

**CARSON CITY LIBRARY
MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 28, 2013**

***Item I: Call to Order of the Carson City Library Board of Trustees**

- * Chairperson Sandy Foley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, February 28, 2013.

***Item II: For possible action - Roll Call of Board Members and Determination of Quorum**

- * Chairperson Sandy Foley; Vice-Chairperson Drew Simmons; Board Member Robin Williamson; Board Member Maxine Nietz
Quorum Established
- * Absences: Board Member Robert Kennedy was absent with cause.

*Motion: Board Member Maxine Nietz moved to excuse Board Member Robert Kennedy with cause.

*Second: Board member Robin Williamson

*Result: Passed

***Item III: General Public Comment:**

- * Members of the public who wish to address the Library Board of Trustees may come forward and speak on any topic that is relevant to the Library Board authority. Comments may be limited to three minutes per person or topic. If your item requires extended discussion or action, please request the Chairperson to schedule the matter for a future meeting. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken.
- * Fred Voltz asked if the Board was aware of any efforts to find the money to fix the library roof since December 2012.
- * Chairperson Sandy Foley stated that the library roof is the responsibility of the City, and all of the comments and inquiries should be made to the City.
- * Fred Voltz stated that the City does not have the money so I am curious to know if there is anybody at the library management or on the Library Board who has made any effort to secure the money to do the job.
- * Chairperson Sandy Foley stated that since the library building belongs to the City and not to the Library Board that is not something that the Board is doing.
- * Fred Voltz according to the minutes the library has \$200, 205.00 in the Gift

Fund, so that would seem to be money available to do this repair for the safety of the patrons and for the safety of the collection. It is reality and the Board does need to deal with the issue as a Board and as a city and the Board needs to work with the city to do that. Further according to the Secretary of State \$147,906.52 was given by the Carson City Library Foundation to support the Committee For a Proud and Prosperous Capital City. It would seem if the Foundation has that kind of money to spend on a political campaign that the Library Board, not the City should be asking the Foundation for the money to do the repairs.

- * Chairperson Sandy Foley stated that the money in question is from two sets of funds. The Friends of the Carson City Library do fundraising for projects that are relevant for the library, they do not raise money to fix the roof. The Carson City Library Foundation is not responsible for funding repairs because the building. The building belongs to the City.
- * Fred Voltz stated that the library occupies the building, the City owns the building, that means that the community owns the building and the Board has a responsibility to make it safe and to keep the costs down.
- * Board Member Robin Williamson stated that the safety and well being of the occupants of any city owned building is near and dear to the hearts of all of the Carson City management. The library roof is monitored regularly and are on the list of facilities maintenance to be determined, so there is no safety issue. There is a waiting period to get additional funds because of budgetary constraints, but it is on the list and when the funds are available or if there is an emergency there will be action taken. There is none of those things available now, and for you to continually belabor the fact that this is some kind of safety issue is disingenuous and false to portray to the public.
- * Fred Voltz stated that if the Board reads the report from four years ago it is a safety issue and the longer it is delayed, and the Board does not take any affirmative action to deal with it will cost the City more money, because if the roof cannot be restored at \$125,000.00, then it will have to be completely replaced at \$250,000.00. As good stewards of the public money, the Board needs to be keeping that in mind and take affirmative action to deal with the issue rather than continuing to push it off and wait for a disaster to happen as it did at Fire Station 51 and Eagle Valley Middle School.
- * Friends of the Carson City Library Board Member Frieda Ford stated that she has been a part of the Carson City Library for over forty years, as a member of the Friends since the early 1970s, as a Library Board of Trustees Member for two terms in the 1980s, and on the Board of the Library Foundation in the 1990s and on the Board of the Friends of the Carson City Library presently. During all of these years I have known and worked with three Library Directors, Virginia Rule, Sally Edwards and Sara Jones. Each of these Directors has brought her own strengths and expertise to make the Carson City Library the fine institution it is today. Having worked with all three current Library Director Sara Jones has gone above and beyond any before her. Because of her guidance and hard work the Carson City Library is on the cutting edge of library technology and services. During the past years when other libraries have had to

cut hours, Library Director Jones has found ways to increase the Carson City Library's hours, and is able to stretch every dollar available to benefit the library. Through her guidance with the help of her able staff many grants have been funded to extend activities and technology available for Carsonites. As Librarian of the Year for 2012 all of Nevada is proud of our librarian, and so am I.

