



**CLARK COUNTY
LAW LIBRARY**

ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year

2023



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Overview

The Clark County Law Library was created in 1923 by the enactment of Ordinance #1 and is statutorily mandated by NRS 380. The Law Library provides free access to legal resources to the residents of Southern Nevada and is open to the public. We are funded by a portion of District Civil Court filing fees along with a small portion of Justice Court filing fees, circulation dues, court-ordered contributions, and photocopy usage.

The Law Library is governed by a seven-member Board of Trustees currently composed of three District Court judges (appointed by the Chief Judge), one attorney and three non-attorneys (appointed by the Clark County Commissioners), all of whom serve without compensation. The Clark County Law Library Board of Trustees is committed to public service through the free legal information resources and programs made available to every resident in Clark County.

Normal business hours for the Law Library are Monday – Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., with six full-time and one part-time staff members.

VISION STATEMENT

A research library dedicated to providing equality of access to sources of law, related information and community resources.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Clark County Law Library provides access to the most recent precedents and the best available commentary regarding legal issues.



100 Year Celebration

On January 5, 1923, the Clark County Law Library celebrated 100 years in existence. To commemorate the occasion, we commissioned an art piece by Reno artist, Debbie Lambin, who repurposed extra copies of a few books from our own collection to create a wonderful display that is now kept at the Law Library's reference desk.



Law Library staff with the 100-year anniversary art piece by Reno artist, Debbie Lambin.

Board of Trustees

Member	Current Term of Office
Tamara Beatty-Peterson President	January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2024
Karen Byrd Secretary	January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2023
Hon. Joanna S. Kishner	January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2023
Hon. Vincent Ochoa	January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2023
Hon. Jerry A. Wiese II	January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2023
Barbara Wagner	January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024
Teri Bierer	January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2023

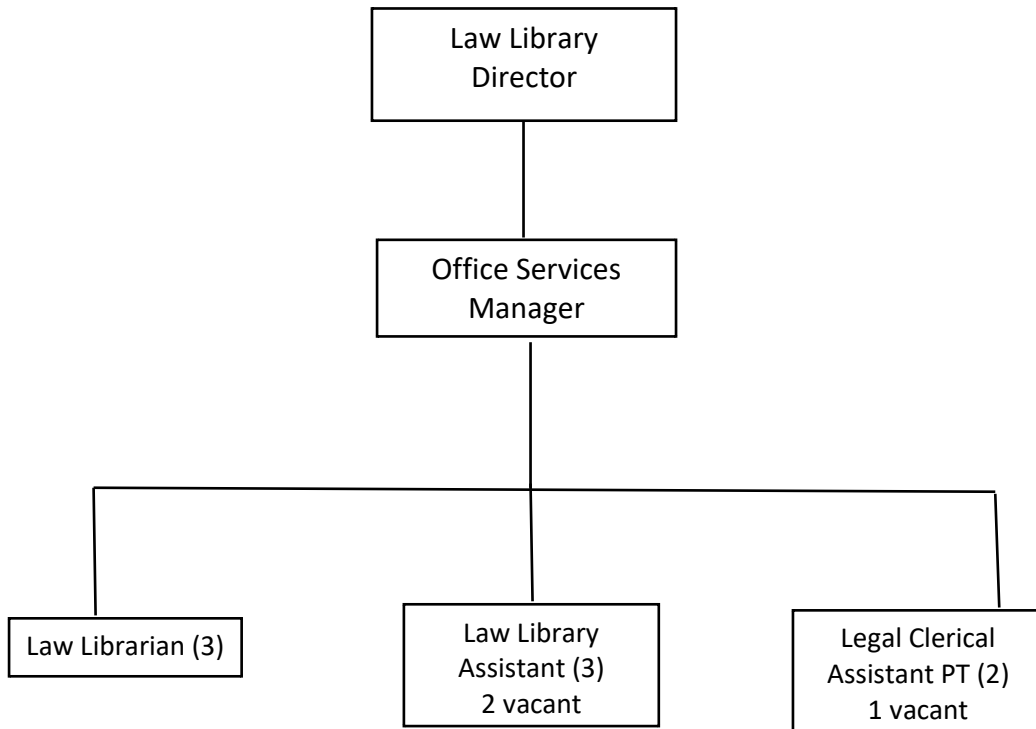
NRS 380.020 Government and management of law library; number, appointment and terms of members.

