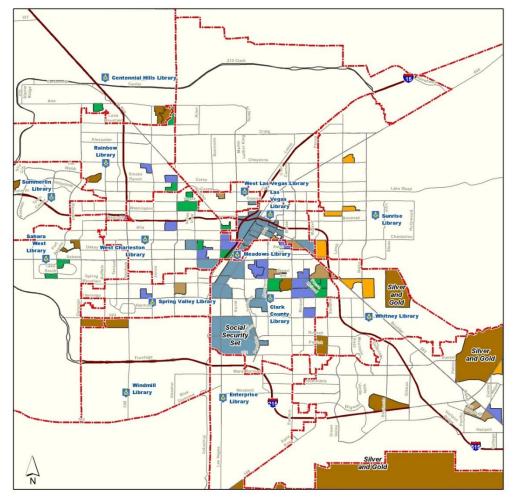
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Couples-Singles Supergroup

- 22% of service population
- More concentrated to West and South
- Branches with high concentrations can still have high numbers in the Families Supergroup





Segments in Seniors Super Group



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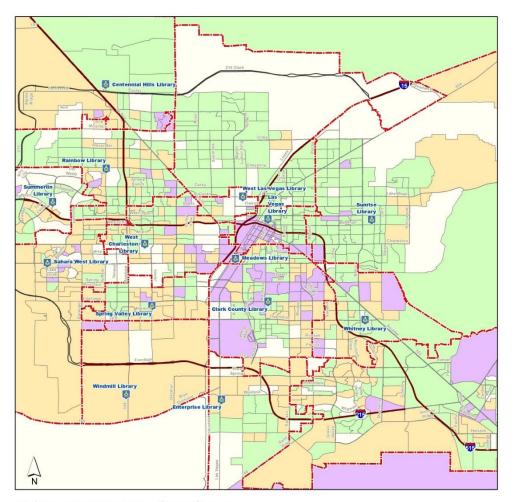
Seniors Supergroup

- Smallest of the Supergroups (10% of service population) but diverse – Snow Birds to Social Security Set
- Distinct areas mostly in established metro neighborhoods and rural locations
- Four libraries serve a predominantly senior population



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All Segments in the Three Super Groups

LVCCLD Outlets
 Service Areas
 All Segments in Families with Children Super Group
 All Segments in Professionals, Couples/Singles Super Group
 All Segments in Seniors Super Group

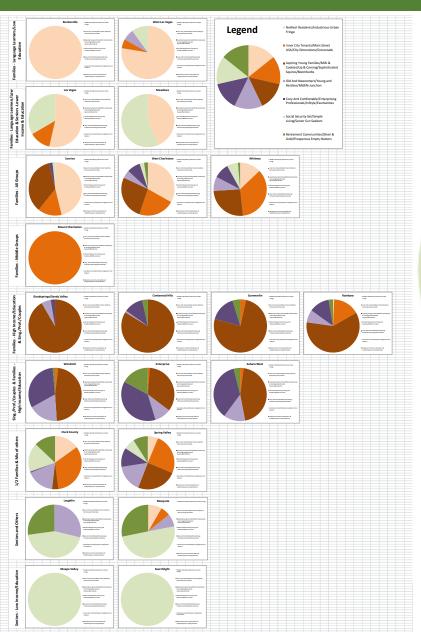
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ALL Supergroups

- Green = Family
- Yellow = Singles & Couples
- Pink = Seniors





Legend

- NeWest Residents/Industrious Urban Fringe
- Inner City Tenants/Main Street USA/City Dimensions/Crossroads
- Aspiring Young Families/Milk & Cookies/Up & Coming/Sophisticated Squires/Boomburbs
- Old And Newcomers/Young and Restless/Midlife Junction
- Cozy And Comfortable/Enterprising Professionals/InStyle/Exurbanites
- Social Security Set/Simple Living/Senior Sun Seekers

 Retirement Communities/Silver & Gold/Prosperous Empty Nesters



WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?

