



## Library Tax Measures Improve our Libraries



In 1998 voters approved Measure B, an ordinance which authorized the Board of Supervisors to impose a one-eighth of one percent (0.125%) retail transactions and use tax in Nevada County for a period of five years. The measure needed a 2/3 majority voter approval to pass. The five-year period expired on September 30, 2003.

In 2002 voters overwhelmingly passed an ordinance amending the General Code of the County of Nevada pertaining to the continuation of the Library sales tax by 76.61% in an effort to continue to improve library services. The expenditure plan preserves the existing libraries, enhances services and collections at the Libraries and extends branch library services to the served and un-served areas in the County (Measure C).

The adoption of Measure C continued the 0.125% retail transactions and use tax in Nevada County for fifteen years. The new expiration date is September 30, 2018. The specific expenditures covered under Measure C include increasing the hours of operation, children's services, book purchases, information access and establishment of the Citizen's Oversight Committee of the Nevada County Library for the purpose of reviewing, advising, and monitoring the Library's revenues, expenditures and services.

## Nevada County Library Locations & Hours

### Madelyn Helling Library

980 Helling Way, Nevada City, CA 95959  
Mon & Thurs  
Tues, Wed, Fri (**Closed Saturday**)

**530-265-7050**  
11am—7pm  
10am—6pm

### Grass Valley Library—Royce Branch

207 Mill Street, Grass Valley, CA 95945  
(**Closed Monday**) Tuesday  
Wed, Thurs, Fri  
Saturday

**530-273-4117**  
10am—8pm  
10am—6pm  
10am—4pm

### Truckee Library

10031 Levon Avenue, Truckee, CA 96161  
Mon & Thurs  
Tues, Wed, Fri (**Closed Saturday**)

**530-582-7846**  
11am—7pm  
10am—6pm

### Doris Foley Library for Historical Research

211 North Pine Street, Nevada City, CA 95959  
(*Reference Use Only*)  
Friday (**Closed for lunch 12pm-12:30pm**)

**530-265-4606**  
10am—4pm

### Bear River Station

11130 Magnolia Road, Grass Valley, CA 95949  
(Located at Bear River High School)  
Mon & Wed  
Saturday (**Closed for lunch 12pm-1pm**)

**530-271-4147**  
3pm—7pm  
9am—4pm

### Penn Valley Station

11336 Pleasant Valley Road, Penn Valley, CA 95946  
(Located at Wildwood Shopping Center)  
Tues & Sat (**Closed for lunch 1pm-2pm**)  
Thurs

**530-432-5764**  
9am—6pm  
2pm—6pm




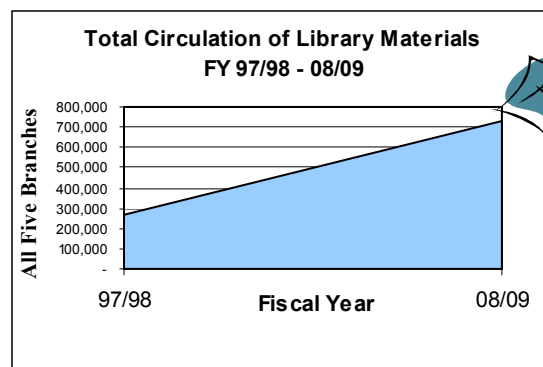
## Report Card (Thanks to Measures B&C)




# Nevada County Library Tax Measure Report Card


Funding from **Measures B & C**, though greatly reduced this year, allows the Nevada County Library System to continue operation of quality library services at six (6) library locations including the Penn Valley and Bear River Library Stations both opened in 2002. The station libraries began as pick-up points for library materials in locations remote to the main library in Nevada City and over time have come to offer increased services retaining library collections and providing successful children's programming.

 **Books & Media:** Library materials have increased 84% from 119, 217 in 1997/98 to 218,914 in 2008/09.

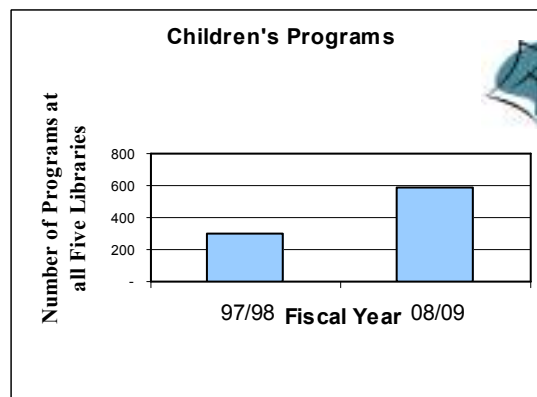


 **Happy Customers:** Nearly 67,880 Nevada County residents have library cards. Overall, 726,838 items have been checked out to residents from our local libraries between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009. Technology improvements providing quick and private check-out of materials include two self check-out units, one each at the Madelyn Helling and Grass Valley-Royce Branch Libraries. The libraries also offer a total of 38 internet computers for public use and wireless capability at the Madelyn Helling, Grass Valley-Royce Branch

and Truckee Libraries. Library patrons access the Library Catalog at home or work placing holds on materials that they pick up at designated library locations. The total number of hold requests placed for FY 2008/09 were 51,003.

 **Community Connection:** The Madelyn Helling, Grass Valley-Royce Branch and Truckee Libraries have improved library collections for job seekers. Job centers at the Madelyn Helling and Grass Valley Libraries, internet links for career development and formal career classes through a collaboration with One Stop Business & Career Center located at the Madelyn Helling Library have been crafted to meet local needs. The Library is a central meeting place for many Nevada County residents. Last year over 633 meetings and programs were held in the Community Room of the Madelyn Helling Library.

**Family Programming:** Together with our non-profit Friends of the Library organizations in Eastern and Western Nevada County the library system continually seeks opportunities to provide materi-



als and programming opportunities. Children's programming is an especially strong component of library services in Nevada County.

## Read Up

"Building Reading & Writing Skills" 

The Nevada County Library provides a literacy service with free one-on-one confidential skill building sessions for adults in reading, writing and math. The program celebrated ten years of service in 2008. Prior to Measure C this service did not exist.



## Library Achievements!

- Wireless Access—Free 3 libraries
- Self-Checkout—Easy, Private 2 libraries
- Internet Computers—Free 6 libraries
- Book Pick-Up Points 5 libraries
- Online Catalog accessible through library website
- Online Account to place holds, renew books & see what is currently checked out.



**Decreased Hours:** The decrease in sales in Nevada County has hit the Library very hard, decreasing the tax measure funds available to the Library. The three main branches decreased hours from 52 to 40 hours of service per week. Of the 3 largest libraries, only the Grass Valley Library-Royce Branch still offers Saturday hours. Bear River and Penn Valley stations continue to operate with no changes in hours. Doris Foley Library for Historical Research was reduced to one day a week-Friday. Visitors to all libraries combined totaled 214,864 in 1997/98. In fiscal year 2008/09 there were 443,650 visitors, a 106% increase. The Library continues to meet public demand in most areas despite the downward trend affecting service hours and staffing.