1. Any law library established by ordinance as provided by subsection 1 of [NRS 380.010](#) must be governed and managed by a board of law library trustees.
2. A board of law library trustees must consist of not less than five nor more than seven members. The district judge of the judicial district in which the county is situated or, if the district has more than one district judge, a maximum of three district judges designated by all the judges of the district from among their number, are ex officio trustees. The board of county commissioners shall appoint a sufficient number of trustees to complete the board, including at least two who are not attorneys at law.
3. Appointive members of the board must be appointed by the board of county commissioners at the first meeting of the board of county commissioners in each January, to serve for terms of 2 years. As nearly as may be, half of the terms must expire each year.

[3:250:1913; 1919 RL p. 2707; NCL § 2252] + [4:250:1913; 1919 RL p. 2707; NCL § 2253]—(NRS A 1965, 223; 1969, 787; [1981, 1003](#); [1983, 339](#))

Organizational Chart

CLARK COUNTY LAW LIBRARY
(Revised 12/13/2022)

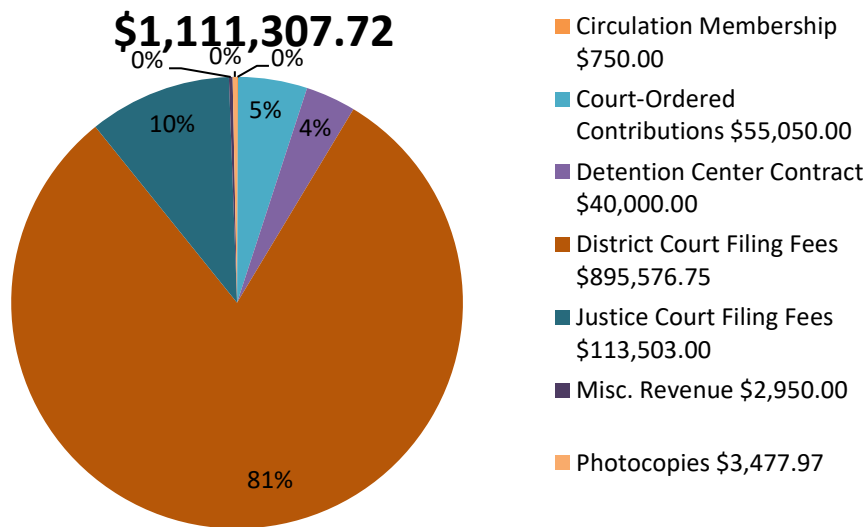


Unaudited Revenue/Expenditures

The primary source of funding for the Clark County Law Library comes from a portion of selected District Court civil filings as stated in Clark County Code 18.08.030(1) in the amount of \$30 per civil action. Additionally, we receive a small portion of selected Justice Court civil filings as stated in Clark County Code 18.08.030(2) in the amount of \$3 per selected civil action. Approximately 91% of the Law Library's revenue was derived from both District Court civil filing fees, which totaled \$895,576.75, and Justice Court civil filing fees in the amount of \$113,503.00 in Fiscal Year 2023. Below is an unaudited summary of both revenue and expenditures for the Law Library in Fiscal Year 2023.

