

News & Notes

Nevada County Reads & Writes

Judy Nielsen

Committee Member

Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson, has been selected by the Nevada County Reads committee. Bryan Stevenson is one of the most brilliant and influential lawyers of our time. He is the founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative, a Montgomery, Alabama-based non-profit committed to fighting poverty and challenging racial discrimination in the criminal justice system. He has won relief for dozens of condemned prisoners, argued five times before the Supreme Court, and won national acclaim for his work challenging bias against the poor and people of color. His powerful memoir *Just Mercy* chronicles a case early in his career and has received glowing praise for its honesty and timeliness. Mr. Stevenson is a MacArthur “Genius” award recipient, a graduate of Harvard Law and the Harvard School of Government, and is on the faculty at New York University School of Law.

The author will be a guest speaker at CSU, Chico on Tuesday evening, April 19. The Nevada County Reads & Writes committee has obtained permission to live stream on that evening. The live stream will take place in the community room at the Madelyn Helling Library.

Books will be available in Nevada County Libraries, Nevada Union library, and Bear River library in the latter part of January. The NCSOS office will again provide a limited number of books to each of the high schools for classroom use.

Additional programs and discussions will be announced at a later date.

STEAM Expo Steaming Ahead

Teena Corker

Planning Committee Co-Chair

The Nevada County Superintendent of Schools office and local educators are excitedly planning the first annual Nevada County STEAM Expo to take place April 8-9, 2016 at the Nevada County Fairgrounds. The 2016 Expo will incorporate opportunities for students in grades K – 12 to participate in a variety of events and competitions integrating the five areas of STEAM (Science – Technology – Engineering – Art – Mathematics). In collaboration with the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools office, the planning committee is co-chaired by Teena Corker (Principal, Pleasant Valley School) and Jennifer Johnson (Teacher, Lyman Gilmore School) and includes superintendents, principals, teachers, retired educators and community leaders.

The STEAM Expo will replace the traditional Science Fair and Math Competitions that NCSOS has sponsored in the past, and will focus on an emphasis of 21st Century Skills. The Expo will still include opportunities for students to compete for State Science Fair entries and participate in math competitions, as well as other events and challenges to test and display their skills and knowledge. If you are interested in participating in the planning of this exciting new event, please contact Teena Corker - tcorker@pennvalleyschools.k12.ca.us, Shar Johns - sjohns@nevco.org, or Judy Nielsen - jnielsen@nevco.org.

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Trainings

Early Childhood Education Leadership 2015-16 Workshop Series #3 of Six: Emergency Preparedness

Thursday, January 21, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. join presenter Chris Espedal, NCSOS's Safety and School Climate Coordinator. The focus of this emergency preparedness presentation will be 'Changing Trends in School Safety', where dedicated care providers will further their knowledge and skills. The workshop series enhances an early childhood community that supports our learners from the start and helps Nevada County's kids be ready for kindergarten. Individuals attending at least four of the six workshops will receive a \$60 stipend.

A light dinner will be provided. Workshops take place at NCSOS and are sponsored by NCSOS, First 5 Nevada County, Sierra Nevada Children's Services, and the Childcare Coordinating Council. For more information contact Sandi at First 5 Nevada County at 274-5361 or sandi@first5nevco.org. To sign up go to <http://www.first5nevco.org/early-childhood-education-classes-201516/> See the *Quick Reference Calendar* below for a complete list of workshop dates and topics.

Babysitting Certification

Back by popular demand, NCSOS is offering the Child and Babysitting Safety Certification class on Saturday, January 9, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Houser Room at the NCSOS office. Students should wear comfortable clothes and bring snacks and a brown-bag lunch. \$35 prepaid includes workbook and certification card. Register by January 4, 2016 by

sending a check to NCSOS to the attention of Coordinator of School Health Sharyn Turner.

Field Trips



Music in the Mountains

These MIM Educational Programs are FREE to Nevada County Schools:

- + Peers Performing for Peers
- + Music Live
- + Classics 4 Kids
- + Take Five for Music

These MIM Educational Programs are at a minimal cost:

- + Carnegie Link Up
- + Young Composers

*Education Director Mark Vance
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Opportunities for All

REVISED ELA/ELD Curriculum Preview Fair Calendar

There has been amazing interest and collaboration during the ELA/ELD Curriculum Preview Fair, so much in fact, that we have extended the time and added additional days in January for your teachers to visit and preview the State K – 8 adopted materials. Current publishers include: McGraw Hill, Houghton-Mifflin, National Geographic, and Amplify. Contact Kathleen Kiefer at 478-6400 x246 or kkiefer@nevco.org for more info or to reserve a Team Time.

Additional dates and times available:

- Jan 4: 3:00 – 5:00
- Jan 5: 8:00 – 11:00
- Jan 8: 3:00 – 5:00
- Jan 12: 3:00 – 5:00
- Jan 13: 3:00 – 5:00
- Jan 14: 8:00 – 3:00 (final day)

Student Voices Campaign: A 2-minute Video Program for 7th-12th Grade Students

The Student Voices Campaign, a program of the CA Alliance for Arts Education, invites students ages 7th-12th to create 2-minute videos that share their vision for better schools. Project goals are to empower students to be creative, effective civic leaders, nurture students' visual storytelling skills, and create powerful evidence of the value of arts learning and student voices. Video submission due date is April 1, 2016 – no foolin' <http://studentvoicescampaign.org/post/132693395645/did-you-know-in-california-students-are> is a link for a 3-minute video explaining the campaign. Nevada County Arts council is taking the lead at a local level and is available for further information or assistance. Contact Nevada County Arts Director Eliza Tudor at eliza@nevadacountyarts.org or 718-0727.