RELEVANCE IS LOCAL – Who are we serving? TAILOR SERVICES to *their* needs

Libraries are becoming **MORE ABOUT EXPERIENCES** and less about "books and stuff" – creation, curiosity and community

Libraries are TRUSTED, CONNECTED AND WIDELY DISTRIBUTED

Librarians are becoming FACILITATORS AND COACHES

Next generation **SERVICES ARE BOUNDLESS** – virtual & physical, inside *and* outside the buildings

We are shifting to an **ACTIVE SERVICE MODEL**

This is a **NEW ERA WITH NEW OPPORTUNITIES**



Libraries are catalysts for transformation

We are in the business of advancing people and communities



VISION 2020

The Las Vegas-Clark County Library District nurtures the social, economic and educational wellbeing of people and communities.





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Building for the Future 2016-2020

A strategic framework for building library relevance and responsiveness in changing times.



STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

Limitless Learning

Business & Career Success

Government & Social Services

Culture & Community



EACH OF THE STRATEGY SECTIONS INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- Current Community Conditions
- Future Conditions that Impact our Direction
- What do We Own? What Strengths/Assets do we have? What do we already do well? What could we improve with more attention and focus on individual and community impact?
- What are Implications for Services? Spaces? Other Resources?
- How Will We Define Success?



LIMITLESS LEARNING

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The Future of Learning

EQUITABLE. SOCIAL. AND PARTICIPATORY

Connected learning is a model of learning that holds out the possibility of reimagining the experience of education in the information age. It draws on the power of today's technology to fuse young people's interests, friendships, and academic achievement through experiences laced with hands-on production, shared purpose, and open networks. PRODUCTION

DIVERSE .

EXPERTISE

ENERATIONAL

Author: Dr. Mimi Ito UC Irvine 2012

PEER. CULTURE

Connected learning thrives in a socially meaningful and

knowledge-rich ecology of ongoing participation. self-expression, and recognition. In their everyday exchanges with peers and friends, young people fluidly contribute, share and give feedback. Powered with possibilities made available by today's social media, this peer culture can produce learning that's engaging and powerful.

OPENLY NETWORKED

Connected learning environments link learning in school, home, and community, because learners achieve best when their learning is reinforced and supported in multiple settings. Online platforms can make learning resources abundant. accessible, and visible across all learner settings.

ACADEMIC

Connected learning importance of

academic success for intellectual growth and as an avenue towards economic and political opportunity. When academic studies and institutions draw from and connect to young people's peer culture, communities, and interest-driven pursuits, learners flourish and realize their true potential.

ACTIVE RELEVANT REAL-WORLD EFFECTIVE HANDS-ON NETWORKED INNOVATIVE PERSONAL TRANSFORMATIVE

ACHIEVE

changing work and social conditio INTERESTS

contributions to today's rapidly

Connected learning prizes the

learning that comes from actively

producino, creatino, experimentino,

and designing, because it promotes

learning, and for making meaningful

skills and dispositions for lifelong

Interests foster the drive to gain knowledge and expertise Research has repeatedly shown that when the topic is personally interesting and relevant, learners' achieve much higher-order learning

outcomes. Connected learning views interests and passions that are developed in a social context as essential elements.

SHARED PURPOSE

Today's social media and web-based communities provide unprecedented opportunities for caring adults, teachers, parents, learners, and their peers to share interests and contribute to a common purpose. The potential of cross-generational learning and connection unfolds when centered on common goals.