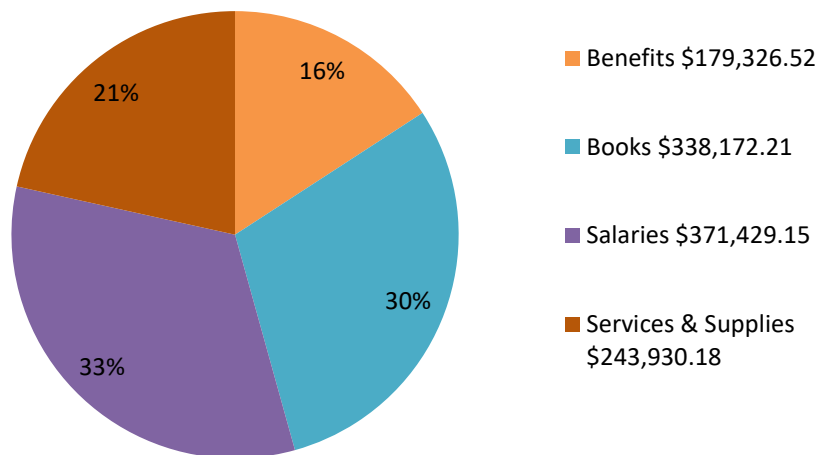
Total Revenue for Fiscal Year 2023

\$1,111,307.72



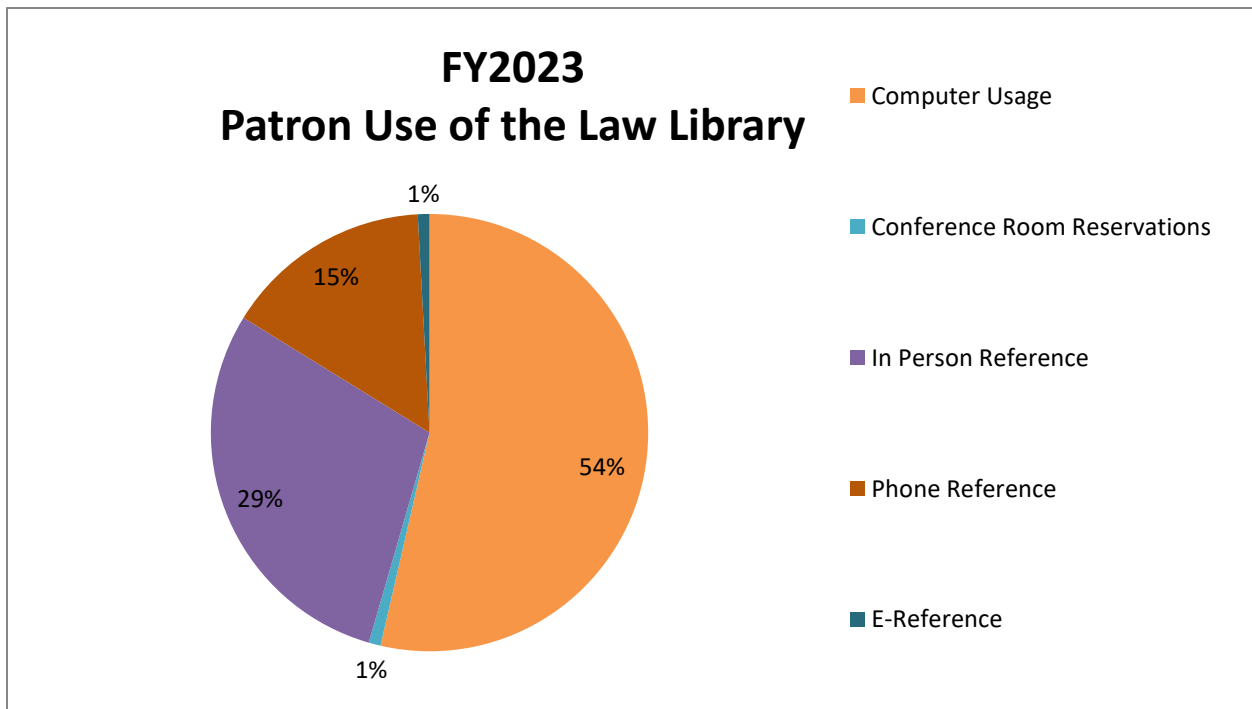
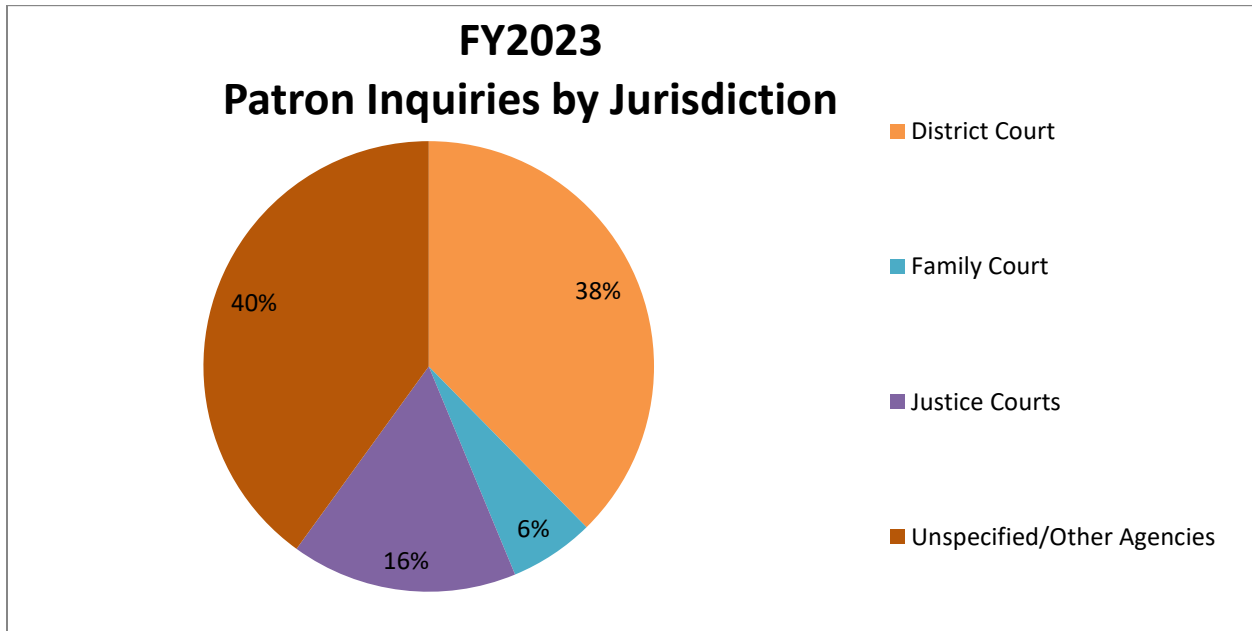
Total Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023

