

**TOOLS FOR THE FUTURE...NEVADA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
PRE-CONFERENCE AUGUST 2006**

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Be sure to mark your calendars now so that you can get in on all of the action! Plan to join us for this year's Pre-Conference on August 15th and 16th at Texas Station Hotel and Casino, North Las Vegas for two days that you'll be sure to remember! If you work with children, you won't want to miss out on this opportunity to share knowledge as we dialogue together and have fun as well!

We have all kinds of programs planned especially for you! Here's just a sampling of what you can enjoy for two days for a very low price (\$40.00 NLA Members; \$50.00 Non NLA Members).

- **“BEST OF THE BEST” SHOWCASE**
Tuesday, Aug. 15th 3:30-5:00 Houston 1
Presented by Young People's Staff from the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District.
Come share information and ideas for programs for kids and teens as you learn about some programs that have been really successful and easy to do!

Presented by Kim Russell, International House of Blues, and Speakersontour.com.
In this interactive program, you will learn how storytelling can help you to create a living history tableau in your classroom or library!
- **BLOG ALL ABOUT IT! USING BLOGS IN YOUR LIBRARY!**
Tuesday, Aug 15th 3:30-5:30 Houston 2
Presented by Joan Vaughan and Joy St. John Henderson District Public Libraries
Blogs can be used as effective tools to market your library events and offerings. They can also be used by you, the library staff member, to keep on the cutting edge of trends and discussions in the library world.

Joan and Joy will showcase how they have used blogs in their own library, as well as how other libraries throughout the country have used them. As time permits, they will give a tutorial on how to start a blog for your library.

They will then show how blogs can help library staff members stay well-versed on the very latest issues in the library world. Tools for blog management will be shown, and some blog recommendations will be given.
- **“FUNDAMENTALS OF GRANTWRITING”.**
Tuesday, Aug 15th 3:30-5:30 Houston 3
Presented by Karen Lowe.
Are you tired of begging for money to fund your school library media program? Does your book budget continue to dwindle as technology drains your limited funding even further? This session includes the basic components of grant proposals, helpful tips for writing winning proposals and a list of websites to get the beginning writer started.
- **GET READY TO EXPLORE!**
Tuesday, Aug 15th 9:00-10:00 Houston 3
Presented by Beth Lafferty, YPL Librarian, Las Vegas-Clark County Library District.
Come learn a fun and appealing approach for reading and exploring Non-Fiction with school-aged children!
- **“HISPANIC STORYTIME CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES”**
Tuesday, Aug. 15th 1:30-3:00 Houston 1
Presented by Angel Avila, YPL Department Head, LVCCCLD.
You don't have to speak Spanish to include the culture in your story times! Participate in this hands-on session to make traditional crafts and learn fun activities to enhance your special programs for Hispanic Holidays, as well as for your regular storytimes.
- **BOOKS TOO GOOD TO MISS: STRATEGIES TO MOTIVATE MORE INDEPENDENT READING”.**
Wednesday, Aug 16th 1:30-3:30 Houston 3
Presented by Dr. Nancy Livingston, Professor Emeritus, and Brigham Young University.
Come find out about the best recent books for youth and activities to motivate and monitor self-selected daily reading.
- **EXPLORING HISTORY THROUGH ART, THEATER AND LITERATURE!**
Wednesday, Aug 16th 11:00-12:00 Houston 3

• **HOMEWORK HELP FOR YOU AND YOUR STUDENTS!**
Various times Houston 1
Presented by Susan Williams, Librarian from Las Vegas-Clark County Library District.
Come learn all about the Statewide Databases and how you can use these to help your students in grades 3-12 learn more

about Science and Math, English and Social Studies!

- **“HOTWIRE YOUR HOMESCHOOLERS TO SUCCESS: LAS VEGAS STYLE”**

Tuesday, Aug. 15th 1:30-3:00 Houston 3
Presented by Barbara Coleman and Lisa Gibson, Las Vegas –Clark County Library District.

Learn how you can use tomorrow’s technology to identify student need and ensure student success!

- **INSPIRING READERS & WRITERS: TURNING IDEAS INTO STORIES”**

Tuesday, Aug 15th Part #1: 9:00-10:00 Houston 2 / Part #2: 11:00-12:00 Houston 2
Presented by William Hill, author (Otter Creek Press).