Item IV: For possible action - Minutes of previous meeting for approval/amendment. (Action)

a. January 31, 2013 (Regular Meeting)

*Motion: Board Member Maxine Nietz moved to approve the January 31, 2013 minutes as written.

*Second: Vice-Chairperson Drew Simmons

*Result: Passed

***Item V: Notice - Modification to agenda (Action)**

*None

***Item VI: Disclosures**

* Any member of the Library Board of Trustees who may wish to explain any contact with the public regarding an item on the agenda or business of the Board of Trustees.

* None

***Item VII: Carson City Library Foundation Report (Discussion only)**

a.) Fund generation and activities since the last report.

* Planning and Development Deputy Director Tammy Westergard stated that the Carson City Library Foundation met for the first quarterly meeting on 2013 on February 20, 2013. The Foundation is focusing on filling out the Board to its maximum capacity of fifteen individual, currently only eight serve. The Foundation is very interested in the @Two digital media lab, during the grand opening on Saturday, February 23, 2013, a few Foundation Board members were in attendance.

* A copy of the Carson City Library Foundation's financial report is available for the Board members to review.

***Item VIII: Friends of the Carson City Library report (Discussion only)**

a.) Fund generation and activities since the last report.

- * Friends of the Carson City Library President Phyllis Patton stated that the Friends have moved into their new storage and facility, and it looked very nice for the February 14, 15, and 16, 2013, Book Lovers book sale, which had a great turnout. Friday, February 13, 2013, there was a ribbon cutting ceremony with Mayor Bob Crowell.
- * The book sale made \$3,871.70, which was close to what was made last year at the library auditorium location.
- * Currently the new facility is disorganized, but it will be our goal to have as much of the donated inventory as possible on display at each sale so the public will always have access to new material.
- * The next book sale will be Thursday, March 14, 2013, from 3:00 p.m., until 6:00 p.m., for Friends Members only, and March 15 and 16, 2013, from 10:00 a.m., to 4:00 p.m., for general public.
- * Tickets for the upcoming Paula Poundstone show are now on sale. The show is Friday, March 29, 2013, doors will open at 7:00 p.m., and the show will start at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$45.00 for reserved seating and \$35.00 for general admission, and may be purchased online at www.ticketderby.com. Tickets may also be purchased from the Browser's Corner book store in the library or by calling: 775-885-9807.

***Item IX: For possible action - Library Board of Trustees Business**

a.) Report on the history of statewide Library Collaboration- Martha Gould, former chairperson of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science and Retired Director, Washoe County Library. (Discussion Only)

- * Martha Gould stated that she is the retired Director of the Washoe County Library System and the retired Chair of the US national Commission on Libraries and Information Science, and have been appointed by former President Clinton and served both former President Clinton and former President Bush.
- * Ms. Gould is here this afternoon to provide some history of how libraries in

Nevada are linked and refute Mr. Voltz's comments about the Carson City Library and his comments in his letter of February 8, 2013, published in the Reno Gazette Journal. It would have been more helpful if Mr. Voltz had done his homework, instead of attacking the Carson City Library about consolidation.

