



**CLARK COUNTY  
LAW LIBRARY**

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

## **2022**



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## Overview

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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, membership 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.



## Board of Trustees

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Member	Current Term of Office
Tamara Beatty-Peterson President	January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2022
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, 2021 – December 31, 2022
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](#))

## Dedication Ceremony & Celebration of Life for Thomas D. Beatty, Esq.

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On June 4, 2022, a dedication ceremony and Celebration of Life was held at the Clark County Law Library to honor the life and career of Thomas D. Beatty, Esq. The Law Library conference room was dedicated to the memory of Thomas D. Beatty, Esq. for his nearly 40 years of unwavering dedication and service to the Clark County Law Library Board of Trustees. Mr. Beatty served as President of the Law Library Board from 1982 until his passing on April 27, 2020.

Those attending the ceremony and celebration of life included family and colleagues of Mr. Beatty. Speakers included Chanteyl Hasse, Law Library Director; Hon. Philip M. Pro (Ret.); Mrs. Sharon Beatty; Ms. Linda Snyder; and Tamara Beatty-Peterson, President, Clark County Law Library Board of Trustees.

In addition to his service to the Law Library, Mr. Beatty was a staple in the legal community of Las Vegas. Whether his work in private practice, the Public Defender's office, or District Attorney's Office, his involvement in numerous commissions, panels, and committees, or lecturing, training, and mentoring, Mr. Beatty was a true champion of justice.

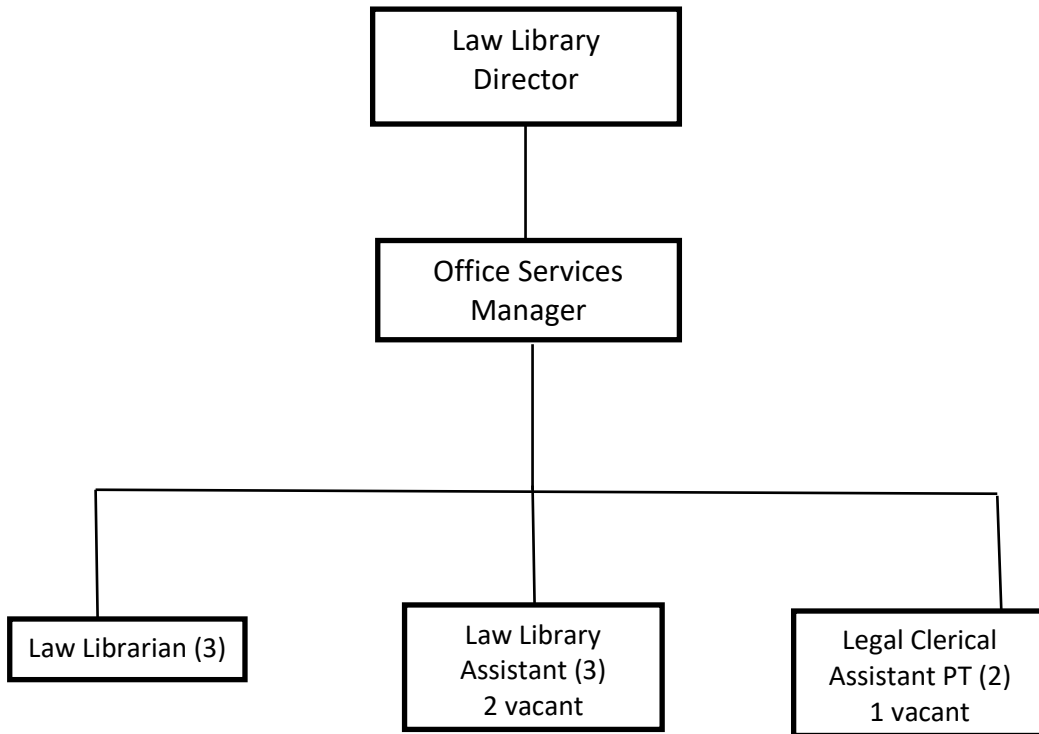
The Law Library is honored to house a portrait of Mr. Beatty as well as an exhibit highlighting many of his professional achievements. The Law Library also has many books in its collection which Mr. Beatty has donated over the years, as well as the comparative analysis he wrote on Nevada law, rules, and practice with the A.B.A. standards of criminal justice.



