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Posted by Carole Wright



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GOED-GOWINN Project SANDI Program Can Now be accessed Through WorldCAT

CARSON CITY, Nev. – The **Supporting Advancing Nevada's Dislocated Individuals** (Project SANDI) virtual reality programs can now be accessed through WorldCat-OCLC, the world's largest library catalog.

Administered through the Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation (GOWINN) and the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED), Project SANDI's priorities include full virtual reality experiences that function as a supplement to training programs leading to industry recognized credentials. Gina Johnson, BSN, RN and the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Program Coordinator for Great Basin College (GBC) in Elko, was the subject matter expert and determined what curriculum elements would be the best fit for virtual reality. In tandem with

virtual reality publisher, Lifeliqe, they're credited for covering human body organs, body system monitoring and infection control in headset virtual reality.

Carson City Senior Librarian, Kelly Robertson cataloged the first virtual reality (VR) course companion into WorldCat-OCLC, the world's largest library catalog. In 2019 former State Librarian Tammy Westergard, now Governor's Office of Economic Development Project SANDI Coordinator, and Robertson led first of its kind cataloging of virtual reality into WorldCat, resulting in a collection of more than 1,000 3D interactive virtual reality objects – akin to very high tech 'flash cards'.

Building on success, one of Project SANDI's priorities includes full virtual reality experiences that function as a supplement to training programs leading to industry recognized credentials. Introduction to SANDI's career pathways through specialized 3D interactive objects and virtual reality experience enhances understanding of program requirements, competencies, professional behavior and will help explain the world of work in Nevada's in-demand fields. Scholarly research indicates VR also increases proficiency with basic science technology engineering math (STEM) concepts and principles.

"Project SANDI's virtual reality assets are not off the shelf. We publish virtual reality content through a guarantor process," says Lifeliqe's Co-founder and President Mark Andersen. "Great Basin College is a widely recognized leader in Nevada's distance learning space and has been eager to bring virtual reality assets into its instructional methods. Gina Johnson's leadership and subject matter expertise is second to none. GBC students are benefitting."

Listings in the library catalog raises awareness among faculty and students about the availability of instructional virtual reality.

"Instructors can assign students to go to the library and check out a virtual reality headset to be worn as a mobile classroom. Virtual reality CNA content will enhance the textbook theory content, adding an additional layer of immersive visual learning. What is learned in the classroom is accentuated with a dimension, like guided anatomy and physiology and active clinical judgement lessons. This really enhances learning by appealing to all learning styles: visual, auditory, reading, and kinesthetic learners. Improving clinical judgement before going to the clinical setting improves confidence and safety," says Johnson. "Also, the content applies across many kinds of health science courses, so instructors teaching related concepts can have their students use this too, creating course reserves available from the academic library."

"Kelly Robertson is one of the finest original catalogers in the state and as this innovative workforce project continues to stand up, the need to create original MARC records that could then be copy cataloged by other libraries into their local catalogs was something we could contribute to the project as a professional courtesy. We were glad to help," says Carson City Library Director, Joy Holt.

"As educational technology continues to evolve into formats that are increasingly visual and allow students to learn by doing, the ability to manipulate and interact in a simulated lifelike environment becomes a key component to understanding the *why* behind the *work* on a practical level," says Robertson, "Making these records available through WorldCat serves as a model all libraries can follow for creating access to these virtual learning tools."

In October 2020, under the Reimagine Workforce Preparation Discretionary Grants Program (CDFA Number: 84.425G) GOWINN was awarded \$13.8M from the U.S. Department of Education Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education. Nevada's charter is to scale, enhance and further develop digital components in healthcare, advanced manufacturing, logistics, IT and construction trades. Enhanced features include precision career navigation elements that 'decode' skills and award college credits and / or competency badges for prior experience. Virtual reality and 3D interactive training enhancements are focused on short term industry credentials through distance learning, to reskill and upskill folks for in-demand jobs within Nevada's resilient STEM industries. The Project SANDI grant requires virtual reality and 3D digitally interactive STEM education materials in these specific Nevada career pathways. The content is oriented to those who have a particular STEM interest, or their interest *is waiting to be sparked*. Digital tools are for broad use by multiple levels (high school, college, adult), include many topics or disciplines relative to middle and higher-level STEM and are accessible through Nevada's public libraries in partnership with Nevada community colleges and partners within the workforce ecosystem. Application of these scientific principles through devices and procedures demonstrated in virtual simulation and through in person training supports student success in earning nationally recognized industry credentials in:

- 1) Certified Clinical Hemodialysis Technician credential (CCHT)
- 2) Manufacturing Technician 1 (MT1)
- 3) Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
- 4) Refrigerant Handling (EPA 608)
- 5) Computational Thinking (CT)

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**Victories for Alaska's Bristol Bay and Tongass Forest** <https://www.audubon.org/news/victories-alaskas-bristol-bay-and-tongass-forest>

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Children as young as 10 and rape victims were sterilized in Utah as late as the 1970s. Time is running out to get justice.

