

Washoe County Library System Receives Reference Library

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The Community Associations Institute (CAI) Research Foundation has awarded a collection of reference publications on managing condominium, cooperative and homeowner associations to the Washoe County Library System through its Adopt-a-Library program. The collection, valued at more than \$1,200, was made possible by a donation from the Nevada Chapter of CAI and the Foundation for Community Association Research. The materials will be housed at the South Valleys and Spanish Springs libraries.

The Adopt-a-Library gift is comprised of a number of CAI publications as well as a complete set of CAI's 27 Guides for the Association Practitioner offering nuts-and-bolts guidelines on managing budgets and reserve funds; the responsibilities of the board and the professional manager; legal and tax issues; communication with association members and renters; buying insurance and managing risk; drafting rules; dispute resolution; and working with contractors.

"CAI's Adopt-a-Library program provides much-needed information on every aspect of a community association's role as a business, a government and a community," said David Jennings, executive director of the Foundation for Community Association Research. "From combating homeowner apathy to filing tax returns, these publications offer Washoe County residents and residents of adjacent counties in both Nevada and California, the answer to any question on how to protect and enhance the community association lifestyle."

The Foundation for Community Association Research promotes community association research,

development and scholarship. The Community Associations Institute is a nonprofit association created in 1973 to educate and represent the nation's 286,000 community associations - condominium associations, homeowner associations and cooperatives. CAI members include homeowners, associations and related professionals and service providers.

Make-a-Difference Day Halloween Carnival and Costume Contest



Ghouling and giving come together for the 8th Annual Make-A-Difference Day Halloween Carnival and Costume Contest from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 28 at the North Valleys Regional Sports Complex in Stead.

Festivities include carnival games, bounce houses, face painting, raffle prizes, 100 free lunches, Washoe County's mobile library, the school district's Cow Bus, and plenty of Halloween candy. State Farm Agent Tom Leuenhagen and Child Seekers will provide children's fingerprinting kits and conduct a bicycle rodeo.

Admission is one non-perishable food item for the Food Bank.

The Make-A-Difference Day Halloween Carnival and Costume Contest is a cooperative community service provided by the Sierra Nevada Job Corps and the Washoe County Department of Regional Parks and Open Space. For more information, call 424-1801.