## Organizational Chart

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

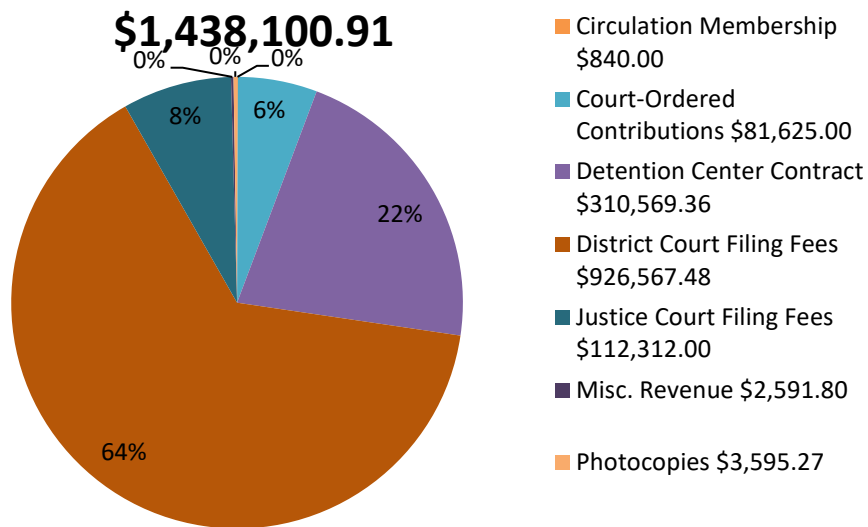


## Unaudited Revenue/Expenditures

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 72% of the Law Library's revenue was derived from both District Court civil filing fees, which totaled \$926,567.48, and Justice Court civil filing fees in the amount of \$112,312.00 in Fiscal Year 2022. Below is an unaudited summary of both revenue and expenditures for the Law Library in Fiscal Year 2022.