- * First Nevada is not Wyoming and the governance of their libraries is quite different. You are comparing apples and oranges, both fruit but quite different. It is the same for the libraries of Carson City, all are libraries but with very different types of services and funding. The State Library and Archives serves statewide with a focus on providing information to the public and government employees who need information about government services and its collections support government decision making and include unique state and local government databases. It is part of the Executive budget and enabled by NRS 378.
- * Western Nevada College is part of the Nevada System of Higher Education and is governed by the Nevada Board of Regents. Their service is focused on students, faculty and staff. Their collections directly support the WNC curriculum. Their funding is part of the state budget for the Nevada System of Higher Education.
- * The Supreme Court Library is administered by the Supreme Court under NRS 2.410 and serves the Justices and staff, The Nevada State bar, Nevada attorneys, the Legislature and other government agencies and the public who wish to represent themselves in legal matters. Its collections are on legal research and the Librarian serves at the pleasure of the Supreme Court.
- * School libraries are governed by an elected School Board and their focus is on educational needs of K-12 students. Their funding is part of the State School Distributive Account.
- * The public libraries in Nevada, including Carson City are established in NRS 379 and serve the information and reading needs of all Nevada citizens, including Carson City.
- * CLAN was created by cooperative agreements under NRS 277.080, NRS379.147 and NRS 379.50. The CLAN libraries share a circulation, cataloging and acquisition system and numerous databases under statewide licensing agreements. It is my understanding that the Nevada System of higher Education is also part of the state wide licensing for these databases, which has saved millions in costs. These are accessible by all Nevada citizens from classroom, government offices, and home. Nevada has a statewide information network, Information Nevada established by the State Library in 1973, statewide document delivery, and statewide borrowing and lending, sharing all our bibliographic and information databases.
- * Resource sharing among all types of libraries in Nevada started in the 1950s with the Silver Circle Libraries and has grown into an efficient statewide system of sharing resources among all types of libraries linked by the Internet.
- * Mr. Voltz your facts are completely erroneous. Carson City has only one public library. The Nevada State library is not a public library; it is a research library with different resources from the Carson City public library. School libraries are not open to the public and are facing funding cuts. The Western Nevada

College is not a public library; it exists to serve its students and faculty. I have no idea of what you consider the fourth public library. Economic development is tied to information access in a global world, as well as quality of life institutions in a community, good schools, good libraries, parks and recreation and cultural activities. Also the new library would have been part of the downtown renaissance. It would appear that you have not done your homework and are not interested in facts, but only in your narrow point of view based on questionable fiscal information. Lastly, your attacks on the competence and ethics of Library Director Sara Jones are without merit and are close to libel. I have known and worked with Library Director Jones for more than twenty years, and served on the selection committee when she was appointed as State Librarian. Library Director Jones is an excellent administrator, as well as a visionary one. Library Director Jones' understanding of the use and impact of technology on library services is exemplary and has provided leadership to library developments statewide. Library Director Jones is considered a library leader not only statewide but on the national level. Carson City library is extremely fortunate that Library Director Jones has chosen to stay in Nevada not only as the former State Librarian but currently as the Director of the Carson City Library. It is time for you to publically apologize to Library Director Sara Jones and to the staff and Library Board for your egregious and unwarranted remarks. Thank you for allowing me to speak on behalf of Carson City library and in support of Library Director Sara Jones, whom I hold in high esteem.

- * It is the responsibility of Carson City in the Capital Improvement Needs program to handle the needs of the roof repair. I would suggest to Mr. Voltz that instead of haranguing the Library Board of Library Trustees, he go to the hearings for the Carson City Supervisors and talk about the physical needs of the library building because that is where the money will be. Friends and Foundations, if you look at their charters are not responsible for buildings.
- * Vice-Chairperson Drew Simmons commended Martha Gould for her eighty one years and for coming to the Board meeting, and for being a witness to Library Director Jones' stewardship and career.
- * Martha Gould stated that libraries are poised on the hinge period between the digitized information and the printed word, and I can think of no one who is better able to understand this type of impact than Library Director Jones.

b.) Performance Review of Library Director (Action)

- * Chairperson Sandy Foley stated that there are ten items that the Board Members will be evaluating Library Director Jones on. Once each Board Member has made their report and recommendation, Chairperson Foley will compile that information into the evaluation.
- * Board Member Robin Williamson stated that she proposes that the Board give Library Director Jones a ranking of outstanding in every category. This past year has been a series of challenges for the library, the city government and the community. Library Director Jones has worked tirelessly alone and with others to

continue to provide the best library services possible under political and budgetary constraints. Despite unbelievable attacks and falsehoods, Library Director Jones has enabled the Carson City Library to offer new services and to attract new patrons. Library Director Jones has displayed an attitude of hope and inspired volunteers and professional staff and the Board Members. Library Director Jones has always displayed an attitude of grace and courage when faced with cruel comments, and always maintained her composure. Library Director Jones is an asset to the Carson City Library, the community and continues to encourage her staff and the community to improve and grow. We are all well served by her leadership and Carson City is a better place thanks to Library Director Jones.

