Come Together

Annual Conference
November 7, 2022
Green Valley Library
2797 N. Green Valley Parkway
Henderson
To the 2022 Conference Attendees, NLA Members, Librarians, Library Workers, Library Supporters & Advocates:

Welcome to the 2022 Nevada Library Association Annual Conference! I hope you find value in the variety of sessions available, find inspiration in hearing about the work of others, find networking opportunities available, and mostly I hope you find connection in being together, in person, again.

As I write this letter (on Nevada Day weekend), I can’t help but share my gratitude for being part of the Nevada library community. From the North to the South, from the populated to the rural – the communities we serve are so different, but one thread ties us together – and that’s our commitment and dedication to providing the best library services in the country, right here in our great State of Nevada. We serve students and communities – we listen to their needs and respond. The work we do is so important – and the impact is great. I am so grateful for each of you and the work you do to ensure all our communities can access needed library services – in their community or at their school or university. We have large buildings, small buildings, bookmobiles and outreach services. We partner, we serve, we connect. And, I’m proud to be a part of this community.

I want to offer my sincerest thanks to our conference committee this year. This team has worked at warp speed to help support this conference. I had a goal of bringing our conference back this year, and this team really gave it their all to make it possible. Thank you to our colleagues who are presenting – sharing their experience and knowledge for us all to learn from. Thank you to our sponsors – who provide financial support for the conference (and who are wonderful library supporters themselves!). Thank you to the Nevada State Library Archives and Public Records for the administration of the Library Services and Technology Act funds to support the conference – in addition to all the work the team at the NSLAPR does to support us all throughout the year. Thank you to everyone who was able to come out and participate in the conference this year.

With that, please join me as we celebrate, learn, and come together for the 2022 Annual Conference!

Enjoy Your Conference,

Marcie

Marcie Smedley
Nevada Library Association President
Hello from the Nevada State Library, Archives, and Public Records Division:

It is great to be gathering in person again and I look forward to the opportunity to meet so many of you who I have not yet met during my time at the Nevada State Library, Archives, and Public Records Division (NSLAPR). I would like begin by recognizing the hard work and dedication of administrators, librarians, library staff, and information professionals throughout the state. You have been overwhelmed and understaffed for far too long but have accomplished great things in challenging times.

Thank you for attending the Nevada Library Association Annual Conference and a special thank you to those who have organized the conference and made it possible for us to get together.

During the past year, the State Library was able to award twenty-four subgrants totaling $691,128 in Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds, fifty-one subgrants totaling $2,262,483 in LSTA American Rescue Plan funds, and subgrants for Travel to Training (Continuing Education) to fourteen staff members in eight libraries totaling $14,010. Knowing that these funds go to k12 academic, special, and public libraries directly for use in your communities makes this some of the most rewarding work we do. In addition, we are pleased to support libraries by providing access to databases and to offer public libraries popular services such as LinkedIn Learning, Beanstack, and WhoFi. I would be remiss if I did not mention Talking Book Services and the work they do to provide audio and braille books and magazines, free of charge, to all Nevadans who qualify with a disability that prevents them from reading standard print material.

Cyndi Shein, our State Archivist, is working to re-establish the State Historical Records Advisory Board (SH Rab). Soon, the SH Rab will be active again in helping libraries and archives establish digitization guidelines, receive archives and records training, and preserve and provide access to historical records in their care.

The State Council on Libraries and Literacy, under the leadership of Chairman David Ortli pp, is developing plans to expand the Council’s activities by establishing three to four subcommittees focusing on issues of importance to Nevada’s libraries. I am excited about this new direction for the Council and the potential benefits for all of you. My thanks to all the Council members for their service and commitment to libraries.

I am thrilled to be here to learn more about your accomplishments, the challenges you face, and how NSLAPR can help libraries throughout Nevada.

Have a great conference!

Mike Strom
Administrator
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9:00 am Room #1
LIBRARY WORKERS OF COLOR DISCUSSION GROUP

This discussion group is for people of color in libraries to connect across library types and locations to meet, build community, and empower each other. The discussion will begin with introductions and an opportunity to share a professional highlight, a work win, or a positive library experience from 2022. The rest of the time will be devoted to a discussion based on the interests and needs of the participants. While we appreciate our white allies, this event is only for people who are Black, Indigenous, Asian, Latinx, Middle Eastern, North African or Pacific Islander.