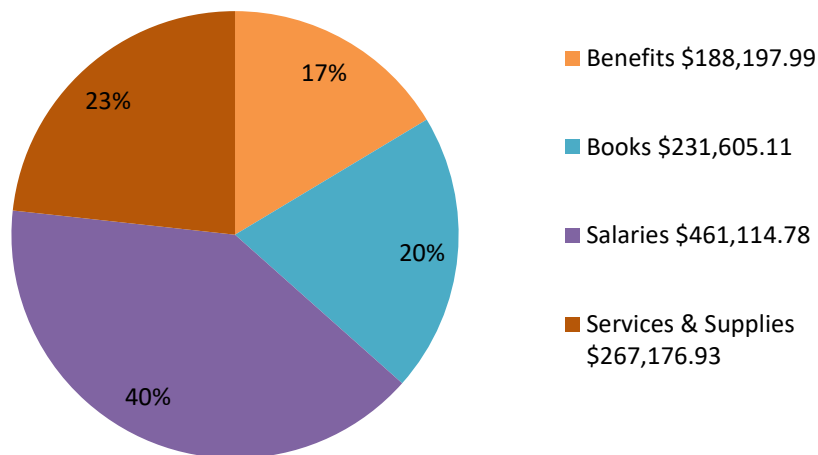
### Total Revenue for Fiscal Year 2022

**\$1,438,100.91**



### Total Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2022

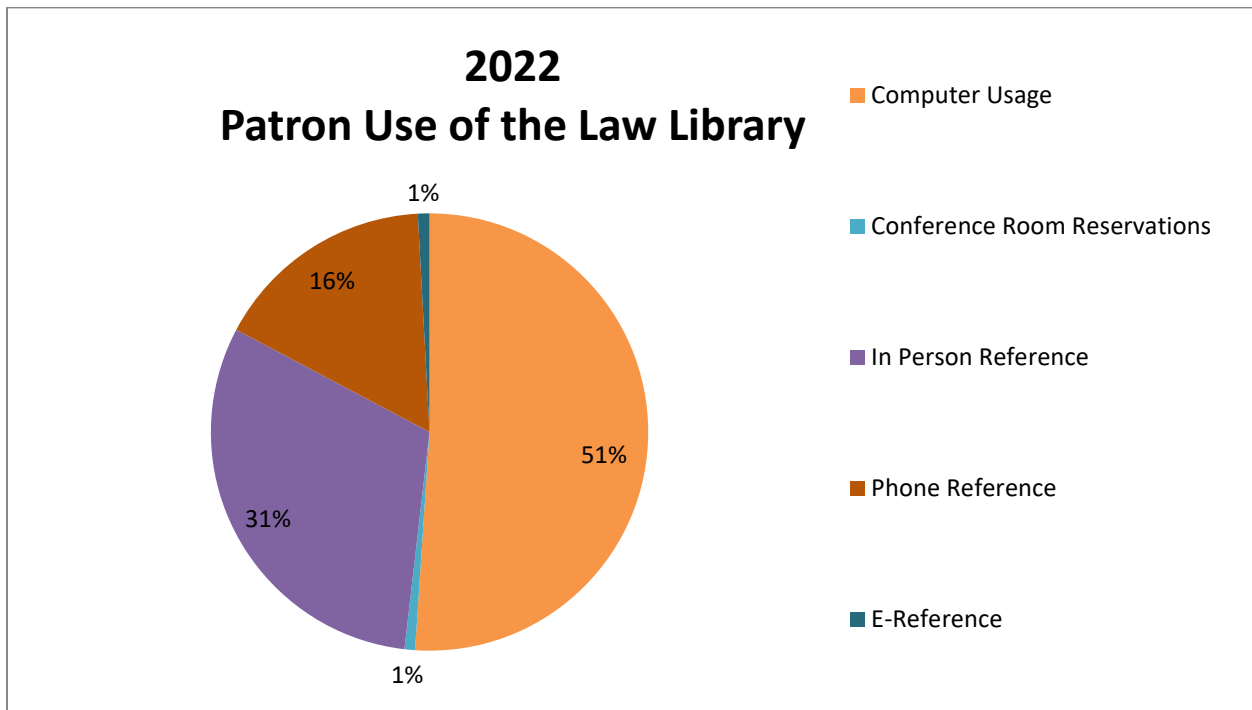
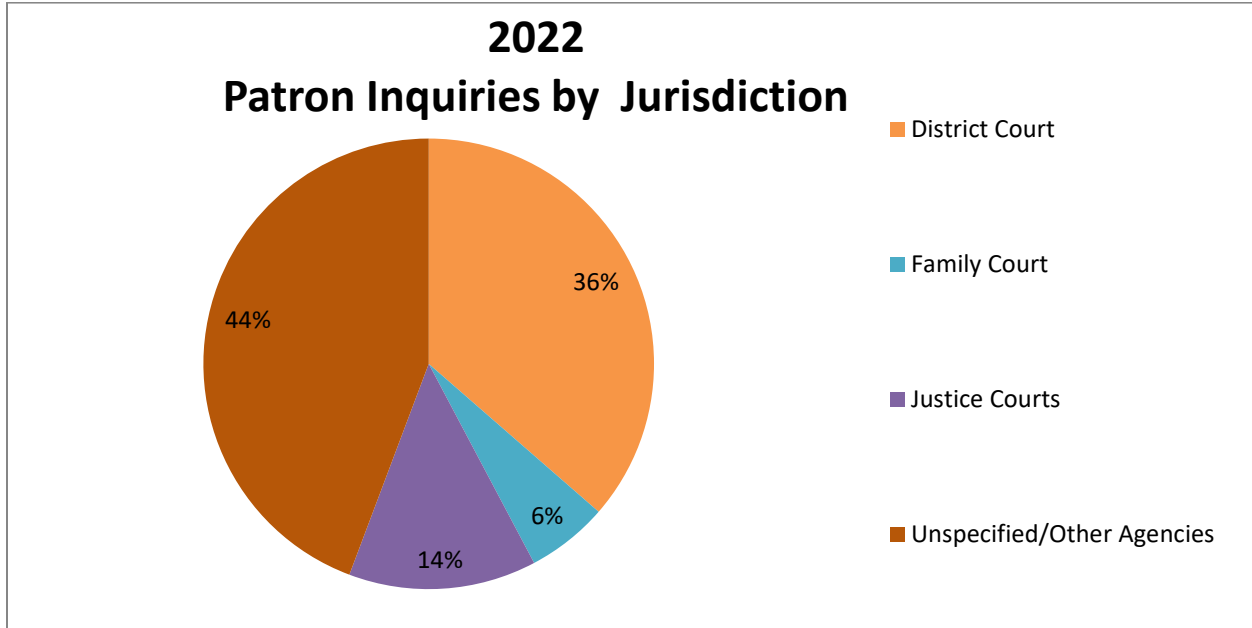
**\$1,148,094.81**