\$1,132,858.06



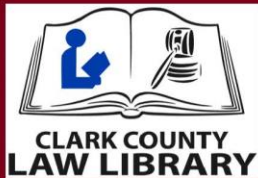
Reference Statistics

Law Library staff answered 2,309 reference questions in person, over the phone, and via email in Fiscal Year 2023. 95% of the patrons assisted in FY23 were members of the general public, with only 5% being legal professionals.



Community Outreach

The Clark County Law Library has partnered with Nevada Legal Services to host ask-a-lawyer sessions at the Law Library beginning in November 2022. We completed 13 sessions in Fiscal Year 2023, which assisted individuals with various legal issues such as name changes, estate planning, family law, and bankruptcy.



To reserve your seat,
please contact:

Yancy Meza

ymeza@nevadalegalservices.org

or

Candy Rivera

crivera@nevadalegalservices.org

or

Call us:

702-386-0404



FREE GENERAL ASK-A-LAWYER

Offered as a free community service by:
Nevada Legal Services &
Clark County Law Library

Do you have issues with:

Bankruptcy
Family Law
Powers of Attorney
Employment
Discrimination

Dates: Wednesday, November 2nd
Wednesday, November 16th
Wednesday, November 30th

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Clark County Law Library
309 S. Third St., Suite 400
Las Vegas, NV 89101

www.nevadalegalservices.org

Law Library staff also participated in various community events throughout the year, including:



Pro Bono Celebration Week Ask-A-Lawyer Event

Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada is teaming up with Commissioner Segerblom, local volunteer lawyers, Department of Family Services, Clark County Public Defender, Clark County Law Library, Nevada Legal Services, and Southern Nevada Senior Law Program to provide **FREE 15-30 minute** consultations to those who cannot afford legal services. Get answers to your questions in all of our practice areas.

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| • Adoption | • Debt Collection | • Illegal Towing | • Senior Estate Planning |
| • Auto Repairs | • Divorce/Custody | • Immigration | • Senior Health Care |
| • Auto Sales/
Leasing | • Estate Planning | • (VAWA/U-Visa or
Deferred Action) | • Small Claims |
| • Bankruptcy | • Evictions | • Landlord/Tenant | • Social Security |
| • Child Support | • Foreclosure | • Payday Loans | • Special Education |
| • Criminal Defense | • Guardianship | • Probate | • Temporary Protection
Order |
| | • Housing | • Public Benefits | • Unemployment |

**Tuesday, October 25, 2022
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Cambridge Recreation Center
3930 Cambridge St., Las Vegas, NV 89119**

Register online at www.lacsn.org/aalevent or call (702) 386-1070 Ext. 1421. Please choose a legal topic at time of registration so we can match you with a pro bono attorney who practices in that area of law.