**Presenter: Brittany Paloma Fiedler**
Teaching & Learning Librarian, Asst. Professor, UNLV

Brittany Paloma Fiedler is a Teaching & Learning Librarian and Assistant Professor at UNLV where she provides information literacy instruction to first-year students. Her research agenda includes how academic libraries can work with traditionally underserved students and the experiences of academic librarians of color working in the predominantly white fields of librarianship and higher education. She co-founded the local affinity group POC in GLAM.

9:00 am Room #2
CATALOGUING SANDI ASSETS

Project SANDI is ensuring access to its 3D and virtual reality content. Learn how original cataloging is accomplished and how you can copy catalog records of SANDI's 3D models or "digital flash cards," SANDI's field trips which are a 3-minute introduction to a Nevada resilient industry and showcase the many kinds of jobs along career paths and discover the five full programs in virtual reality that function like a course textbook, classroom and second teacher all in one. The seamless, easy flow from information discovery to information delivery is critical, and this workshop shares the critical role of the catalog. Roundtable. **Moderator: Tammy Westergard**

**Presenters:**
Emily King, Academic Librarian, College of Southern Nevada
Dana Phillips, Academic Librarian, College of Southern Nevada
Eric Walsh, Academic Librarian, Great Basin College
Kelly Robertson, Original Cataloger, Carson City Library
Joy Holt, Director, Carson City Library

College of Southern Nevada academic librarians Emily King and Dana Phillips and Great Basin College's Eric Walsh join public librarians Kelly Robertson, an original cataloger, and Library Director, Joy Holt both from the Carson City Library to walk participants through two ways Project SANDI hardware and software assets are being managed through the catalog and through the process to upload the first of many new records in virtual reality experiences created for Project SANDI by Lifelike, a Silicon Valley based virtual, augmented and mixed reality publisher. The records have been uploaded into WorldCat. The goal of the webinar is to increase access to 3D and virtual reality science content and headsets through unprecedented cooperation between Nevada's community colleges and public libraries.

Learn about these records that deliver inventory control, accessibility, and shareability all in one neat package. Tapping the subject matter expertise of Lifelike the SANDI Project is leveraging opportunity to catalog the SANDI virtual reality assets and headsets, leading the way for standardization of this format and creating access to the SANDI resources for all.
10:05 am Room #1

NLA MENTORING MEETING

This meeting is for all participants (past and present) of the NLA mentorship program to gather, network, and share information and experiences.

Presenter: Justin Iverson
Research Librarian & Asst. Professor, Wiener-Rogers Law Library, UNLV

Justin Iverson is a Research Librarian and Assistant Professor at the Wiener-Rogers Law Library at the William S. Boyd School of Law where he provides research assistance to law faculty and assists library patrons with legal reference services. Professor Iverson’s research interests include incarceration, prison libraries, technology, and the impacts of their intersections on vulnerable populations. He currently serves as Co-Chair for the Nevada Library Association's Mentoring Program.

10:05 am Room #2

INFORMATION LITERACY IN UNTRUSTING TIMES
PRIORITY RESEARCH FOR UNDERSTANDING (NOT JUST KNOWLEDGE)

A recent Pew study suggests that trust in experts is declining, a trend that requires educators to reframe expectations for learning through research. Rather than emphasizing the characteristics of credible sources (which skeptics and partisans seem increasingly eager to dispute), information literacy teachers should redirect their efforts to prioritize research for a more thorough and realistic understanding of how sources relate to one another. We will review aspects of college-level instruction in information literacy and composition that promote and impede the goal of research for understanding. Intended for those who teach in libraries (broadly understood) and anyone interested in “post-truth” discourse.

Presenter: Mark Lenker
Teaching and Learning Librarian, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

At UNLV, Mark provides instruction and research support to general education classes. Mark’s research interests frequently take him to the intersections of information literacy and philosophy, especially for questions about how we evaluate information. In 2017, Mark’s paper “Developmentalism: Learning as the Basis for Evaluating Information” won the Best Article Award for the journal portal: Libraries and the Academy.

10:05 am Room #4

THE ROAD TO A BOOK TRUCK

A Show and Tell of Henderson Libraries newest (mobile) library! Come on a tour of the Pop-Up Library, hear how the process started, problems solved along the way, and plans for the future.

Presenters:
Kristina Wang, Youth Services Librarian, Henderson Libraries
Kristina has been working with Henderson Libraries for the last 20 years. She helps run outreach events for the district and is ready to get the district on the road with its brand new truck.