## Reference Statistics

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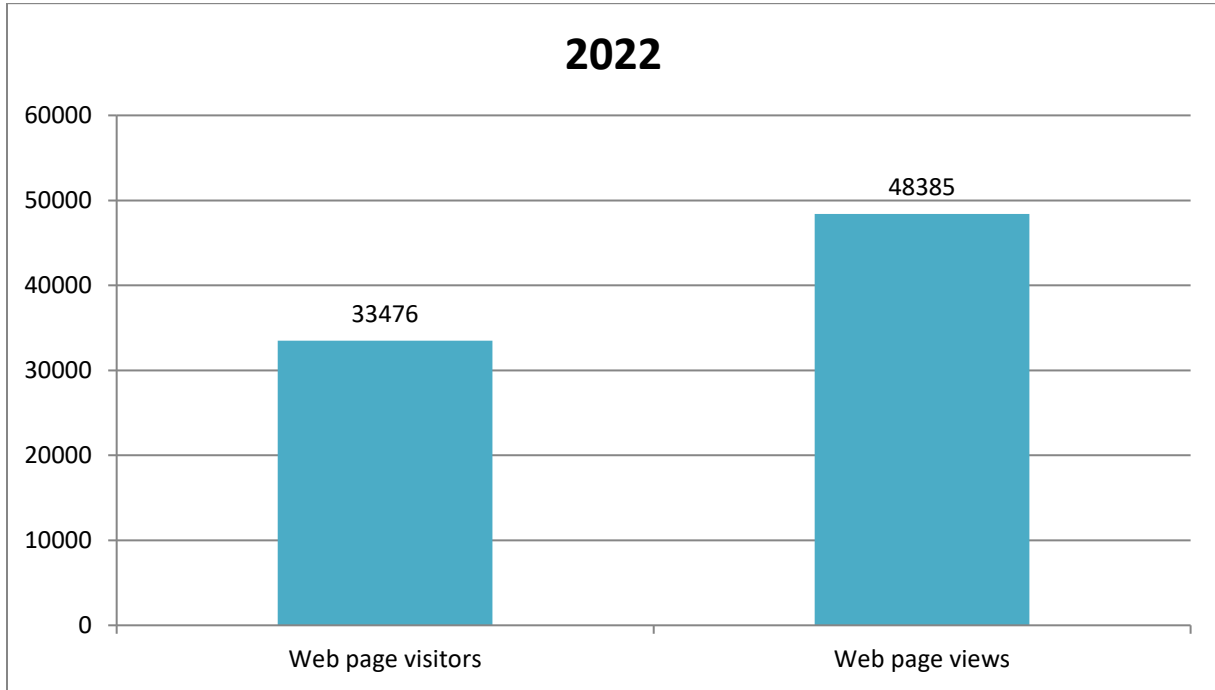
Law Library staff answered 2,418 reference questions in person, over the phone, and via email in 2022.