* Board Member Maxine Nietz stated that she agrees with Board Member Williamson that Library Director Jones deserves the Board's highest commendation in terms of her performance review. In addition to everything else that Library Director Jones does on a daily basis such as meetings, grants, running the library and staff, acquisitions and dealing with the city she was still able to produce the @Two Digital Media Lab facility.

* Vice-Chairperson Drew Simmons stated that she supports Board Members Williamson and Nietz in their decision to give Library Director Jones an outstanding ranking. Championing the benefits of library evolution, and shifting the awareness from book warehouses to knowledge and discovery centers for all ages through traditional options and new possibilities including technology and digital media. A huge focus for this community has been to evolve, and the next ten years will be an integral part to the community. Library Director Jones always takes responsibility for the well being of her staff and patrons and the outcome of her actions. Library Director Jones is very resilient in the face of adversity, and that is not a quality that can be taught.

* Chairperson Sandy Foley stated that when Deputy Director Tammy Westergard was putting together the ceremony for when Library Director Jones was elected Librarian of the Year there were a great number of people from the community who wanted to write recommendations, which have gone into the evaluation. Library Director Jones' job first and foremost has been to give the community the best library that it could possibly have, and she has never shirked that duty for even one minute. Everything that goes on in the Carson City library makes it a better place. We are extremely fortunate to have Sara Jones as the Library Director.

* Library Director Sara Jones stated that she thanks the Board Members and Martha Gould for their compliments. This Board is great to work with, 2012 was a challenging year on almost every front, but it is about service to the community and the vast majority understand that is where our hearts are. I do not do this alone, I do it with a tremendous staff and tremendous volunteer groups, I do not see more vital groups than this. The 2009-2013 Strategic Plan was solid and was evaluated thoroughly and had wonderful outcomes. The next five years need to be that good, and so we need to strategize the next five year plan. Thank you it is gratifying to work for and with such wonderful people.

- *Motion: Board Member Robin Williamson moved that the Chairperson of the Library Board of Trustees includes the comments that were received from the Board Members in the annual evaluation of Library Director Jones
- *Second: Board Member Maxine Nietz
- *Result: Passed

c.) Carson City Library Annual Report- highlights of activities in 2012-Tammy Westergard (Discussion Only)

- * Planning and Development Deputy Director Tammy Westergard stated that there have been several grand openings in the last two years, including the BRIC, Branch Anywhere at the Boys and Girls Club and the @Two facility.
- * The Circulation Department has over 33,000 items each month circulated in and out of the library. The team does an incredible job and it is through technology and adding a second intake to the sorter machine that they have been able to handle all of that. Library patrons use 14,141 wireless internet minutes per month, and over 4,241 one hour internet sessions used each month. Nearly 25,000 visitors come in and out of the library each month.
- * The Summer reading Program was boosted enormously due to the fact that it was extended to the Boys and Girls Club, over 1,419 youth patrons participated.
- * Approximately 138 adults enjoy adult programming each month, and approximately 564 youth patrons enjoy youth programs each month.
- * Monthly the library fields over 5,640 adult patron questions and 1,743 youth questions each month.
- * There have been 364 e-book downloads through the Overdrive system over a ten month period. Technical Services manager Kathy Rush and her team made adjustments on the grant that brought Overdrive to acquire more e-books.
- * Approximately 37,755 citizens in the Carson City area have active library cards.
- * In January and February 2012, the Branch Anywhere at the Boys and Girls Club was opened.
- * A new book club was formed entitled the Book Masters Toast Masters Club.
- * March 2012 there was an App contest, and one of the library's young patrons launched an App and is taking it to market.
- * Summer of 2012 had lots of programming including the Summer Reading Program.
- * Fall of 2012 the library turned its thoughts and efforts to the Bond Campaign, and the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the library annex.
- * Winter of 2012 the library had the soft opening for the @Two Digital Media Lab.
- * The grand opening for the @Two Digital Media Lab took place on Saturday, February 23, 2013, and was full of well wished from many different dignitaries. A very grateful superintendant of schools Richard Stokes, recognizing the value that the @Two provides to students and teachers alike.
- * Tammy stated that the publication "Onward" outlining all of the library accomplishments from 2012 will be available on the library website.