Maia Malone, Youth Services Specialist, Henderson Libraries has worked for Henderson Libraries for over 8 years and generously assists the district with outreach event planning and coordination.
11:15 am Room #4  KEYNOTE, AWARDS & LUNCH
Reflecting on the Nevada Humanities Award-Winning Program, Heart to Heart: Our Pandemic Stories. Nevada Humanities developed and launched “Humanities Heart to Heart,” its first entirely virtual program, in response to the evolving COVID-19 pandemic. “Humanities Heart to Heart” is an ongoing award winning program series featuring commissioned essays and creative works by a wide spectrum of diverse Nevadans about the day-to-day concerns of what it means to be human in a time of isolation, loneliness, uncertainty, and cycles of rebuilding and retreat. Featured Heart to Heart contributor, Nancy Harris McLellan, joins Nevada librarians as our keynote speaker about the series of essays and multimedia presentations.

Presenter: Nancy Harris McLellan
Nancy Harris McLellan taught creative writing, composition, and literature for over twenty years at Mendocino college, a small rural community college in northern California. A seasoned and “user-friendly” writing instructor, McLellan has conducted writing workshops for the Western Folklife Center, Great Basin College, and the Great Basin Writing Project. An Elko County native with a background in ranching, McLellan has presented her “Poems from Tuscarora” at both daytime and evening events at the Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko. Her essay, “Border Lands: Cowboy Poetry and the Literary Canon” is in the anthology Cowboy Poetry Matters. In 2021, she self-published a volume of poetry, Lucretius Visits Tuscarora and other poems. Most recently she is featured as a contributor to the Nevada Humanities award winning Heart to Heart: Our Pandemic Stories. She posts regularly on her blogs, Rat’s Country and Welcome to the GrrEighties!

1:00 pm Room #1  COLLECTION ANALYSIS TOOLKIT FROM STATEWIDE BOOK CONNECTIONS
Join this hands-on session to learn how to use Book Connections, a statewide e-resource, to thoroughly examine titles in your children’s/YA displays, booklists, reading programs, collections, and more. Then, instantaneously receive reports that reveal the depth and breadth of the books in your collections. Attendees will leave this session equipped with tools, specific steps, and access to personalized support to efficiently use these collection analysis tools in your library.

Presenters: Sulin Jones, LSTA Coordinator, Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records
Nick Glass, Founder & Head, Teaching Books & Book Connections

Sulin Jones is the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) coordinator, overseeing this federal grant program for the Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records. She attended Carleton College, (BA, Classical Studies) and San Jose State University (MLIS).

Nick Glass is a nationally known educational partner focused on expanding every reader’s connection to children’s and young adult books. He started TeachingBooks and Book Connections, has presented and published throughout the industry, and has served on numerous book award committees. Prior to committing his career to education, equity, and children’s books, he was an executive in Major League Baseball, so this World Series time is always his favorite time of year.

1:00 pm Room #2  LIBRARIES AND 3D PRINTING AS A SERVICE
3D printers are the newest tech for libraries, yet the maintenance and time needed to support this type of equipment can be daunting. Intaly, a Nevada peer-to-peer fabrication platform, has made it possible for libraries to provide 3D printing services without the cost of purchasing equipment, maintenance, and labor. In this session, Intaly will show the benefits when libraries leverage people with 3D printers in their community to print custom and cataloged items for their patrons.

Presenter: Joshua Leavitt, CEO, CoFlow
A lifelong Las Vegan, Joshua Leavitt is committed to progressing STEM education, technology careers, and entrepreneurship in Nevada. He is a mentor, leader, entrepreneur, and community advocate who fills gaps with creative solutions that encourage activity and bridges education to career opportunities.
1:00 pm Room #3  
**MOTIVATING EMPATHETIC READERS WITH VIRTUAL REALITY**

Virtual reality is the supreme empathy tool, and it's being used to engage young learners in a lifetime of education. This is an overview of how VR tools can motivate young readers in the library and in the classroom, and how educators and parents can use VR to engage those learners, and how to steward sound virtual citizens.

**Presenter: Michael Wong, CEO, Peeka VR**

After working at Disneyland in college (Chapman 2015), Michael founded Peeka where kids read, learn, and play in virtual reality. He grew up watching 'Arthur' and 'Between the Lions' and loves sharing the magic of stories and immersive education with others through Peeka.

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1:00 pm Room #4  
**AGREE OR STRONGLY AGREE: AN ASSESSMENT OF BEST PRACTICES IN LIBRARY INSTRUCTION**

This session is an assessment of best practices in library instruction and analyzes the evaluation responses provided by instructors who have invited librarians to teach a library instruction session. The presenter will share how these responses align with library instruction best practices, are used to improve our teaching, and promote future collaboration with instructors.