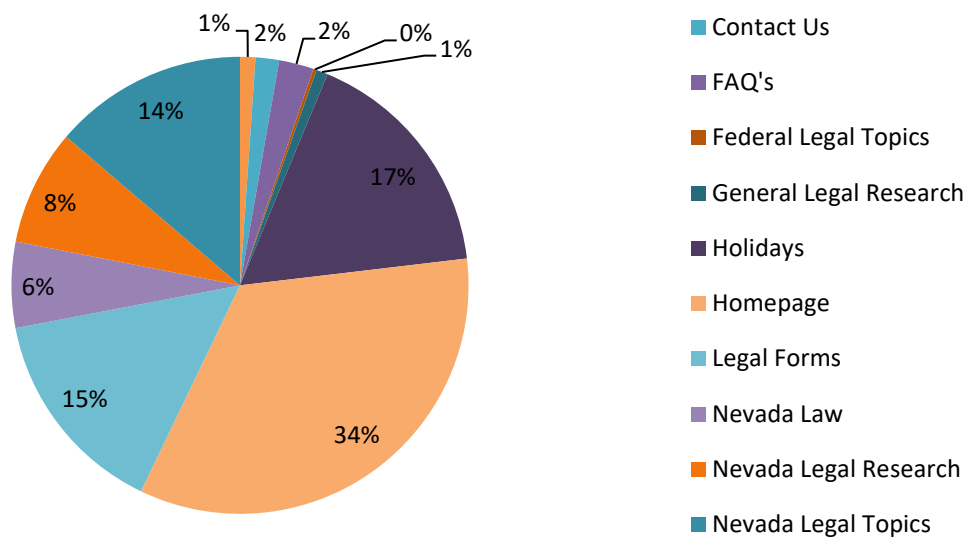


## Internet/Webpage Statistics

### Internet/Webpage Usage



### Webpage Content Viewed in 2022



## Circulation Statistics

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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.

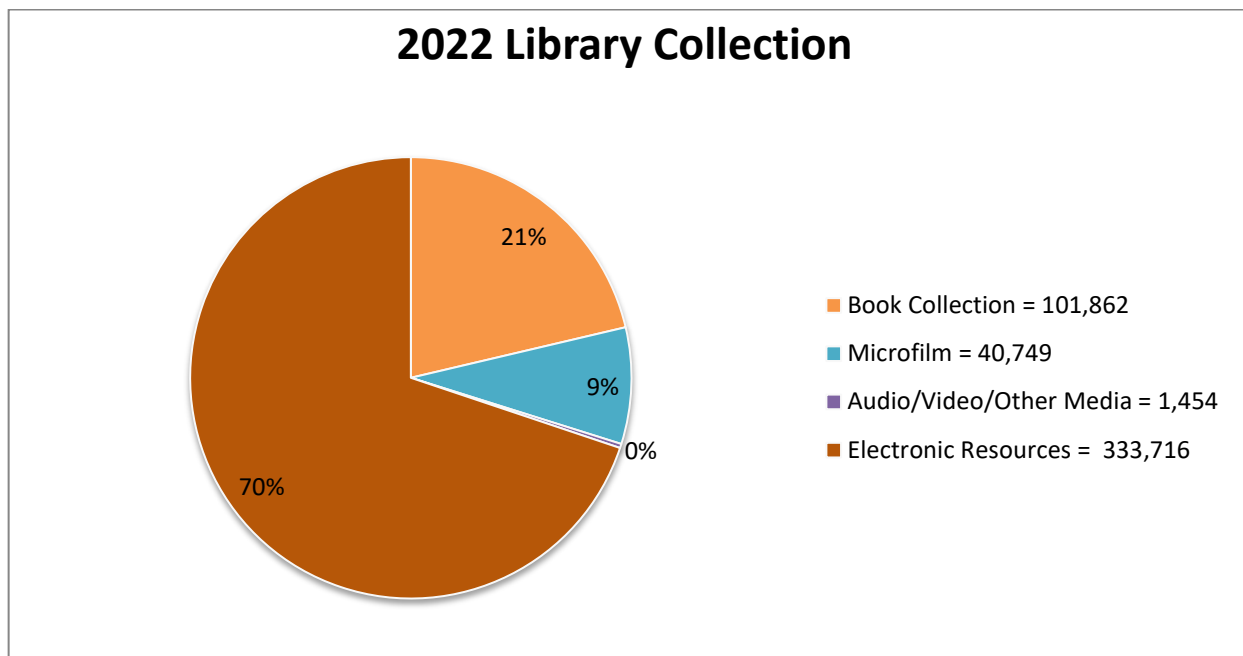
To obtain a circulation card, an individual must fill out a Borrower Registration Card, either in person at the Law Library or on the Law Library's website at [www.ClarkCountyNV.Gov/LawLibrary](http://www.ClarkCountyNV.Gov/LawLibrary). Along with the registration card, there is a one-time \$50.00 registration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

In 2022, we circulated 202 materials, with 381 circulation period renewals. We also had five attorneys sign up for a new circulation card with the Law Library and 18 circulation card renewals.

## Library Collection

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The Clark County Law Library has a total of 144,065 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 333,716 legal resources through 70 database subscriptions from Lexis Advance, Westlaw Next, M-Law, and HeinOnline. The Law Library also now has 479 volumes in its Lexis Digital Library.