In these two sessions (one for Elementary School and one for Middle School), you will learn where ideas come from (character, theme, conflict etc.) and how using these students can write stories themselves.

- **INTERNET SAFETY.**

Tuesday, Aug 15th 10:00-11:00 Houston 1
Presented by FBI Special Agent Gene Tierney.

In this presentation you will learn how to protect the children you work with from the perils of the internet. You will gain useful tips on what to watch for and also become knowledgeable about what penalties can be imposed if need be!

- **KIM RUSSELL PORTRAYS SOJOURNER TRUTH.**

Wednesday, Aug. 16th 9:00-10:00 Houston 3
Presented by Kim Russell, International House of Blues, and SpeakersonTour.com.

Sojourner Truth was a feisty, outspoken 19th century, anti-slavery feminist. Russell will share Truth’s thoughts on emancipation, civil war, integration, Women’s rights in this program which you can book for your schools and Libraries!

- **RESOURCE ALIGNMENT: PROVIDING CURRICULUM SUPPORT IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER”.**

Wednesday, Aug. 16th All Day Houston 2
Presented by Karen R. Lowe, Education Consultant and former President of the North Carolina School Library Media Association 2005-06.

This all day workshop will walk you through how to weed, update and build a School Library Media collection that supports the State Curriculum.

- **SILLY SISTERS: AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR TOOLS**

Wednesday, Aug. 16th 3:30-5:30 Houston 3

Presented by Janet and Susan Stevens

Janet Stevens and sister Susan Stevens Crummel, authors and illustrators of such children’s favorite picture books as Jackalope, Tops and Bottoms, Cook-a-Doodle-Do, My Big Dog, And the Dish Ran Away with the Spoon, and The Great Fuzz Frenzy, will open their creative tool box and share their collaborative writing process with us.

Note: Authors will be scheduled at the NLA Booth in the Exhibits for autographs and visiting after the program.

- **SPRINGS IN THE DESERT: A KID’S HISTORY OF LAS VEGAS**

Tuesday, Aug 15th 1:30-3:00 Houston 2.

This program will be hosted by Mrs. Sheila Moulton, Clark County School District Trustee. It will be presented by librarians from the Clark County School District.

They will introduce this new easy-to-read textbook that was written primarily for the 4th grades of the CCSD. This book takes kids on a colorful thousand-year journey from the time that Las Vegas was a Anasazi village to Nevada’s first ghost town (it’s true!) to the tourist Mecca that it is today! It gives kids a chance to learn Las Vegas their own way! A companion book “*Springs in the Desert Activity Book*” is also available for parents and teachers to use to plan day trips to local historic sites!

- **“WHAT IS PUBLIC ETHICS?”**

Tuesday, Aug. 15th 10:00-11:00 Houston 3

Presented by Craig Walton, Ph.D. President, Nevada Center for Public Ethics. Emeritus Professor of Ethics and Policy Studies, UNLV.

What is government financial accountability? What are the 2007 ethics proposals pending in the 2007 Nevada Legislature? Come and learn about these topics and more!

- **Yeah, Write!**

Tuesday, Aug. 15th 11-12:00 Houston 3

Presented by Sigourney, Richmond-Darbey, PH.D.

Learn about this Children’s Literary Review Magazine and discover how it motivates children to read more while improving their critical thinking, concise writing and comprehension.

Pre-Conference At a Glance

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10:00-11:00	Houston 1	INTERNET SAFETY
10:00-11:00	Houston 3	WHAT IS PUBLIC ETHICS?
11:00-12:00	Houston 1	HOMEWORK HELP FOR YOU AND YOUR STUDENTS!
11:00-12:00	Houston 2	INSPIRING READERS & WRITERS: TURNING IDEAS INTO STORIES" #2
11:00-12:00	Houston 3	YEAH, WRITE
Lunch 12-1:30		
1:30-3:30	Houston 1	"HISPANIC STORY TIME CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES"
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3:30-5:00	Houston 1	NANCY POLETTE
3:30-5:00	Houston 2	RESOURCE ALIGNMENT: PROVIDING CURRICULUM SUPPORT IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER"
3:30-5:30	Houston 3	JANET AND SUSAN STEVENS