**Presenter: Yvonne Tran**

Teaching and Learning Librarian, Nevada State College

Yvonne has worked in Nevada libraries for over four years. She is currently the Teaching and Learning Librarian at her alma mater, Nevada State College.

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1:35 pm Room #3  
**OER IN NEVADA - HOW CAN WE KEEP UP?**

Open Educational Resources (OERs) are making materials like textbooks more accessible to students through a Creative Commons license that allows them to be accessed, shared, copied, edited, and distributed for free. The Community Colleges of Nevada have been meeting regularly for the past year to establish a shared infrastructure to implement OERs for all general education classes at Nevada Community Colleges. During this session the infrastructure will be gone over along with ways to implement OERs without having it as a budgeted line item.

**Presenter: Gracie McDonough**

Reference/Instruction/OER Librarian, College of Southern Nevada

Gracie McDonough has been at the College of Southern Nevada for almost four years and during that time she has helped grow the usage of Open Educational Resources (OER) from 3% to over 17%. She is certified in Open Educational Librarianship from Open Textbook Network and Creative Commons and has been an Institutional Partner of OpenStax for the past two years. Gracie has a Master's in Information and Library Science from Emporia State University and a Master of Art in Urban Leadership from UNLV.
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2:10 pm Room #1
PLANNING, PROGRAMMING AND PROMOTION
WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM BOOK CONNECTIONS

Join this participatory session to elevate your youth and teen services' programming, planning, and book promotion efforts to new heights. Book Connections, provided to all Nevada libraries, schools, universities, and residents through NSLAPR’s e-resource collection, gives everyone statewide immediate access to resources and tools that provide insightful connections to the children's and YA books read in your community. You'll experience learning how to use Book Connections for storytimes, book promotion, collection management, reader's advisory, and more. You'll leave the session empowered to use and share these digital materials in your library, classrooms, and beyond.

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2:10 pm Room #2
FLY IN CLOSE FORMATION: GROW BANDWIDTH
THROUGH A COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

In October 2020, under the Reimagine Workforce Preparation Discretionary Grants Program, Nevada was awarded $13.8M to bring precision career navigation tools to patrons that ‘decode’ skills and award college credits and/or competency badges for prior experience. Also, virtual reality and 3D interactive training enhancements toward short term industry credentials help to reskill and upskill folks for in-demand jobs within Nevada’s resilient STEM industries. The Supporting Advancing Nevada's Dislocated Individuals (Project SANDI) grant is innovative and implements a new system of deployment through SANDI's community of practice and a unique ten-step process, making labor market literacy tools available to everyone – through a public library card.

Presenters: Tammy Westergard, Jahairy Rivera

2:10 pm Room #3
THE LIBRARY’S ROLE IN CHILDREN’S EDUCATION

Children today have countless distractions that make it more than challenging for them to take the time to read or the time to learn. Libraries have so much more to offer them a place to play Minecraft. Learn about the importance of engagement and gamification in motivating kids to use them time productively. Understand the role of the library in helping provide educational access to children in their community.

Presenter: Brian Rosenberg, Socrates.com

2:10 pm Room #4
HENDERSON LIBRARIES COMMUNITY PROJECT:
CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

This presentation highlights Henderson Libraries' community project and will provide information to participants on how to create their own Crafting for a Cause project for their library. In this presentation, attendees will learn why Crafting for a Cause was created, as well as the logistics for putting together a program that, at Henderson Libraries, has resulted in over 500 completed projects donated annually.

Presenter: Markita Dawson, Adult Services Librarian, Henderson Libraries

Markita has been a librarian since 2014; first as a Youth Services librarian and currently an Adult Services Librarian and an Adjunct Librarian for the College of Southern Nevada. Born and raised in Northern California, but she has been a Las Vegas native since she was 9 years old.
PROGRAMS

2:45 pm Room #3
SCIENCE IN THE LIBRARY
Join in for some hands-on science that you can use in library programs.

Presenters: Kristina Wang, Youth Services Librarian, Henderson Libraries
Kari Jensen, Youth Services Senior Specialist, Henderson Libraries
Kari and Kristina have been working together for the last 20 years, and enjoy doing various programs for all ages, but mostly science!

3:20 pm Room #1
INTRODUCTION TO ASSESSING LIBRARY COLLECTIONS
As library collections become more diverse and budgets for collections are flat or decreasing, assessment of the library’s collection becomes even more vital. This 60-minute workshop will provide the basic and fundamental aspects of collection assessment in libraries. The workshop will introduce key concepts to collection assessment using the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Libraries as a case study.

