



STAFF REPORT

Report To: Board of Supervisors

Meeting Date: January 19, 2017

Staff Contact: Sena Loyd, sloyd@carson.org

Agenda Title: For Possible Action: To support the commitment to work together as part of The ConnectEd Library Card Challenge to ensure that every K-12 student in Carson City has a library card and knows how to use it to access the learning resources available at their public libraries and authorize the Mayor to sign The Leaders Library Card Challenge Commitment Letter.

Staff Summary: The ConnectEd Library Card Challenge is a national initiative that calls on communities to strengthen partnerships to provide all students in the local school district with a library card.

Agenda Action: Formal Action/Motion

Time Requested: 10 mins

Proposed Motion

I move to support the commitment to work together as part of The ConnectEd Library Card Challenge to ensure that every K-12 student in Carson City has a library card and knows how to use it to access the learning resources available at their public libraries and authorize the Mayor to sign The Leaders Library Card Challenge Commitment Letter.

Board's Strategic Goal

Quality of Life

Previous Action

N/A

Background/Issues & Analysis

Carson City School District and Carson City Library would like to partner to issue every student enrolled in CCSD a library card through their student ID. This partnership will ensure safe data sharing and establish a process that allows all CCSD student's in Carson City with access to the books and other learning resources at the library.

Additionally, this partnership supports students in Carson City in multiple ways:

- Promotes reading and learning through books, databases, programs, and library resources
- Promotes digital literacy through digital resources available at the library
- Promotes connectivity and access to wireless access with the library

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

NA

Financial Information

Is there a fiscal impact? Yes No

If yes, account name/number:

Is it currently budgeted? Yes No

Explanation of Fiscal Impact:

Alternatives

Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____

1) _____

2) _____

Aye/Nay

(Vote Recorded By)

The Leaders Library Card Challenge Commitment Letter

December 2016

Count us in! We are committed to working together as part of The Leaders Library Card Challenge to ensure that every K-12 student in *[insert name of jurisdiction]* has a library card and knows how to use it to access the learning resources available at their public libraries.

We look forward to strengthening our partnership to widen access to essential learning resources, begin to close achievement gaps, and build a foundation for sustained collaboration to improve education outcomes for all students in our community.

Sincerely,

Name, Title, Date

Chief Elected Official

Name, Title, Date

School Superintendent

Name, Title, Date

Library Director

CONNECTED LIBRARY CARD CHALLENGE



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CONNECTED LIBRARY CHALLENGE

The ConnectED Library Challenge is a way for communities throughout the country to create or strengthen partnerships so that every child enrolled in school can receive a library card and have access to the books and learning resources of America's public libraries. The initiative calls upon library directors to work with their mayors or county executives, school leaders, and school librarians.

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In addition to partnerships that improve library card access, participating libraries also commit to:

- Support student learning through programming that develops language, reading, and critical thinking
- Provide digital resources, such as eBooks and online collections of traditional media
- Provide broadband connectivity and wireless access within library facilities

Communities across the country have [committed to the ConnectED Library Challenge](#).

The ConnectED Library Challenge is part of the [ConnectED initiative](#) and was developed with IMLS direction and support. President Obama announced the initiative, together with the IMLS-supported [Open eBooks initiative](#), in spring 2015, at the Anacostia Branch of the District of Columbia Public Library. In January 2016, the White House hosted a ConnectED Library Challenge convening. With local elected leaders, school superintendents, and library officials from roughly 50 communities, the meeting was both a strategy session and celebration of the communities that had accepted the President's challenge. The [Urban Libraries Council \(ULC\)](#) and [American Library Association \(ALA\)](#) contributed to January event.



[HTTPS://WWW.IMLS.GOV/ISSUES/NATIONAL-INITIATIVES/CONNECTED-LIBRARY-CHALLENGE](https://www.ims.gov/issues/national-initiatives/connected-library-challenge)