## Detention Center Services

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The Clark County Law Library (“CCLL”) entered into a contract with Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department to operate the correctional libraries at the Clark County Detention Center (“CCDC”) and the North Valley Complex (“NVC”), beginning on July 1st, 2017. This contract concluded on June 30, 2022, but legal library services continued to be provided by CCLL until October 31, 2022. Each facility contains a law library to assist inmates with their legal research needs, as well as a recreational library to distribute reading materials consisting of fiction books, Spanish-language titles, educational materials, and more.

### Law Library

Inmates at CCDC and NVC do not make physical visits to the Law Library. They instead have access to all relevant legal material within their own modules via Lexis Nexis-powered touchscreen kiosks. These kiosks are updated quarterly with new cases and statutes from Nevada and federal sources. Also included in the Lexis subscription are various secondary sources, including treatises, sample forms, and a legal dictionary.

If an inmate requires research assistance, or a physical copy of material located on the kiosk, they may send an electronic request to the Law Library from their module’s kiosk. Inmates may also send physical documents to the Law Library for photocopies. As a branch operation, correctional library staff have access to the full array of resources available to the Clark County Law Library, including the extensive physical collection, various database subscriptions, and developed relationships with community partners.

The statistics below summarize the number of inmate research, book, and copy requests received per month, as well as the number of pages of content provided in response in 2022.

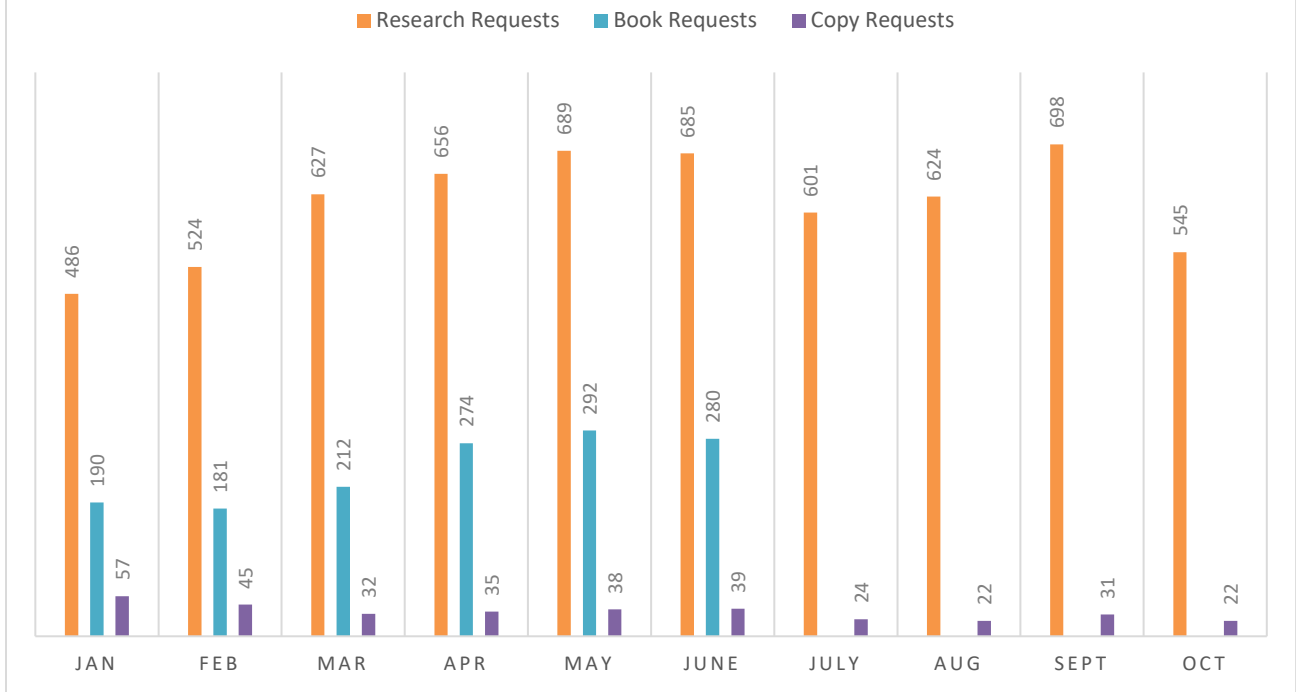
### Recreational Library

Inmates at CCDC and NVC do not make physical visits to the recreational library. They are instead provided bookshelves within each module, allowing inmates to freely exchange their books at times convenient for their schedules. Library staff make visits every other week to each module to replace existing material with new content.