Presenters: Cory Tucker, Head, Collections, ILL & Acquisitions, UNLV
Greg Voelker, Collection Assessment Manager, UNLV
Cory Tucker is a Professor and Head of Collections, Interlibrary Loan and Acquisitions at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas University Libraries. Cory earned his B.S. in Finance from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville and his M.L.S. from the University of South Florida-Tampa.

Greg Voelker is the Collection Assessment Manager for the University of Nevada, Las Vegas University Libraries. He earned his B.S. in History from the University of Wisconsin – Madison and his M.L.I.S. from San Jose State University.

3:20 pm Room #2
CONTROLLED DIGITAL LENDING & THE INTERNET ARCHIVE
This presentation will center around the ongoing litigation between publishers and the Internet Archive, which has been accused of violating copyright laws by distributing unauthorized scans of books at no charge. The Internet Archive—a non-profit organization—claims it qualifies as a library and is protected by fair use laws and other protections afforded to libraries. In this presentation, attendees will become familiar with copyright laws, the historical and modern roles of libraries, and the legal arguments used in the Internet Archive litigation, which is ongoing.

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3:20 pm Room #3  
LIBRARY MARKETING WITH HEART AND SOUL  
APPLYING EMPATHETIC AND INCLUSIVE PRACTICES TO ENGAGE OUR USERS

Empathetic marketing involves thinking of a library user as a whole person, seeing the world through their eyes, and engaging with them in a way that shows we care. The co-author of Practical Marketing for the Academic Library will explain the idea of “marketing from the heart” that’s in her book, with practical ways we can implement the concept in our libraries. While the book was written from an academic perspective, the topics covered can be applied to a variety of library types since we all share an audience that is distinctly human.

**Presenter:** Stephanie Espinoza Villamor  
eLearning Librarian and Lead Librarian, College of Southern Nevada

Stephanie Espinoza Villamor (she/her) has led library marketing initiatives at the College of Southern Nevada for almost a decade and remains involved in student engagement in her latest role as Lead Librarian of the CSN Henderson Campus Library. She first presented on empathetic marketing at the American Library Association annual conference in 2017, which sparked the idea for her book, Practical Marketing for the Academic Library (May 2022). Villamor holds a Master of Library and Information Science from San Jose State University and has worked in positions ranging from instruction librarian to magazine editor to public library assistant for Henderson Libraries.

4:30 pm Room #1  
BEYOND THE PICTURE:  
A LOOK AT THE IMPORTANCE OF GRAPHIC NOVEL LITERATURE

Using images, research and data, and lecture, this session will present the importance of graphic novel literature and how it appeals to reluctant readers and those with learning differences.

**Presenter:** Bethanie Amanda Finger, Youth Services and Literary Expert

Bethanie Finger is a Young Adult Library Services Assoc. certified youth programming expert and an American Library Association Graphic Novel Round Table member. She earned her MLIS from the University of Southern Mississippi with a focus on literacy and education in youth programs.

4:30 pm Room #2  
WHAT’S THE SCOOP?  
ALL THE NEWS ON THE LAS VEGAS SENTINEL-VOICE DIGITIZATION PROJECT

In 2022, UNLV received a Nevada Library Services and Technology (LSTA) grant to digitize the Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice newspaper. This recently launched online collection begins to address a known gap in availability of primary historical sources about the African American community and provides an immediate, authentic voice of the Westside Las Vegas community that was previously difficult to access and use. The presenters will showcase some of the unique themes, events, and content found in this newly launched collection. Attendees will also learn what other Nevada newspapers have been digitized and how best to access the collections for research.

**Presenters:** Cory Lampert, Head of Digital Collections, UNLV University Libraries  
Jason Vaughan, Director of Library Technologies, UNLV University Libraries

Cory Lampert is the Head of Digital Collections in the Special Collections and Archives Division and Jason Vaughan is the Director of Library Technologies, both at the UNLV University Libraries. Representing the state of Nevada, they were Co-Pis on the National Digital Newspaper Program Grant (2014-2020), a joint program of the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Library of Congress, to digitize historic newspapers from every state. This program sponsored the digitization of over 300,000 pages of historic Nevada newspaper content, representing every county in Nevada (https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/).
**PROGRAMS**

4:30 pm Room #3

**DISRUPTIVE INNOVATION**
**TO VISUALIZE THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES OF THE FUTURE**

Dr. Jacques du Plessis is on the faculty at the School of Information Studies at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. He is based in the Intermountain West, doing outreach to libraries from Nevada and New Mexico all the way to Montana, visiting public libraries in many states. This is a reflection on his experiences and research on how the future might look like.