For information about all legal services offered by Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, visit www.lacsn.org





National Law Day Ask-A-Lawyer Event

Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada is teaming up with Commissioner Segerblom, local volunteer lawyers, Department of Family Services, Clark County Public Defender, Clark County Law Library, Nevada Legal Services, and Southern Nevada Senior Law Program to provide **FREE 15 minute** consultations to those who cannot afford legal services. Get answers to your questions in all of our practice areas.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption • Adult Guardianship Alternatives • Auto Repairs • Auto Sales/Leasing • Bankruptcy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Support • Criminal Defense • Debt Collection • Divorce/Custody • Estate Planning • Evictions • Foreclosure • Housing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illegal Towing • Immigration (VAWA/U-Visa or Deferred Action) • Landlord/Tenant • Payday Loans • Probate • Public Benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Estate Planning • Senior Health Care • Small Claims • Social Security • Special Education • Temporary Protection Order • Unemployment
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**Tuesday, May 2, 2023
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Cambridge Recreation Center
3930 Cambridge St., Las Vegas, NV 89119**

Register online at www.lacsn.org/lawday or call (702) 386-1070 Ext. 1421. Please choose a legal topic at time of registration so we can match you with a pro bono attorney who practices in that area of law.

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May 4, 2023 1330-1530 Owl's Nest



Join the Creech Legal Team for its first “Law Day” event with attorneys from Nevada. The partners listed below will have information tables and will be able to answer questions about Nevada law and potential recruitment opportunities.



BASE PARTICIPANTS

Creech Voter Registration
Security Forces
Office of Special Investigation
Fire Department
First Responders
Creech Legal Office
Family Readiness
Blood Drive
Area Defense Counsel Mental
Health
Suicide Prevention
Diversity & Inclusion

VOLUNTEERS FROM

Clark County Bar Association
Clark County Law Library
Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada
Nevada Legal service
Attorney General's Office of Nevada
Military Legal Assistance
Southern Nevada Senior Program
UNLV Law School
Federal Bureau of Investigations
Las Vegas Metro Police Department