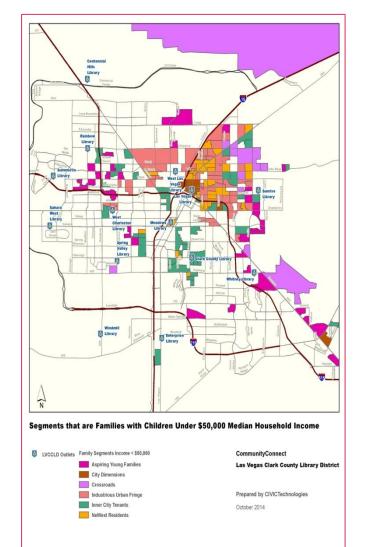
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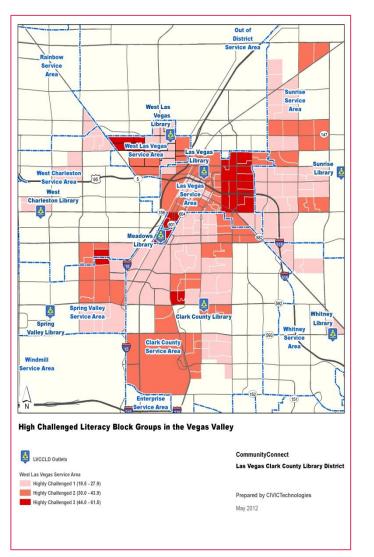


Community Conditions Now

- 680,000 of the 1,500,000 people in our service area are in households of families, mostly young parents with young children. Half of those are families with low education and income levels. A quarter of those are in household with limited English proficiency.
- There is a growing digital divide -- many households lack internet connections
- There is a growing number of English language and special need learners
- Clark County School District has several challenges, including an insufficient number of buildings and teachers, and a significant restructuring ahead
- 3% of 3- and 4-year olds have subsidized Pre-K. 29% of all children ages 4-5 are enrolled in Pre-K
- 69% of 4th graders are reading at grade level (67% nationally)
- 36.8% of 8th graders are proficient in math (73% nationally)
- The Clark County School District graduation rate is 71.7%
- 22% of local high school graduates go on to college
- There is a large population of adults with low education and English proficiency







This map identifies metro areas with a large number of young families with limited means andor limited English This map identifies metro areas with a large number of adults with very limited literacy skills, including some with limited English



What Do We Own?

What are the strengths the library already has in the strategic area of Limitless Learning?

Interest-Driven Learning

Bridging the Education Gap

Pre-K

Student Support

English

Building 21st Century Literacies

Digital Finance

Health

Media



What Do We Promise?

- To be the bridge that closes the gap.
- To provide free and open access to people of all ages to follow their passions and learning paths.
- To leverage library resources with community partners and resources to provide training, services and materials that increase literacy, learning and achievement in our region.



Strategies for Limitless Learning

Education Gap

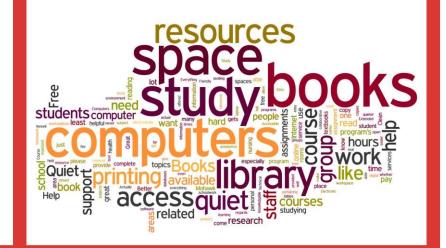
- Expand reach and impact of Pre-K services
- Strengthen support for K-12 students in the branches and online
- More STEAM and TechArt programs
- Expand the CALL program
- Expand access to technology
- Expand access to online homework help

Interest Driven Learning

- Customer-driven selection of programs and collections
- Variety of formats in our collections
- Maker, DIY, DJ programs that grow life and workplace skills
- Apps that make it easy for people to find materials and programs

Literacies

- Digital, coding, health, financial literacy meetups, programs, materials
- Expansion of partnerships with other organizations that have training and expertise
- Utilize staff, volunteer and mentor expertise
- Implement more online learning



What kind of Spaces will we need?

