

REPORT SUMMARY OF "SQUIRRELY SHIRLEY MAKES WAVES!"

Summer 2010 performances
at various sites in the Washoe County Library System.

Spanish Springs: On Monday, June 21 we hosted the entertaining Glenda Bonin and her friend Squirrely Shirley (in fact, we had trouble closing since everyone wanted to talk to Glenda or Shirley afterwards). Our group of **35 attendees** enjoyed the water safety tips Shirley and Glenda interspersed between their fun tales. Even the two little boys who just couldn't stop talking to Glenda throughout the show demonstrated their love by insisting that they get to come back in the room following their ***frequent*** parentally enforced exits. Whew. Fun for all! Enjoy hosting Glenda if you get a chance.

North Valleys: On Tuesday, June 22 we were delighted to have Glenda Bonin and Squirrely Shirley at the North Valleys library. We had **30 people** attend this program. Glenda was nice enough to tell stories before the program to the people that arrived early. Both kids and parents loved Shirley's sassy jokes and Glenda's wonderful stories. Thank you Friends and everyone who helped us get this program!

Sierra View: Tuesday, June 22: Glenda Bonin and her pal Squirrely Shirley entertained a group of **37 kids and adults** here at Sierra View! The kids thoroughly enjoyed the event, and almost everyone stayed to watch the entire program -which says a lot in regard to the littlest ones in attendance! One grandmother asked me if I was the voice they heard coming out of the magic tree...ha! Thank you to the Friends of the Library for bringing Glenda back to the library system! We hope she returns again soon.

Downtown Reno: Tuesday, June 22: 20 patrons enjoyed Glenda Bonin and her friend Squirrely Shirley at Reno. All of the kids had a wonderful time and thought that Squirrely Shirley was absolutely hilarious! Glenda added some safety skills for kids to know when playing around water, which was a great part of the program. A huge thanks to the Friends of the Library for making this event possible

South Valleys: Wednesday, June 23: Big thanks to Glenda Bonin, Squirrely Shirley, and the Friends of the Library for a great storytelling hour. **48 adults and youngsters** were in attendance (with most staying the entire hour!) on Wednesday to laugh & learn with Glenda & Shirley. Great program!

Incline Village: Wednesday, June 23: Glenda and Squirrely Shirley came to Incline too and put on a great performance. **19 young people and families** were transfixed by the stories and jokes. The age group was mostly K or younger and Glenda was absolutely perfect for that age group. It was like Lamb Chop live, just nice, gentle yet funny and captivating stories. And we always love when performers promote the summer reading program and checking out books. Thank you Friends of WCLS.

Northwest Reno: Thursday, June 24: This morning at Northwest, **81 people** attended our “Make a Splash” Summer Reading Club kick-off program featuring Glenda Bonin and her puppet friend Squirrely Shirley. Kids and grown-ups were delighted with the stories and the puppet’s antics. Parents caught me after the program to acknowledge their appreciation for this fine program. I think the greatest measure of success was the enthralled expressions on children’s faces during the performance. Heaps of gratitude goes to the Friends for their generous contributions that made this lovely event possible.

Sparks: Thursday, June 24: An audience of **42 children and adults** were entertained by the storytelling of Glenda Bonin and laughed at the antics of her rather frisky friend, Squirrely Shirley. Between tales, Glenda and Squirrely Shirley incorporated pool safety and a little magic into their routine. We would like to send a huge thank you to the Friends of Washoe County Library for providing the funding for this program.

Verdi: Saturday, June 26 Glenda Bonin and her storytelling sidekick, Squirrely Shirley, dropped by Verdi Community Library to entertain a good group of **20 people**, all ages from Verdi & other parts of the Reno-area. Glenda and Shirley made themselves at home in the Nature Center, impressed by both the tree there and its lifelike puppet-squirrel occupant (“Shirley” was in love!). “We hadn’t seen anything like it,” they said. They were both very friendly, and they did great keeping everyone entertained for the hour with a *variety* of storytelling techniques. Thanks again to the Friends of Washoe County Library.