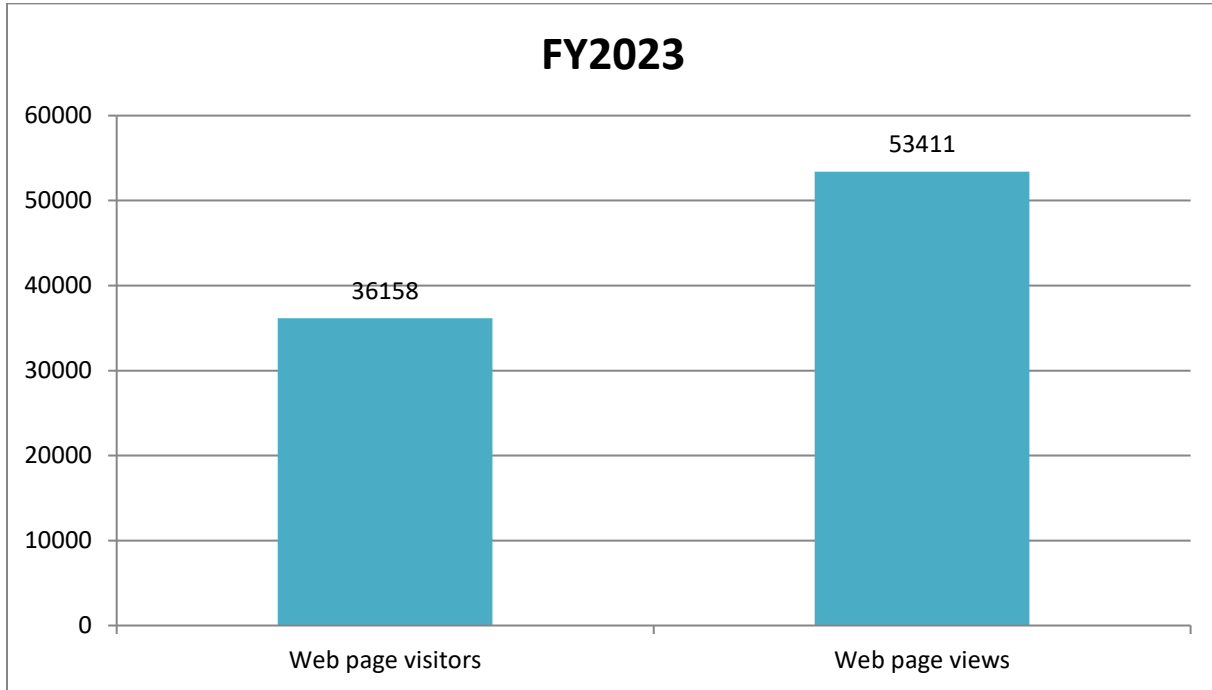


Feel free to wear your best Star Wars regalia.
“May the 4th be with you.”