Family Place Makers Space Storytelling Space Classrooms Homework Center Quiet Room Computer Labs Tech Art/Lil Bits/DJ Labs Recording Booth Film Center Writers Lab Research Center Adult Literacy Classrooms and Computer Labs Book Browsing Teen Space Collaboration Space Study Rooms Hang Out Spaces Instructional Spaces Café/Kitchen Lecture Hall

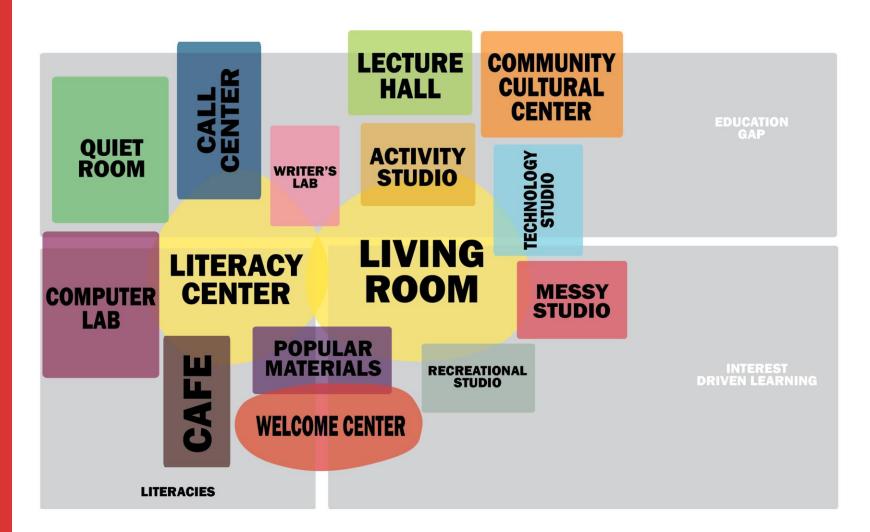
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Activities and Components

STUDIO Rehearsals Performances **Storytelling Homework Help Book Browsing** Writing Lab **Home Economics Lab STUDIO** Woodshop **Maker Space Tech Art Lab** CALL **Recording Booth Film Center Summer Programs Lectures** CENTER **Workshops Study Rooms**



What are the Experiences?





Other resource needs*

* These are starter ideas. Branches and Departments will make recommendations and prioritize. The District will determine resource availability.

Staff Skills, Talents:

Facilitation Collaboration Great People Skills Multilingual/Cultural Understand Family, Early, Teen or Adult Learning

Collections:

Early Literacy Popular Media Parenting STEAM/Coding Homework Help Foreign Materials

Programs:

Early Learning Parenting TechArt/DJ/Maker CALL Financial Literacy Tutoring

Technology:

Computer Labs for All Ages Homework Help Center Laptop/iPads Kiosks Recording Studio Multilingual OS devices

Special Equipment:

Family Place Maker Space DJ Booth TechArt Studios Café/Vending Food Living Room Furniture

Partnerships:

Childcare Centers/WIC CCSD DISCOVERY Museum Vegas PBS Clark County Family Services



How will we define success? Everyone engages in reading and learning Children are ready for Kindergarten English proficiency rises Students are performing at grade level or above Digital and financial literacy increases

- More students are going to college, credentialing programs or the work place
- Everyone has access to virtual and physical learning resources
- The library connects people to convenient, relevant learning opportunities
- Achievement learning leads to success in life



BUSINESS & CAREER SUCCESS



Future World Looks Like

Work at home. Work for self. Uberize.

Wide variety of digital learning platforms 9 out of top 10 jobs now require an Associate's degree.

Over 10 jobs in a lifetime. Continuous career development is the norm. GOVERNOR's PLAN 7 Sectors + Small Business

> 7 out of 10 jobs in 2025 will require an Associate's degree and tech skills.

21st Century skills: teambuilding, analytical thinking solutionorientation STEAM-based

> Diversity of credentials, certificates, career paths



Community Needs Now

- Large number of adults with LOW EDUCATION LEVELS (HS and below)
- HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT FOR YOUTH (double the national average)
- GAP BETWEEN SKILLS AND JOBS of a diversified economy and skills of present workforce of call centers, retail, construction and casinos
- Need to strengthen workforce assessment, WORKFORCE READINESS & training opportunities
- Need to SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESS



What Do We Own?

What are the primary strengths/weaknesses the library already has in providing employment and career services?