d.) BRIC (Business Resource Innovation Center) quarterly report on activities-Michael Salogga, BRIC Manager (Discussion Only)

- * During the holiday season patronage at the BRIC slowed down as was expected.
- * As part of fulfilling the requirements of the BTOP grant Mr. Salogga will be traveling to public libraries and connecting them with the business counselors for the Nevada Small Business Development Center to work on further connecting the collaboration.
- * There were 24 new business counseling clients in the last three months, along with 34 counseling sessions.
- * There has been a business planning contest sponsored primarily by NIREC, with a \$100,000.00 first prize. The Reno SBDC has nine entries, Carson City has five entries, and there are four entries between Elko and Ely. Carson City competitors came in to the BRIC to get feedback for the Project Vesto judging panel.
- * The BRIC is doing seven classes on Business Education per month. There will be a Spanish version of the Next Level classes offered by Business Counselor Sandra Rentis from the UNR office of the SBDC offered within the next two years.
- * Mr. Salogga was a judge for the SBCA Business Awards, and there was a BRIC client who was nominated and won their category.
- * Email marketing for the BRIC has been very successful and a newsletter is sent out weekly.
- * The BRIC is in the second year as an IRS VITA (volunteer income tax assistance) program facility. The program is orientated towards low to moderate income people that are earning \$51,000.00 per year or less. Since November, the BRIC has done recruiting and training of ten volunteers. The BRIC has the only site in northern Nevada that has high school students that are preparing returns. There are approximately six students from the Carson High School Future Business Leaders of America that have been trained and certified as VITA members, and under the supervision of Mr. Salogga and Betty Forester, are preparing returns. So far thirty returns have been completed this year, with approximately \$60,000.00 in tax refunds.

***Item X: Library administrative reports (Discussion only)**

a.) Report on current Fiscal Year Budget & Gift Fund (Discussion only)

- * Library Director Sara Jones: stated that the detailed budget shows that the library is at 59% expended and 67% of the year has lapsed. Everything is going well. Line items will be closely monitored. The Professional Services budget is lower, and so will be used towards putting more resources in the @Two facility, and an assessment of the donated Mark Twain collection through a rare book dealer. The library will start pursuing other grant funding resources to find some way to house at least some of the collection at the current library location.
- * Gift Fund is currently at \$200,205.00. \$87,000.00 in the Gift Fund was given as

a restricted gift towards a new library. Other components of the Gift Fund are restricted as well, and a detailed report on these items will be provided at the requests of the Board.

b.) Activities and operations of Library since last report (Discussion only)

* Library Director Sara Jones gave the following report:

Grants/Support

* We are pursuing grants to house the Mark Twain collection in the current library; we will need to find someone to store what we can't display but the gift to the library was permanent and we are working with the donor to find a way to accept and make his direction for public use and display possible.

@Two Digital Learning Center

* Grand opening week and ribbon cutting 2/23/13

* Funding through June 30, 2013

* Preparing to provide training as required by BTOP grant for other libraries in the Cooperative Libraries Automated Network (CLAN)

Strategic Plan

* Will have proposal to you on the process for the 2014-2019 strategic plan at the March Board meeting. Staff is currently doing background work and needs assessment.

Other Activities

* Library staff are attending active shooter training sponsored by the Carson City Sheriff's Department

* The Board of Supervisors approved hiring Pontifex Consulting Group to conduct the Classification and Compensation study. Pontifex will be in Carson City scheduling employee meetings on Monday, March 4, 2013, and Tuesday, March 5, 2013. We are trying to get all library staff to attend one of the meetings.

* City Manager meeting attendance

* Attended Board of Supervisor strategic plan workshop, February 28, 2013.

* Met with John Shelton, Director Brewery Arts Center about possible partnerships

* Met with Ellen Hopkins on collaborations with her non-profit Ventana Sierra which provides necessary resources to help highly motivated at risk youth through career focused education and apprenticeships, agreed to join the Board of the non-profit.

