



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Kelvin A. Watson, Executive Director

DATE: March 31, 2024

SUBJECT: Executive Director's Monthly Reports, April 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' April 11, 2024 meeting. I have supplemented this with information in the board packet and distributed to Trustees.

Attended the funeral services of West Charleston customer, Shirley Hill. She was a devoted and faithful customer to the Library District.

Participated as a panelist for the Urban Libraries Council Town hall on the Critical Role of Libraries.

Met with Deborah Campbell and Qiana Charles of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco to discuss their upcoming conference.

Attended the National Action Network Las Vegas Women's History Month Monthly meeting

Attended the Summerlin Rotary Monthly meeting with JoAnn Prevetti, Development Director.

Attended the 2024 UNLV state of the University Address with President Keith Whitfield.

Attended the Lake Mead Nation Recreational Area Partnership Summit. The summit was to engage in robust conversations on shared interests, challenges, best practices, and opportunities which support and sustain outdoor recreation for future generations.

Met with Laura O'Grady and John Chrastka of EveryLibrary to discuss their upcoming voting project.

Attended the NPHY's Outreach Volunteer and Operations Center Grand Opening.

Participated in Nevada's Reading Week at Divich Elementary School and read to four classes, in grades- kindergarten, 1st, and 5th.

Interviewed with Las Vegas Korean Magazine to inform the Korean EN1 community about the Library District's resources and programming.

Met with Centennial Hills Library staff, Leo Segura, and Kevin Maas to discuss the upcoming Veteran's Fair.

Guest speaker for the Augusta Baker Critical Conversations: Celebrating Black Men in Librarianship.

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

Met with Dewayne McCoy of After Market to discuss potential partnership.

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

Met with Promise King of minority voters to discuss potential partnership.

Attended the Global Council March Business Meeting

Keynote speaker for the Virginia Public Library Director's Association.

Attended the National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) 2024 Forum: Forging Tomorrow's Workforce Today in Washington, DC.

Discussion with Amber Sheerin of Michigan Library Association to discuss Michigan Library Leaders Day as the keynote speaker.

Held New Hire Roundtable to meet and connect with employees hired 0-3 years with the Library District.

Attended the Urban Chamber's Women in Business & Politics Awards Luncheon with Trustee Shelton.

I attended the following meetings/events during the month:

- Bi-weekly meetings with Administration team
- Attended the LVEA weekly meetings
- ULC Director/CEO weekly zoom
- Participated in Regular Board of Trustees meeting
- Participated in the iVOX Webinar
- Participated in a OCLC PLA panel preparation discussion
- Met with Steve Potash of Overdrive
- Met with Nina Guevara for a director's coin recognition for accomplishment
- Attended Workforce Connections Finance & Budget Committee Meeting
- Attended the ULC Democracy Advisory Group Meeting

- Attended the Naming Committee Meeting
- Follow-up Meeting for Workforce tool within Public Libraries
- Participated in the Augusta Baker Critical Conversation preparation discussion
- Met with Myron Isley and CE staff for brainstorming discussion
- Participated in PLA Prep call for Unbanning books