- Job & Career Path Support
- Partnerships, Networking & Meet-Ups
- Business & Career Center
- Business Incubator



Strategies for Business & Career Success

Job & Career Path Support

- Grow access to resources for job seekers: resume, interview, tech skills, finance
- Integrate career pathing into CALL
- Partner to develop workforce readiness and skills
- Tool up computer labs with new workforce skills, job assessment and search trainings
- Focus on small business development

Business & Career Center

- Printers, copiers, fax machines, scanners, computers
- Phone room, consultation meeting rooms
- Resources online and one-on-one
- Online support, ex. Health Cards

Partnerships, Networking, Meet-ups

- Tap local expertise and employers
- Be the meet-up space for locals
- Grow career path programs, mentors
- Stream content on business basics
- Partnerships with SCORE, Vets, ASU, Nevada Workforce Connections, CSN, UNLV

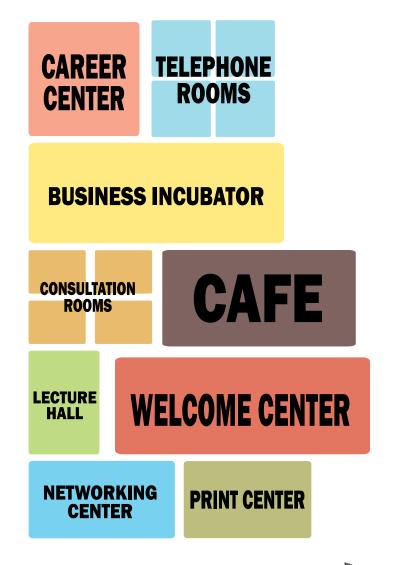
Business Incubator

- Programs on all aspects of business planning and development
- Online tools
- Streaming content on business basics
- Business conversation circle

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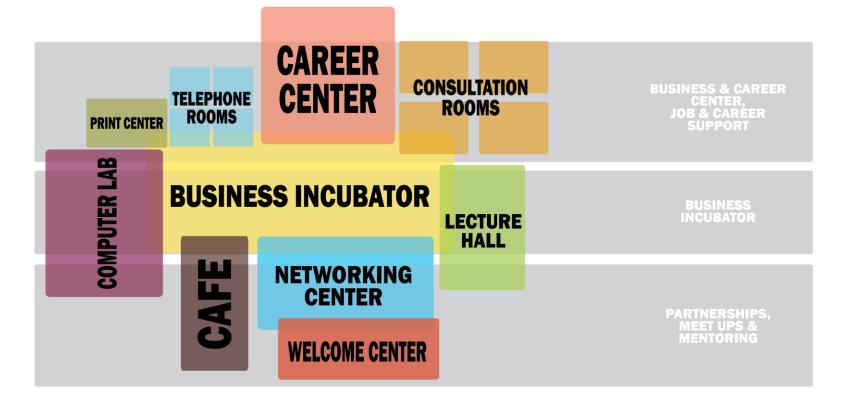
Activities and Components

Resume Writing Job Training Certification Training Networking Interview Rooms Business Consultations Test Proctoring Lectures Job Fairs





What are the Experiences?





Other Resource Needs*

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Staff Skills, Talents:

Empathy, Facilitation Coaching Partnering Knowledge of Career & Business Information Professionals

Collections:

Job Databases Workforce Resources Finance & Mgmt Legal Resources Career Development Business Resources

Programs:

Workforce Readiness Employment Assessment Employment Search Small Business Start-Up and Development

Technology:

Internet/Wi-Fi PCs Mobile Devices/Apps Virtual Technology Phones/Email Streaming University Content

Special Equipment:

Phone Room Interview Rooms w/ Internet and Monitors Test Proctoring Business Center Whiteboard/Projector

Partnerships:

Higher Education Certification Programs Vegas PBS SCORE Workforce Connections Local Businesses



How Will We Define Success?