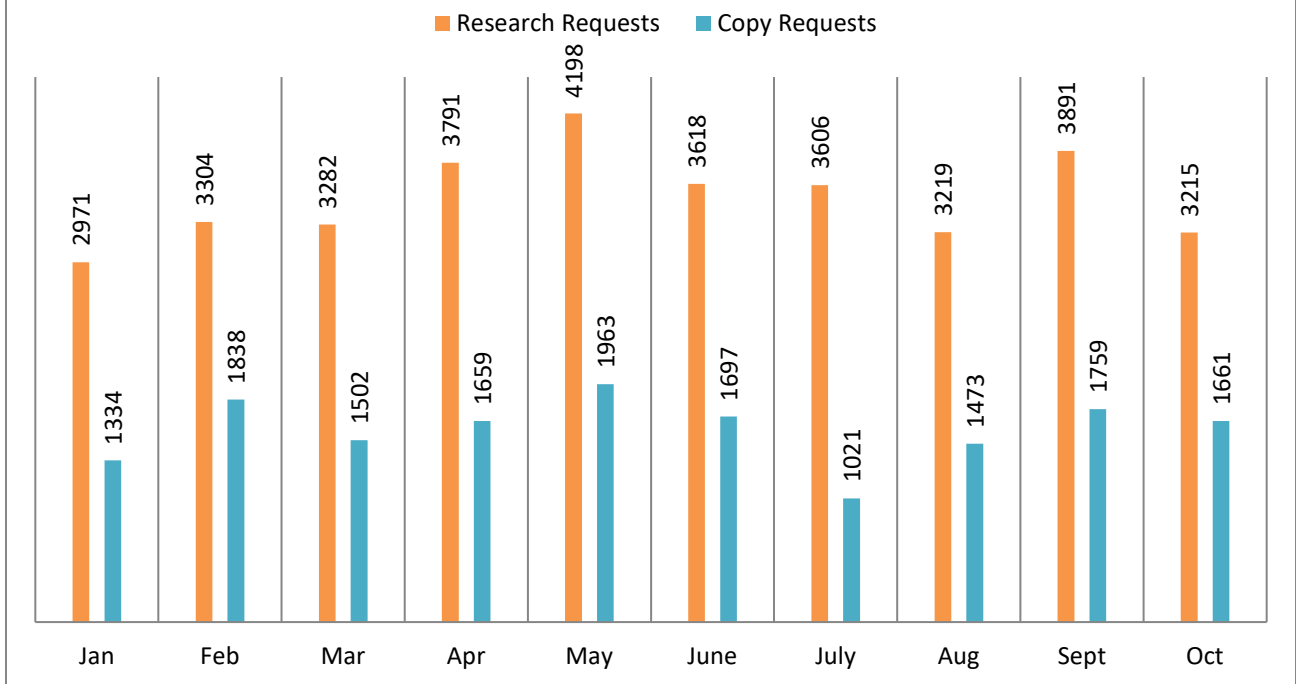
CCLL is proud to support several small businesses that consistently provide excellent new titles for the inmate population. Our current suppliers are listed below:

- [BulkBookStore](#)
- [Cardinal Publishers Group](#)
- [Chooseco](#)
- [Diamond Comics](#)
- [Jay O’Day](#)
- [Sheree Corniel](#)
- [Westgate Book Exchange](#)

## NUMBER OF REQUESTS RECEIVED FROM INMATES



## Number of Pages Provided to Inmates



## Donations

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The Law Library received donations of books and monetary gifts in 2022. These donations include:

- \$2,300 in monetary gifts
- Self-help titles from Narcotics Anonymous and Crystal Meth Anonymous for the inmates housed at CCDC and NVC
- 20 volumes added to the 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

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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.

The following are comments received throughout 2022:

- “I want to commend your staff for getting me the answers”
- “My experience was magnificent”
- “Absolutely a balanced experience”

## Social Media

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### FACEBOOK



Facebook is used to promote workshops, seminars and Law Library news and notes. Like our page at [Facebook.com/CCLawLib](https://www.facebook.com/CCLawLib).

### TWITTER



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

### YOUTUBE



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>