Utah's eugenic sterilization program targeted at least 830 people, according to a new study. Around 50 are believed to still be alive today.



“Portrait of a Blackfoot Nation Native American woman, circa 1900.” sources: Blazer, Charlotte Pinkerton and McClintock, Walter, 1870-1949, Yale Collection of Western Americana, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library (<https://collections.library.yale.edu/catalog/2010569>)

Rural Broadband Tools and Resources in the North Central Region

Date/Time:

Monday, February 27, 2023 / 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (Eastern Time)

Description:

Broadband availability and access continue to be a problem in the United States, especially among rural and tribal communities. Researchers at Michigan State University created a tract-level web application of provision levels in Census tracts across the contiguous United States over a period of several years. Researchers from the Purdue Center for Regional Development will explain the digital divide index (DDI), which is a descriptive tool at the Census tract level (and counties, too) to help community stakeholders better understand their digital divide landscape. Both resources can help users better understand local broadband data.

Presenters:

- **Thomas Keene**, Ph.D. Student, Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics & Department of Economics, Michigan State University
- **Liz Mack**, Associate Professor, Department of Geography, Environment, and Spatial Sciences, Michigan State University
- **Roberto Gallardo**, Director, Purdue Center for Regional Development & Associate Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, Purdue University

Registration is open until the start of the webinar. After registering you will receive a confirmation email with information on how to join the webinar.



Rural Broadband Tools and Resources in the NCR

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Hawaii has a long history with the U.S. military on the islands using them for bases and training, including live-round on the ground and in the air practice. As a result, the land is now littered with dangerous bombs known as unexploded ordnance (UXO).

These UXO pose an immediate and ongoing danger to the people of Hawaii because it prevents them from using their own land for everything from permanent housing to farming.

The threat is particularly devastating for the native Hawaiian community, who have been waiting for years for the opportunity to build homes, farms, and ranches on their ancestral lands, but the UXO left behind decades ago has made it impossible.

The situation is urgent, and it's time for immediate action to clear these bombs from Hawaii and protect the safety of all communities. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is responsible for leading the remediation efforts, but so far, they have failed in their duty to remove these dangerous weapons.

[Write to Lieutenant General Scott A. Spellmon and demand that the Army Corps of Engineers immediately remove all bombs left behind in Hawaii now.](#)

Native Hawaiians have a deep connection to the land, and it is a fundamental part of their cultural identity. The inability to use and access their own land has caused immense cultural loss and a disconnection from their heritage.

The issue of UXO highlights the systemic injustice and continued oppression of indigenous peoples in the United States. The military's use of the land for training purposes without regard for the long-term impact on the local population is a clear example of colonialism and exploitation.

The military's actions have deprived indigenous peoples of their land and resources, and the failure to address the UXO problem perpetuates this ongoing harm.

It is imperative that the Army Corps of Engineers take immediate and decisive action to clear the UXO from Hawaii to ensure the safety and well-being of the indigenous communities that call the land home.

This is not just about physical safety. It's also about honoring and respecting the cultural significance of the land for the indigenous peoples.

[Urge you to take a moment to reach out to Lieutenant General Scott A. Spellmon and demand that the Army Corps of Engineers immediately remove all bombs left behind in Hawaii.](#)

Every voice counts in this important effort to keep communities safe and protect the rights of indigenous peoples.

Thank you for your support in this critical effort.

- Amanda

Amanda Ford, Director
Democracy for America
Advocacy Fund

EPA Announces Initial Program Design of Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced initial guidance on the design of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) program, created by President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act. EPA published two Federal Assistance Listings outlining key parameters of the grant competitions that will ultimately award nearly \$27 billion to leverage private capital for clean energy and clean air investments across the country. Federal Assistance Listings are the first public notice requirement to implement a federal grant program.

The initial program design guidance follows a robust stakeholder engagement effort with input collected from state, local and Tribal governments, community financing institutions, environmental justice organizations, industry groups and labor and environmental finance experts.

"Thanks to President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act, the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund will unlock historic investments to combat the climate crisis and deliver results for the American people, especially those who have too often been left behind. The initial program design announced today will ensure the fund fulfills its mandate to deliver benefits to all in a transparent and inclusive fashion," **said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan.** "With \$27 billion from President Biden's investments in America, this program will mobilize billions more in private capital to reduce pollution and improve public health, all while lowering energy costs, increasing energy security, creating good-paying jobs and boosting economic prosperity in communities across the country."

EPA will hold two competitions to distribute grant funding under the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: [a \\$20 billion General and Low-Income Assistance Competition](#) and [a \\$7 billion Zero-Emissions Technology Fund Competition](#). EPA will implement these programs in alignment with President Biden's Justice40 Initiative, which directs that 40% of the overall benefits of certain Federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities, including those facing disproportionately high and adverse health and environmental impacts. EPA expects to open competitions for funding under the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund by summer 2023.