Nevada County STEAM Expo

The Nevada County STEAM Expo will provide a platform for hands-on activities, events, demonstrations, and for students to compete and display work in all areas of STEAM. Planning meetings are January 25, February 22, and March 14 at the NCSOS Annex. This is a unique opportunity to plan, create, and organize the new Nevada County STEAM Expo. Contact Teena Corker – tcorker@pennvalleyschools.k12.ca.us,

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Shar Johns- sjohns@nevco.org, or Judy Nielsen- jnielsen@nevco.org if you would like to be involved in planning.

2016 International Aviation Art Contest

The U.S. Department of Transportation - Federal Aviation Administration invites students ages 6-17 to participate in the International Aviation Art Contest. This year's theme is Air Sports in Harmony with Nature. The program is designed to encourage students to become familiar with aeronautics, engineering, and science. Entries must be postmarked by January 22, 2016 and be accompanied by the contest registration form, within the

brochure, that can be accessed on the NCSOS website at <http://nevco.org/2016-international-aviation-art-contest/>.

CPR & First Aid Training

See *Quick Reference Calendar* below for dates and times thru January 2016. CPR & First Aid Training is \$30. Fees must be prepaid to reserve a spot in class. For further info call Faith at 478-6400 x201 or register on-line at www.nevco.org/register.

Young Scholars Program

The UC Davis Young Scholars Program offers summer research opportunities in the biological and natural sciences for 40 high-achieving students who will be juniors or

seniors during the summer of 2016. Go to <http://ysp.ucdavis.edu> for additional information, online application, and fee schedule. An additional resource is Director J. Richard Pomeroy at jrpomeroy@ucdavis.edu or phone 752-0622. Substantial fee reductions, up to 90%, are available for students on a needs-based sliding scale.

NCSOS Hallway of Student Art

Timeslots are still available to display classroom art exhibits at NCSOS. Site administrators and/or teachers can contact Judy Nielsen at jnielsen@nevco.org to reserve a month for your school to have an art exhibit at the Superintendent of Schools office.

Quick Reference Calendar...

Calendar events have been highlighted in previous editions of *The Nugget* and are listed in chronological order. Back issues of *The Nugget*, with additional information, can be found at www.nevco.org/news-events.



Beginning Teachers Support & Assessment (BTSA)

All seminars not online take place in the NCSOS Houser Room from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

DATE	GROUP
Wed., January 6	Year 2 Seminar
Thurs., January 7	Year 1 Seminar
Thurs., February 4	Year 1 Seminar
Wed., April 6	Year 2 Seminar
Thurs., April 7	Year 1 Seminar
Thurs., May 5	Special Education Seminar



Poetry Out Loud

January 11-15, 2016

January 27, 2016

Individual high school competition days

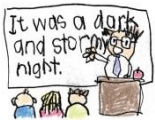
Countywide competition



Upcoming CPR Class Dates

CPR & FIRST AID	Mon. 1/11	3 p.m. – 7 p.m.
CPR & FIRST AID	Tues. 1/19	3 p.m. – 7 p.m.

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Tournament Schedule for School Year 2015-16

EVENT	GRADE	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Writing	7 th – 8 th	1/12	9-2	Miners Foundry
Speech Prelims	4 th – 8 th	3/10	9 - 12:30 1 - 4:30	Calvary Bible Church – Speech Topic: “What Music Means to Me...”
Speech Finals	4 th – 8 th	3/15	6:30 - 8:30	Nevada Theatre
STEM/STEAM EXPO & Math Competition	K – 12 th	4/8-9	TBD	Nevada County Fairgrounds



Triple P - Positive Parenting Program

January 14, 2016 Ready Springs Elementary School
 February 17, 2016 Deer Creek Elementary School
 TBA Sierra College Child Development Center



CSU Expository Reading & Writing (ERWC)

January 15, 2016 NCSOS Houser Room
 April 8, 2016 NCSOS Houser Room



Early Childhood Education Workshop Series

January 21 Emergency Preparedness
 February 18 Strategies for Resolving Challenging Behaviors
 March 17 Speech/Language Development: Early Signs for Intervention
 April 21 How do I know if I need to do a mandated report for child abuse?



STEAM Expo

January 25, 2016 committee meeting
 February 22, 2016 committee meeting
 March 14, 2016 committee meeting
 April 8-9, 2016 STEAM Expo



NCSOS Educator Grant Program: Report due dates

February 1, 2016 Cycle I
 April 15, 2016 Cycle II



McKinney Vento: Quarterly School Site Liaison Meeting

February 18, 2016 NCSOS Annex
 May 12, 2016 NCSOS Annex

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Student Music Performances

March 10, 2016	MIM Music Live
March 11, 2016	MIM Music Live
April 7, 2016	MIM Music Live
April 8, 2016	MIM Music Live
April 19, 2016	InConcert Sierra 3 rd grade concert



Student Dance Performances

April 27	Nevada Union dance performance 'Into the Woods'
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