- Increase public access to technology
- Increase public adoption of new tech skills
- Help customers assess workforce preferences, readiness and employment opportunities
- Successful completion of resume, interviews, job searches
- Increase in successful business development
- Increase connections to local employers



Government & Social Services

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Future of Government & Social Services Looks Like:

- Budget constraints and restructuring
- Merging of public agencies and social service programs and providers
- Robust but changing landscape of local nonprofit service providers
- Escalating trend to move services and transactions online
- Engaging citizens and community in service design
- Increased emphasis on cooperation and collaboration among agencies



Community Needs Now

- Stronger and more integrated networks and connections among agencies, services and information sources to assist many kinds of vulnerable populations – homeless, mentally ill, unemployed, substance abuse, low income, food insecure
- Broad access to online government information and e-services – Health District, DMV, Health Insurance, IRS, SNAP, Medicaid
- Equality of Opportunity
- Social Justice



What Do We Own?

What do we already do well? What could we improve with more attention and focus on individual or community impact?

- Resources: Continue to connect people to government and social service information, resources and services that are essential
- Partnerships: Build stronger community physical and virtual networks between the library & essential service providers
- The Public's Trust: Continue to provide unbiased/nonpartisan information and shared resources for public benefit



Strategies for Government & Social Services

Resources

- Live Links on Website
- One-stop for materials and e-materials
- Meeting rooms
- Wi-Fi (citywide)
- Computers/Devices
- Public training
- Staff training
- Copiers and fax machines

Partnerships

- Other libraries
- Government agencies
- Nonprofits
- Social workers
- School counselors
- Food banks
- 211 Services
- Veteran's organizations

The Public's Trust

- Trusted resource
- Friendly atmosphere
- Public space
- Expertise
- Professional staff
- Unbiased advice
- Public's best interest



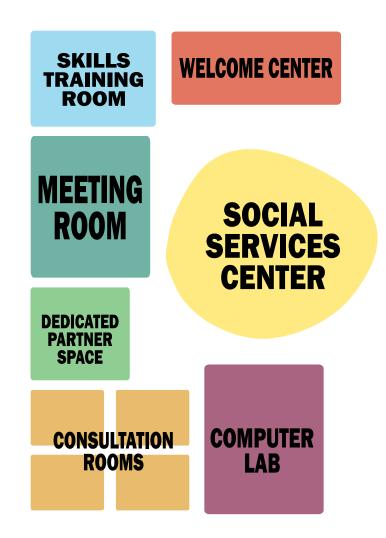


What kind of Spaces will we need?

Social Services Center Multi-Purpose Room Meeting Rooms Consultation Rooms Computer Lab Designated Partner Spaces Skills Training Room Welcome Center

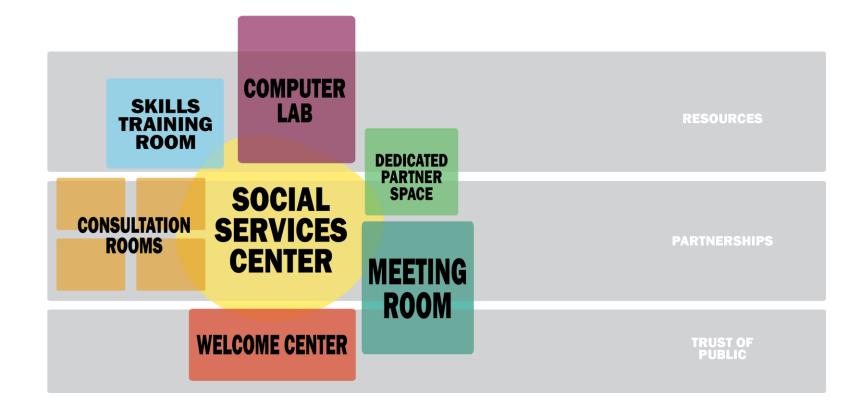
Activities and Components

Instruction on e-Government Services Training on Navigating Agencies Collections Referrals Loaned Social Workers or Public Nurses Training Classes Community Agency Fairs Agency Partnerships Shared Agency Staff Training





What are the Experiences?





