



Second Judicial District Court

Department Title: Law Library

Manager: Sarah Bates

Hours of Operation: Monday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Tuesday 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Friday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Department Description: The Law Library enhances access to justice by providing legal information through both print and digital resources. Our collection of materials covers a wide variety of legal topics and includes Westlaw, Gale Legal Forms, and Hein Online. Law Library cards are free to the public and many of our items circulate. Our helpful staff is available to explain Court policies and procedures. Additionally, we assist patrons in finding Court-approved packets and forms for their family law cases. The Law Library prides itself on the help we give to both the public and the legal community. We are located in the Historic Courthouse at 75 Court Street.

Accessible Services and Support: Through the Lawyer in the Library program, volunteer attorneys meet with members of the public via Zoom to provide free legal assistance. Tuesday night is for family law questions while Wednesday night is for general law. The first and third Wednesday of every month also include probate law. Each year, the Law Library celebrates Pro Bono Week and Law Day with free special events to assist citizens of Washoe County with their legal needs.

The Law Library has three computers providing access to Westlaw. We have four computers with internet access, Microsoft Office, and Adobe Acrobat. There are three Zoom computers for attending Lawyer in the Library and court hearings. There are two terminals available for searching the court record through Contexte. Patrons can print from all computers except those used for accessing Contexte. Wireless printing is also available.

Staff can notarize Court-approved packets and forms for no additional fee.

Summary of Services:

- **15,016 patrons** called, emailed or visited the Law Library and received assistance in 2021.
- **1,351 people** attended the Lawyer in the Library program in 2021.

Contact us: Reference Desk (775) 328-3250

The mission of the Washoe County Law Library is to enhance access to justice by (1) providing legal information, education, resources, tools and materials, in print and digital formats, to those engaged with the justice system, and (2) partnering with the courts, bar associations, legal clinics, civil organizations, and government entities to help insure the legal needs of the community are addressed.