**Presenter:** Dr. Jacques du Plessis  
**University of Wisconsin**

4:30 pm Room #4

**ALL YOU NEED IS TIME:**
**LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY AND TRAINING TO REORGANIZE LIBRARY STAFF**

In 2022, the Roseman University of Health Sciences Library went through several major changes. We implemented an RFID self-checkout system, opened the library space for access outside of staffed hours, and reorganized library staff to better serve our campus population. This presentation will cover the justification for the changes, implementation process, and results from the first two months of working with the new model.

**Presenter:** Tiffany Garrett, Director of Library Services  
**Roseman University of Health Sciences**

Tiffany Garrett has a Master of Science in Information Studies from the University of Texas at Austin and a Bachelor of Arts in History from St. Edward’s University. She has over ten years of experience in libraries, beginning as an Electronic Resources Librarian and eventually becoming the Director at Roseman University of Health Sciences. Her research specialties are in library assessment and open educational resources.

**Thirsty for more? Mark Your Calendars!**

Mark your calendars for the in-person NLA Annual Meeting on November 6 and 7 2023. The 77th annual event will be held at the Brewery Arts Center in Carson City.

The NLA is continuing to develop the program, and updates will be posted on Nevada Library Association -next year during the month of September. Registration will open on Oct. 2.

The NLA Annual Meeting, the largest regular gathering of public, academic, school and special librarians in the state, is a forum for learning, networking, product and services information, and a celebration of the efforts and innovations in Nevada librarianship. In addition to prominent speakers, workshops and the vendor engagement, the two-day event features membership business meetings, receptions, awards programs and other activities.

The meeting will kick off with a special session to help first-time attendees get the most from the opportunity.

Companies, nonprofits and government agencies interested in exhibiting at the meeting can find details and contract information on the NLA website later next year.

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The SANDI PROJECT's 3D and Virtual Reality Assets

Virtual reality and 3D interactive training enhancements are focused on short-term industry credentials through distance learning, to reskill and upskill folks for in-demand jobs within Nevada's resilient STEM industries. The Supporting Advancing Nevada's Dislocated Individuals (Project SANDI) grant requires virtual reality and 3D digitally interactive STEM education materials in these specific Nevada career pathways. The content is oriented to those who have a particular STEM interest, or their interest is waiting to be sparked. Digital tools are for broad use by multiple levels (high school, college, adult), include many topics or disciplines relative to middle and higher-level STEM and are accessible through Nevada's public libraries partnership with Nevada community colleges and partners within the workforce ecosystem.

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- Healthcare
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ACCOMPLISHING MORE FOR ALL

The SANDI Community of Practice -- all boats rise

We are formalizing the SANDI process and streamlining individual activities to ensure SANDI resources are put to optimal use. Strategic partner roles and responsibilities allow for efficient use of SANDI technology enhancements alongside the effort of SANDI's ecosystem of career navigators including:

1. Community College SANDI navigators
2. Nevada's public librarians
3. One Stop Coaches
4. State Agency Partners
5. NGO & Private Training Providers

This process is designed to streamline communication between people, functions, and institutions and keep Nevadans learning and earning.

About the Knowledge Transfer Process

Guarantors provide key information and story/boarding as the primary source of information to produce digital content. Each storyboard transfers the knowledge from the guarantor about the scenes and their parts, including any required animation, all possible visual specifications, or at least links to sources and a text description of the screen.

GUARANTORS TO THE PROCESS:
1. Instructor
2. Textbook Publisher
3. Equipment Manager
4. Employer
5. Professional in the Field

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CONTENT TYPES:

Virtual Reality: a full immersion through presence and ability to 'move around.'

3D Interactive Models: Users can rotate models to see them from any angle and zoom to examine in detail — sometimes called a digital twin.

360 Video: a surround video where a view in every direction is captured.

Content is developed through The Cognitive Affective Model of Immersive Learning (CALM): a Theoretical Research-Based Model of Learning in Immersive VR and Taxonomy of Educational Objectives, familiarly known as MYPillar [http://teaching.unr.edu/sites/teaching.unr.edu/files/medialibrary/GoalsAndObjectives/Bloom.pdf] and Bloom's Taxonomy [Bloom's Taxonomy]
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