Other Resource Needs*

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Staff Skills, Talents:

Customer Service Multilingual/Multicultural Facilitator/Connector Community Engagement Staff Training on working with high needs Patience

Collections:

Agency e-resources Web-based portals Mental health Health Special needs Financial literacy Substance Abuse

Programs:

Town Hall Meetings Voter Registration Health, Mental Health, Social Service Fairs Speaker Series Meet-ups for Support Groups

Technology:

Web conferencing Bandwidth for Content streaming AV Projection, Audio and Video Interactive Social Media Informative Website

Other Resources:

Government Kiosks Meeting rooms with internet and screens Consultation rooms Phone room Loaned case workers from other agencies

Partnerships:

Food Bank/SNAP Agencies/Non-Profits Social Workers CC Family Services Shelter Providers Veteran's Department Health Care Providers



How Will We Define Success?

- People will find the resources to meet their basic needs
- People will have access e-government services
- The library will be seen as a strong partner for social service providers and government agencies
- The library's website will have current links to resources, agencies and e-material
- Librarians will build relationships with government agencies, non-profits and other social service providers to ensure equal access for all





Community Needs Now

The community needs places for locals to come together to learn, play, share experiences, solve problems, celebrate culture, create and explore the world.



Future World Looks Like

Community & Culture: open, creative and flexible physical and virtual spaces where diverse groups of people can enjoy social interaction and self-directed learning.



WHAT DO WE OWN?

What do we already do well? What could we improve with more attention and focus on individual or community impact?

- We Own the "Third Place" (after home and work)
- We Own the Open Door
- We Own Community and Life Enrichment
- We Own Creative Collaboration



What Do We Promise?

- To be available by providing great customer service and to be responsive to our community needs
- To provide the space
- To be open-minded and non-judgmental
- To welcome culture and diversity in all forms
- To offer guidance, resources, programs that ignite the interests and spark the passions of our community
- To become an incubator of creativity



Strategies for Community & Culture

Third Place

- Sanctuary away from home
- Open space, comfortable seating, work spaces, café
- Physical environment conducive to formal/informal learning
- Wi-Fi, copier, ample outlets, fax, good lighting

Open Door

- Welcoming environment
- Community living room
- Sense of belonging
- Variety of library material formats for diverse audiences
- Strong social media presence
- Inviting interactive website

Enrich Community & Life

- Diverse programming tailored to interests of local audiences
- Variety of materials & formats
- Offerings at art galleries and theatres
- Outreach
- Hub for civic engagement

Creative Collaboration

- Create collaborative opportunities
- Meet-up atmosphere
- Social media, sharing, and learning sites
- DJ/Tech Art Studio/Productions
- Makerspace
- Paid experts, knowledgeable staff

What kind of Spaces will we need?

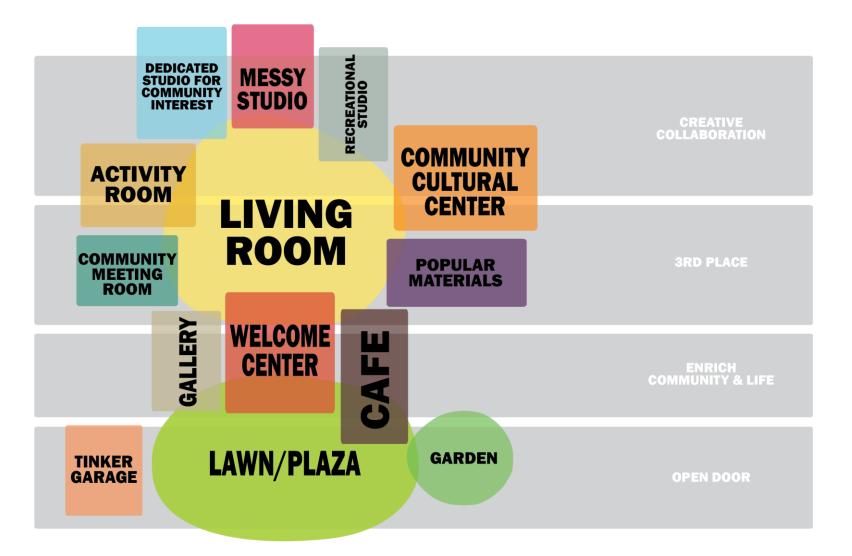
Welcome Center Performance Space Rehearsal Room Multi-Purpose Room Living Room Culinary Kitchen Cafe Art Studio Garden Garage Lawn/Plaza Meditation/Yoga Studio Gallery Gaming Room Book Store Recreational Studio Popular Materials Tinker Garage Messy Studio Lawn/Plaza Community Gardens Meeting Space Cultural Center

