



ABOUT HENDERSON LIBRARIES

MISSION STATEMENT

Henderson Libraries seeks to cultivate a literate community by providing every citizen free access to all books and information resources, as well as state of the art technology that supports work, school and recreational activities.

HISTORY

Henderson Libraries was established in 1943 in Downtown Henderson after a petition to create the Henderson School Public Library was introduced. Seven years later, its first Children's Summer Reading Program was introduced. Through the years Henderson Libraries has continued to offer innovative children's programming - increasing children's interest in the library both today and into the future. That interest, combined with the growing number of new homes in the community resulted in the purchase and renovation of the library's district's first permanent building. The building program began in February 1953.

In a major overhaul of education laws, the Henderson School Public Library became a county library district in 1956 during a special session of the Nevada Legislature. At that time, statutes were written to convert school library districts to county library districts. Subsequent to 1967, several additional library districts were formed including Clark County Library District, Pahrump, Smokey Valley, Amargosa, and Tonopah. Henderson and Boulder City Library Districts remained as previously formed in 1956. The original Henderson Library remained in the townsite house on the corner of Water and Pacific Streets from 1953 until 1989. It was replaced by the current James I. Gibson Library.

Henderson Libraries now offers four locations throughout Henderson, including James I. Gibson Library (dedicated in April of 1989); the Lydia Malcolm Library (opened in September 1995 and relocated in February 2005); the Pittman Library (originated in 1988 and replaced in 1996) and the Paseo Verde Library (opened in August 2002). In 2006 the library district, with grant money, was able to purchase a bookmobile (Mobile Extension Library) to serve Henderson's residents closer to their homes.

Henderson Libraries cooperates with the other public libraries in Southern Nevada, the Nevada System of Higher Education, the Clark County School District and all other libraries around the state to provide quality library services to Nevada's residents.

VALUES

As trustees, administration, and staff of Henderson Libraries, we endeavor to accomplish the library district's mission through our commitment to each of these essential and equally important core values:

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| -Patron Focus | -Freedom to Read | -Quality |
| -Respect for People | -Patron Privacy | -Integrity |
| -Equitable Service | -Free Basic Services | -Stewardship of |
| -Freedom of Information | -Promotion of Services | Community Resources |