EPA also announced a national Community Roundtable series to continue a robust and inclusive engagement effort, focused on introducing the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to communities across the country and learning about community-level solutions that the Fund can support.

EPA's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund will include a **nearly \$20 billion General and Low-Income Assistance Competition** to award competitive grants to eligible nonprofit entities that will collaborate with community financing institutions like green banks, community development financial institutions, credit unions, housing finance agencies and others. Together, these entities will leverage public dollars with private capital to invest in projects that reduce pollution and lower energy costs for families, particularly those in the low-income and disadvantaged communities that have had unequal access to private capital for far too long. Awardees will also facilitate technical assistance and capacity building to strengthen the community-based organizations, small businesses, workers, and suppliers required to accelerate the transition to an equitable net-zero economy and catalyze the jobs of the future. EPA expects to make between 2 and 15 grants under this competition.

Under the **\$7 billion Zero-Emissions Technology Fund Competition**, EPA will award competitive grants to states, Tribes, municipalities, and eligible nonprofit entities to enable the deployment of residential rooftop solar, community solar and associated storage and upgrades in low-income and disadvantaged communities. This competition will ensure all families benefit from clean, affordable energy options. EPA expects to award up to 60 grants under this competition.

EPA is moving expeditiously to develop these two grant competitions, utilizing the established technical expertise of agency officials in EPA and across the US government, to invest public funding transparently and inclusively and deliver significant investments in the American people. EPA expects to release Notice of Funding Opportunities for these competitions in early summer 2023.

Stakeholder Engagement

EPA initiated the program design process last October with a call for public input that resulted in nearly 400 detailed responses, hundreds of attendees at two public townhalls delivering over four hours of public comments, nearly two dozen targeted stakeholder meetings with state, local and Tribal governments, community financing institutions, environmental justice organizations, industry groups, labor organizations, and environmental finance experts.

Stakeholders submitted thousands of pages of comments during the process with diverse perspectives on how to implement the program. Records of the responses EPA received during the stakeholder engagement process can be viewed in the docket at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). EPA will continue to assess feedback received by stakeholders to inform the design of the grant competitions.



An ode to the library

Libraries aren't about silence anymore. They're about versatility. The modern library helps people stay warm in the winter, or cool down in the summer. It provides safety, entertainment, education, even hydration. You're always invited, no reservation needed.

Last fall, The Times sent photographers to local libraries in seven states. They found toddlers trying to catch bubbles on the loose, grateful seniors enjoying deliveries of crime novels and teenagers strumming guitars together.

[See the photos, and share your own memories.](#)

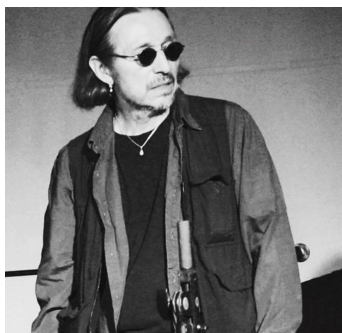
Would be great if The Times were flooded with pics and comments about Tribal Libraries, particularly about the unique knowledge they hold, available nowhere else!



[Harold W Fuller You know you're from Hawthorne, NV](#)



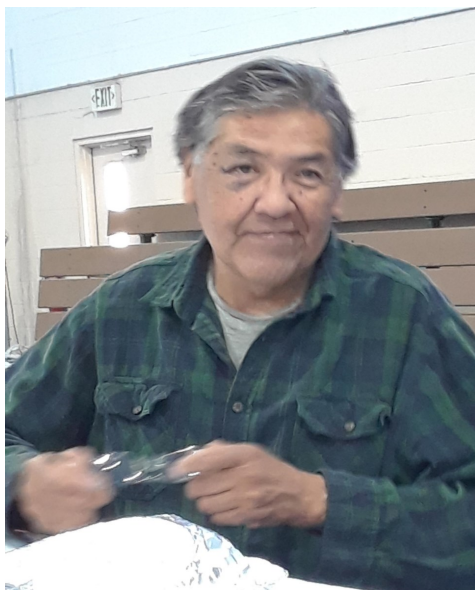
Two Walker River Reservation residents were among seven Nevada Indians in Washington, D.C., to participate in the 1974 American Folklife Festival. Shown meeting with Nevada Sen. Howard Cannon are Lena Murphy, third from left, and Stannard Frank, right, both of Schurz.



“Our power resides in our connection to the Earth, our ability to think clearly, and our refusal to believe the illusions and deceptions of the oppressors. The foundation of our power is caring, respect, and responsibility. Learning is the path to healing, and learning begins with clear and coherent thinking. No medicine is more powerful than intelligence — if intelligence is used intelligently.”

-John Trudell

***In Loving Memory
Of
Carl Allen Wahweah
September 3, 1957 - February 9, 2023***



Graveside Service

Sunday, February 26, 2023 @ 2:00 p.m.

Schurz Paiute Indian Cemetery

Flower donations would be greatly appreciated.

Memorial Dinner to follow at Walker River Community Center

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