Activities and Components

Performances Rehearsals Dance Classes Painting, **Drawing Pottery Throwing Arts & Crafts Cooking Classes Meditation/Yoga Game Nights Book Store Festivals** Movies on the Lawn **Community Garden Maker's Space Community Art Gallery**

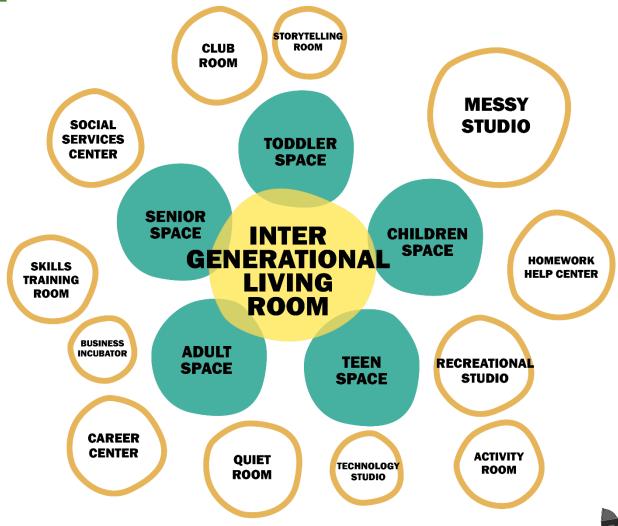


What are the Experiences?





The Intergenerational Experience



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Other Resource Needs*

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Staff Skills, Talents:

Multi-Lingual, Multi-Cultural Researchers & Facilitators Mentors/Coaches Strong Customer Service Adaptable/Open Minded Quick Learners Community Engagement

Collections:

Virtual Library Popular DIY/Making App Based Art, Movies and Music

Programs:

Food, Culture, Literature Exhibits, Experiences, Entertainment Movie Nights Community Events Cool and Fun Surprising, Imaginative

Technology:

Web Conferencing Content Streaming Production, Projection, Audio and Video Advanced Digital Forum Interactive Social Media

Other Resources:

Culinary Kitchen Flexible Furniture AV and Outlets for Ballroom one day, Hackathon the next

Partnerships:

Community Agencies Local Businesses Consulates Writers and Readers Performing Arts Groups Local Media and Social Networks

How Will We Define Success?

- Our facilities are full of people
- The public is aware of all our resources
- People feel that the library is their favorite public place
- The public feel they help shape library collections, programs and initiatives
- The library is a vibrant social media channel
- Other local organizations consider the library a strong community partner



How Will We Implement V.2020?

Change of mindset – **EMBRACE CHANGE!**

Be quick and responsive to **TRENDS AND TECHNOLOGY**

Create stronger CUSTOMER SERVICE CULTURE

Create ADAPTABLE multi-use spaces

Form **PARTNERSHIPS**, foster **ENGAGEMENT**, use **COMMUNITY EXPERTS**

Support an inviting & interactive **DIGITAL PRESENCE**

REALIGN EXISTING RESOURCES and find **NEW FUNDING SOURCES**

EXPERIMENT, PROTOTYPE, LEARN FROM FAILING, AND STRIVE FOR SUCCESS