* Prepared budget as directed by City Finance staff for FY14

c.) Deputy Director Tammy Westergard Report (Discussion only)

- * Deputy Director Tammy Westergard gave the following report:
- * No additional information beyond the Carson City Library annual report.
- * The @Two grand opening on Saturday, February 23, 2013, received great media coverage through both channel 8 and channel 11 on Tuesday and Saturday night, as well as stories in the local and regional newspapers.

d.) Youth Services Librarian Amber Sady (Discussion only)

- * Youth Librarian Amber Sady stated that January was a very busy month for youth programming.
- * Teen Tech Week will take place from March 11, 2013 through the March 16, 2013, we will be putting on fun classes and programs for teens (and adults in the tech lab), like Photoshop CS6. Also as part of Teen Tech Week, the library teens created a video for the summer reading program video challenge hosted by CSLP (Collaborative Summer Library Program), teens patrons could win up to \$400 split between themselves and the library.
- * Thursday, March 14, 2013, from 2:30 p.m., until 4:30 p.m., there will be an iPad Petting Zoo, teen patrons can try out and experiment with iPad technology in the upstairs @Two lab.
- * There will be a Teen Advisory Board Meeting on Friday, March 15, 2013, from 3:00 p.m., until 6:00 p.m., as well as Movie Night, and we will be showing *The Avengers* in the auditorium, snacks will be provided.
- * There will be a Teen Tech Week Gaming tournament on Saturday, Mar. 16, 2013, from 10:00 a.m., until 12:00 p.m., in the library auditorium. There will be Wii games, DDR and Rock Band. Winners will win gift card prizes, and snack will be provided.
- * Love on a Leash will take place on Saturday, March 2, and Saturday, March 16, 2013, from 1:00 p.m., until 2:00 p.m.
- * Lego Club will be held in the auditorium on Saturday, March 9, 2013, from 10:00 a.m., until 12:00 p.m.
- * Summer Reading Program 2013 planning has commenced, and the Pancake Breakfast Summer Reading Program Kickoff is officially scheduled for Saturday, June 8, 2013.
- * The entire youth staff attended the Nevada Reads Week Conference at the North Valleys High School in Reno. It was an amazing conference, and we all came back with books, ideas for programs and lots of new knowledge on how the publishing and book creating industry works.
- * The El Dia de los Niños grant to purchase new Spanish youth materials was

funded, Hispanic Services Coordinator Elisa Seiler has planned a special storytime and craft in April 2013, along with hosting musician Tim Snyder and the Sound Society on April 18, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Snyder has traveled around the world absorbing ethnic music and culture and will be performing all a variety of unusual instruments.

- * Adult Services Librarian Susan Antipa stated that overdrive is the service that the library uses to purchase e-books and audio books from, that patrons can download directly to their computers and mobile devices. Every computer and mobile device has a different way of downloading items, and overdrive recognizes that it may not always be easy to understand for everybody, so they created a bus that travels across the country visiting libraries and helping people get started with the service. The overdrive bus will be in the Carson City Library Parking lot on Thursday, March 28, 2013, and people may bring their devices and get all of their questions answered.

e.) Programming Outreach Manager Andrea Moore (Discussion only)

- * Programming Outreach Coordinator Andrea Moore stated that the Book Masters Book Club will meet on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 and Tuesday, March 26, 2013. The book will be “*Churchill’s Secret Agent*” by Reno authors Max and Linda Ciampoli.
- * Thursday, March 7, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., there will be an *Explore the World: Chile* program presented by Danilo A. Muñoz Ormeño
- * Saturday, March 9, 2013, the Capital City Arts Initiative (CCAI) Books & Writers Series featured author will be Marilee Swirczek “*How Not To Look Like a Novice: Avoiding Beginners’ Mistakes*”, with a Writing Workshop & Reading from 1:00 p.m., until 4:00 p.m.
- * Monday, March 11, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., there will be a *Taste For Two - life is an occasion, make it special* Mental Wellness Series on Romantic Relationships...Part III of a three part series. This monthly mental wellness series is presented by counseling therapists Kristopher Komarek, MSW, CSW-Intern and Jeffrey Davis, MSW, LCSW.
- * Wednesday, March 13, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., there will be a *Vamos a Platucar* program.
- * Wednesday, March 27, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., there will be a Capital City Arts Initiative Presents Nevada Neighbors program featuring Scott MacLeod: *Bay Area Contemporary Art*.
- * Thursday, March 28, 2013, the Nevada Legal Services will offer a 1:30 p.m., Self-Help Forms Completion Clinic and a 3:30 p.m., Bankruptcy Education.
- * Friday, March 29, 2013, *Paula Poundstone*, Community Center-purchase tickets at www.ticketderby.com
- * The display cases will feature the Capital City Circles Initiative and Advocates to End Domestic Violence.
- * There is a Community read for 2013, and the library is focusing on humor so with that in mind the Paula Poundstone show will be the kickoff for that program. The program will conclude during the national Library Week in April

