



## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Kelvin A. Watson, Executive Director

**DATE:** February 29, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Executive Director's Monthly Reports, March 2024

This report gives you a review of my activities and the accomplishments of Library District Staff for your review and discussion at the District Board of Trustees' March 14, 2024 meeting. I have supplemented this with information in the board packet and distributed to Trustees.

Attended HBCU Convening in San Francisco to meet with and discuss city investment and plans with San Francisco Public Library Director Michael Lambert, San Francisco Human Rights Director Dr. Sheryl Davis, and additional attendees from around the country. The San Francisco Human Rights dept. was a collaborator and partner with the Library District on the Hip Hop Architecture project held at Whitney Library.

Attended the National Action Network Honoring Our Black History Event where I was honored amongst others identified as black history makers in Southern Nevada.

Interviewed with City of Las Vegas for Black History Month for the African American Trailblazer Service Award that I was awarded in January for Community Activism and Politics.

Interviewed with several media outlets for the Barbershop Books and NFL Partnership.

Attended the Barbershop Books and LVCCLD Kickoff event at Clark County Library. The Program encourages children to engage with age-appropriate books, offered in the safe, welcoming spaces of their neighborhood barbershops.

Attended the grand opening of the EmployNV Career Hub at the Whitney Recreation Center.

Participated for two afternoons as a judge in the CCSD Black Student Union African American History Challenge.

Attended the Asian Chamber of Commerce, "Year of the Dragon" Lunar Year Gala and Community Achievement Awards.

Attended a Super Bowl Breakfast hosted by the NFL Alumni Association.

Attended the Whitney Library Teen Center Ribbon Cutting and reception, in addition to the Hip Hop Architecture camp.

Interviewed with Channel 13 KTNV Morning Blend for Black History Month.

Interviewed with Fox 5 More for Black History Month.

Participated in the Sixth Disconnected Youth Convening discussion at Workforce Connections.

Attended the Ribbon cutting and official launch of the LVCCLD/Sunrise Children's Hospital Book lending event.

Attended the Springs Preserve Black History Month Festival.

Attended and was a panelist during the 2024 Knight Library Conference and Knight Forum in Miami, FL.

Interviewed with KLAS Channel 8 for the West Las Vegas Library Groundbreaking.

Attended the Asian Chamber of Commerce Luncheon.

Participated in the AB Critical Conversations: Celebrating Black Men in Librarianship with Jerome Offord.

Attended the Three-square partner Breakfast with Matt McNally, Community Engagement Director and Youth Services staff.

Met with Shakita Kirkland, Mentee for the Nevada library Association Mentorship Program.

Hosted the Groundbreaking Ceremony for New West Las Vegas Library.

Attended the Vegas Chamber Installation Luncheon.

Participated in the SNRHA CEO Roundtable discussions, West Vegas/East Vegas bus tour, and luncheon.

Participated and led Storytime with Whaler's Creation Organization at Summerlin Library.

**I attended the following meetings/events during the month:**

- Bi-weekly meetings with Administration team
- Attended the LVEA weekly meetings
- Cox Wi-Fi re-strategizing discussion
- Met with Alvin Irby of Barbershop Books
- Attended SJSU L&M PAC Meeting
- ULC Director/CEO weekly zoom
- Participated in Regular Board of Trustees meeting

- Attended the “All in for Epilepsy’ event
- Attended the Content for Change Event: Creators House Las Vegas
- Attended Knight Foundation planning meeting
- Participated in the Board of Trustees Finance and Audit Committee Meeting
- Attended the 100 Black Men Meeting
- Met with Pamela Lang and Ira Eichenfield from LVEA
- Attended the LVCCLD Foundation Meeting
- Participated in the Intellectual Freedom Coalition- Reconnect
- Participated in Library Ideas iVOX webinar
- Follow-up training meeting with Beckley Group
- Attended of Taste and Sounds of Soul Extravaganza and Black Image Honors Celebration at Clark County Library
- Attended the City of North Las Vegas Black- Owned Business Fair
- Attended General Donald Scott book event at West Las Vegas Library
- Attended the Special Board of Trustees Meeting