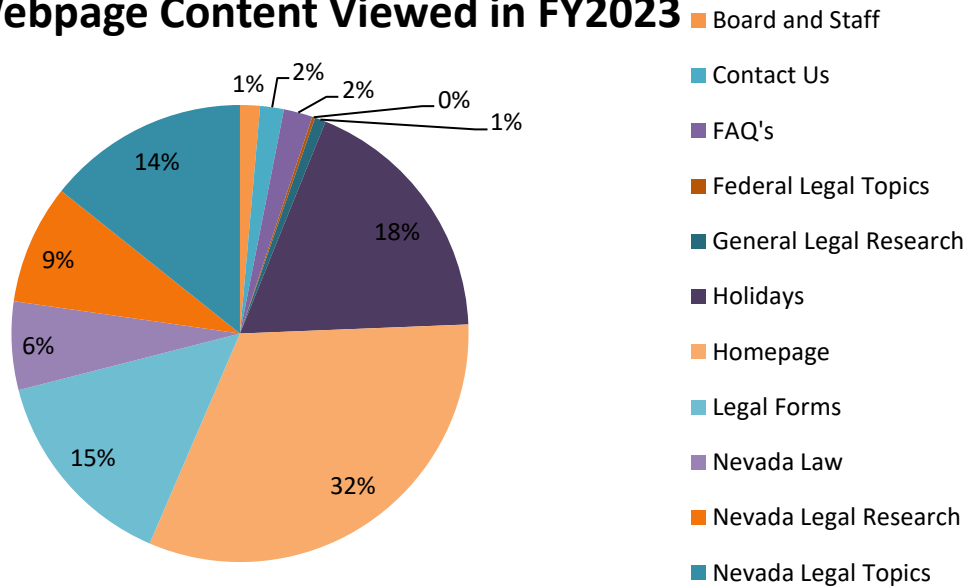


Internet/Webpage Statistics

Internet/Webpage Usage



Webpage Content Viewed in FY2023



Circulation Statistics

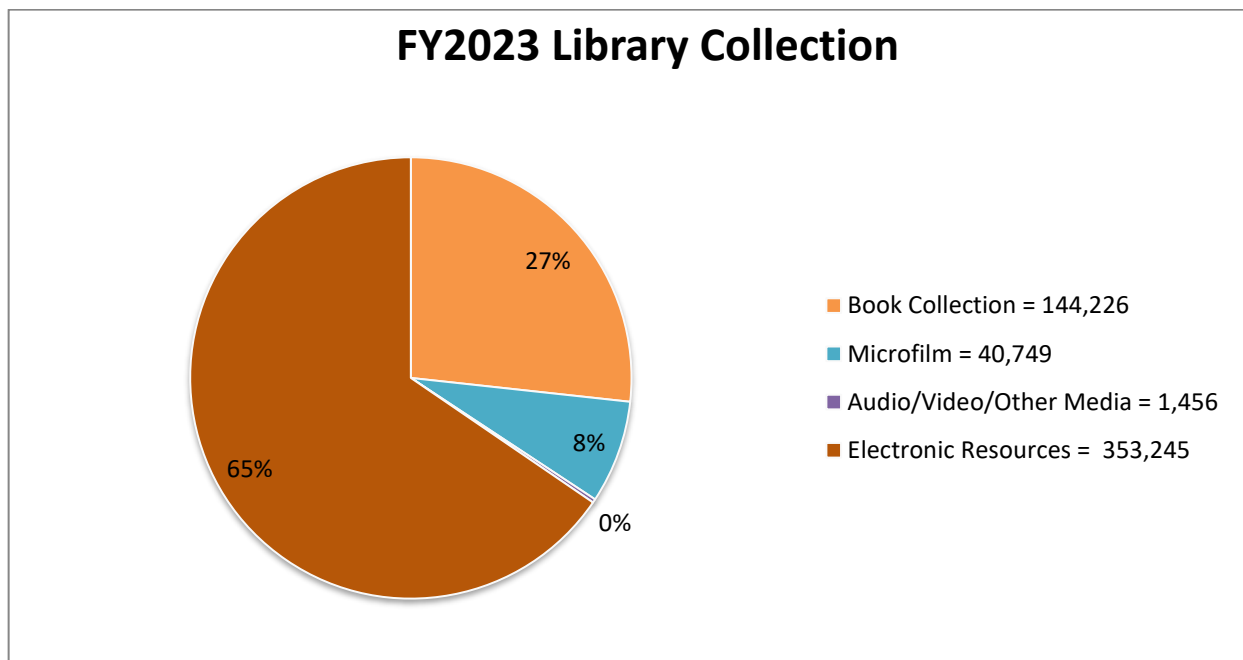
Circulation of Law Library material is limited to active members of the Nevada State Bar, judicial staff, and governmental agencies that have a valid circulation card and are in good standing with the Law Library.

To obtain a circulation card, an individual must fill out a Borrower Registration Card, either in person at the Law Library or on the Law Library's website at www.ClarkCountyNV.Gov/LawLibrary. Along with the registration card, there is a one-time \$50.00 registration fee. The circulation card is then valid for one year from the date of purchase and can be renewed annually for \$30.00 each year thereafter.

In Fiscal Year 2023, we circulated 189 materials, with 437 circulation period renewals. Three attorneys signed up for a new circulation card and 19 attorneys renewed their circulation card.

Library Collection

The Clark County Law Library has a total of 186,431 physical materials in its collection, including books, microfilm, and audio/video/other media. In addition to print materials, the Law Library offers free usage of over 353,245 legal resources through 77 database subscriptions from Lexis Advance, Westlaw Next, M-Law, and HeinOnline and Trellis. The Law Library also now has 1,299 volumes in its Lexis Digital Library. 8 volumes from the collection are currently in "lost" status.



Donations

The Law Library received donations of books and monetary gifts in FY2023. These donations include:

- \$2,950 in monetary gifts
- 38 materials added to the library's collection

Generous donations such as these assist the Law Library in its mission to provide access to the most recent precedents and the best available commentary regarding legal issues.

Comments from Our Patrons

To better serve our patrons, comment cards are available for the public to indicate whether they were able to find what they were looking for during their visit, rate the friendliness of Law Library staff, and leave a comment or suggestion. We also review comments from our social media, Google Reviews, Yelp Reviews, and other online sources for feedback.

The following are comments received during Fiscal Year 2023:

- "Great Job – Librarian on 4.3.23 was professional, helpful. Thanks"
- From Violet S. on Google Reviews:

"Getting sued is one of the most depressing things anyone can go through, it's very hard to find answers to anything. I called in today and I just want to say that I'm so grateful for their kindness, (they don't give legal advice of course) but it was a very informative phone call to which I was told that this center provides resources and forms that can be filed either in the clerks office or online. Thank you."

Social Media



Facebook is used to promote workshops, seminars and Law Library news and notes. Like and follow our page at <https://www.facebook.com/CCLawLib>



X, formerly known as Twitter, is used to promote workshops, seminars and Law Library news and notes. Follow us @NVlawlib



YouTube is used to promote workshops and seminars held at the Clark County Law Library. Find our videos on the Clark County, NV channel <https://www.youtube.com/@ClarkCountyNV>