2013. Instead of picking one particular book the library is picking a series of funny books from different authors, and people can choose which book they would like to read.

***Item XI: Non Action Items:**

Board Member's announcements and requests for information. No discussion among members or with staff will take place on these items.

* None

***Item XII: General Public Comment**

Members of the public who wish to address the Library Board of Trustees may come forward and speak on any matter that is not specifically included on the agenda as an action item. Comments may be limited to three minutes per person or topic. If your item requires extended discussion, please request the Chairperson to schedule the matter for a future meeting.

* Fred Voltz stated that over six months has passed and there has been no scheduled Board conversation of operations questions submitted on August 23, 2013. Mr. Voltz will resubmit those questions to the Board. It is truly ironic that the Library Board has not had a conversation about the presented operations questions when a library contains so much wisdom and knowledge to foster innovation. Objective self examination makes for truly good management not a rogue recitation of why changes should be considered not necessarily implemented. Each of the Carson City's library systems are publically funded, that is tax dollars from everybody in the community and in the state, and federal, and open to any member of the public regardless of what types of services they offer. Laws and funding sources haven't been forever etched in stone, they can change when the case can be made to do so. Will current and retired librarians objectively examine or merely defend an organizational status quo? Does this Board have the requisite courage for such an analysis? Thank you.

* Martha Gould stated that she is absolutely amazed and impressed by the creativity that has been shown not only by Library Director Sara Jones, but also by the incredible staff. In response to the comments that were made before me, I have taught library administration and done Trustee workshops over my many years, and libraries are always on the cutting edge, they are not afraid of change they are implementers of change. I want to reiterate that the Carson City public library really is on the cutting edge of change and looking at how to do things differently, and of understanding that they have a fiduciary responsibility to use tax dollars wisely. Not all libraries in the state of Nevada are really public libraries, they may share resources but that doesn't mean that anyone can walk into a school or university library whenever they feel like it. Libraries share their expertise, knowledge and cutting edge of using technology, and make every dollar stretch. If changes are to be made it has to be done through the legislature. If work needs

to be done to the existing library building, it needs to go onto the Capital Improvement Program for the City of Carson, it is not the Carson City Library Board of Trustees' responsibility.

- * Chairperson Sandy Foley stated that she doesn't know how anyone can come to these (Board) meetings and listen to what is going on and what is the cutting edge. The library is first in the nation on so many things, and all of this work is done with a budget that has been shrinking. To sit and listen to these reports and look at these pictures and not understand what a wonderful library Carson City has, and how it is trying to serve the community in the best way possible, boggles the mind.
- * BRIC Manager Michael Salogga stated that the in the VITA program, half of the student and adult volunteers are bilingual. If anybody would like to make an appointment call: 775-283-7123.
- * Friends of the Carson City Library President Phyllis Patton stated that Mr. Voltz has brought the same complaints to this group month after month, and they are not part of the Board's authority. Ms. Patton suggests to Mr. Voltz that the Board Members and the public no longer want to hear his complaints, and to take his complaints about the roof to the Carson City Board of Supervisors meeting. Take the suggestions of combining all of the state libraries to the state legislature, as they are in session right now.

***Item XIII: Action; Library Board Adjournment**

- *Motion: Board Member Maxine Nietz
- *Second: Vice-Chairperson Drew Simmons
- *Result: Passed

Meeting adjourned at 7:15p.m.

The next meeting of the Carson City Library Board of Trustees will be on Thursday, March 21, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. at the Carson City Community Center Sierra Room.