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President's Message:



Felton Thomas, Jr.

Why the Urgency for Change?

I was recently re-reading an article by John P. Kotter, Konasuke Matsushita Professor of Leadership at the Harvard Business School, entitled Leading Change: Why Transformation Efforts Fail. The article states that most organization shake-ups fail and that lessons that have been learned from the more successful cases prove that the change process develops in phases that require a considerable amount of time.

Kotter breaks the transformation process into eight steps with the first step being the most important. "To succeed in transforming your organization," Kotter opines, "you must establish a sense of urgency". Clearly stated, why is it so important that the organization changes now.

I have written in my earlier messages about the membership numbers for NLA being down over the past twenty years. I have also spoken in forums and workshops about the need for more diversity in Nevada's Library workforce. I have yet to speak to NLA on why it is so urgent that we move to transform this organization sooner rather than later.

Our mission is to promote library service of the highest quality for all present and potential users of libraries in Nevada. Our communities need this as they struggle with the tremendous pressures put on our community residents. According to the Center on Hunger:

- Nevada ranks 50th out of 50 states for most High School dropouts.
- Nevada ranks 45th for the number of college graduates.
- Nevada ranks 47th for the number of people whom attain a graduate degree.
- Nevada ranks 43rd for the number of people who don't speak English well.
- Nevada ranks 40th among the 50 states for lack of health care coverage.

Our state has tremendous obstacles to overcome to be a better place to live for its residents. It is incumbent upon the organization that provides support to Nevada Libraries to urgently raise its voice. Libraries are places where people transform their lives; lets now transform our organization to better serve our Nevada libraries.

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Message from the September issue Editor, Holly Van Valkenburgh:

Your Nevada Libraries Editor Jennifer Church asked me to fill in for her for this issue. I have attempted to fill her Editorial shoes, but what you see is what you get ...

I want to tell all of you how thrilled I was at the 2004 NLA Conference to be presented with a special President's Award. I was truly honored by Felton when he announced the award was presented "for her commitment to NLA and her commitment to mentoring me in NLA."

Felton presented the award immediately after I had presented him with his plaque honoring his 2004 NLA Presidency.

Thank you so much, Felton, for this award. I truly appreciate the honor and what you are accomplishing for NLA.

We are both wearing sombreros in honor of the evening's event: "Felton's Fiesta".

Upcoming Events:

2004

Sept 23: "Finding Funding". Clark County Library Jewel Box Theatre, 8:30 –11:30 am. Presented by Ellen Reed and Shelly Weiner. RSVP Tammy Gieseking at giesekingt@lvccld.org or 507-3775

Oct 5: NLA Strategic Retreat and General Membership Meeting. Clark County Library. For details, contact NLA President Felton Thomas thomasf@lvccld.org or 702-507-3980

Oct. 20-24: MPLA Conference Denver, Colorado - Joint with CAL. <u>www.cal-webs.org/conference.html</u>

Oct. 23: "Computer Assisted Literacy in Libraries & Survival Spanish for Librarians". 9-11am in the Las Vegas Library Multi-Purpose Room. Pre-registration is required contact Sandy Williams 702-507-3585.

Nov. 19: "The Role of Teaching in Modern Libraries". College of DuPage Teleconference. (see p 13 for sites)

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Jan. 21: "Reference Tools for the Information Age". College of DuPage Teleconference (see p 13)

"Foundation Funding for Library Projects". Clark County Library, Jewel Box Theatre. Presented by Suzanne Hackett-Morgan. For dates and registration: Holly Van Valkenburgh 800-922-2880 or hvanvalk@clan.lib.nv.us

Oct 19-22: NLA Conference, Reno



Felton Thomas & Holly Van Valkenburgh

NEVADA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

2004 Special Recognitions & Awards

by Nancy Hutchinson, 2004 Awards Chair

This year, the annual President's Reception was held at the Paseo Verde Library (one branch of the Henderson District Public Libraries). As part of this reception, the Nevada Library Association gave out a number of awards.

The first awards to be given were the Professional Development Awards. These were given to Laura Golod and Debbie McGuire, both from the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District.

Felton Thomas, the 2004 NLA President, then presented Joan Kerschner with the first Nevada Library Association "Excellence in Leadership" Joan Kerschner Leadership Pin. This new leadership program was begun in 2004 to recognize NLA members, professional or paraprofessional, who have demonstrated dedication and commitment to the profession and to NLA as a whole. It was named in honor of Joan Kerschner whose 32 years of dedication to our profession is unequaled! Joan presented the first winners of this award with their certificates and pins. They are: Bryan Fearn, Mae Giaimo, Marjorie Kern and Therese Lamb, all from the Henderson District Public Libraries.

The Nevada Library Association 2004 Awards were then presented:

Two Special Citation Awards:

The first Special Citation Award was given to Dr. Linda Young from the Clark County School District for her tireless work in support of literacy and student success. Dr. Young inaugurated such programs as "Connect for Kids at the Library" which created partnerships between the Henderson District Public Libraries, Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, North Las Vegas Library District, Boulder City Library, Clark County School District, McDonalds and the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce.

The second Special Citation Award was given to Daniel Walters, Nancy Ledeboer, Vickie Barnett, Leo Segura and Tammy Gieseking from the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District. This award was given because of the work that they did

planning and executing the 5th Annual Nevada Institute. This Reference Institute was a tremendous collaboration between the largest public library system in Nevada and the State Library.

Dorothy McAlinden Award: This year's award was given to Vicki Rudolph, from the Henderson District Public Libraries, for her great service to the library along with her great service to her community through such projects as the HDPL's Homebound Program.

Trustee of the Year: This year's award was given to Ricki Barlow for his work on the Board of Trustees of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District. An avid library patron and supporter throughout his lifetime, during his tenure the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District was awarded the Library Journal 2003 Library of the Year Award.





Felton Thomas & Ricki Barlow Felton Thomas & Nancy Ledeboer

Librarian of the Year: The 2004 winner of this award was Nancy Ledeboer from the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District. NLA's highest honor was awarded to her because of the tremendous job that she has done to promote libraries, not only in Las Vegas, but all throughout the state. Deeply committed, she continues to give back to the community that supports her and to the profession that she cares so deeply about!

Thank you to everyone who submitted nominations for our awards. We very much appreciate your taking the time to bring us the names of so many talented persons who are so dedicated to our profession and to the Nevada Library Association!

NLA Scholarships: Winners Announced

Jen Fabbi, NLA Scholarship Committee Chair

This year, the Nevada Library Association Scholarship committee had a unique opportunity because of a visionary group of people who got together to collaborate on a grant—"Mining the 21st Century Librarian." This grant was funded by the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) for over \$300,000 and aimed to recruit a diverse group of new library school students and to support them through their educational process. The grant partners are Sara Jones from the Nevada State Library and Archives, Yvonne Chandler from the University of North Texas, Bud Pierce from the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, and Gail Munde and Suzanne Devlin from the University of Nevada Las Vegas. Because of this grant, the NLA Scholarship committee was able to add \$25,000 to its award pool this year.

Recipients of this special scholarship have to be admitted to an ALA-accredited Masters degree program in library science, demonstrate involvement in the Nevada Library Association, and submit an NLA Scholarship Application. Recipients of these "IMLS-NLA" scholarships for 2004 are:

- Kimberly Diehm from the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District who is attending the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee
- Stacy Oberdin from Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, Rainbow Branch who is attending the University of North Texas
- Linda Pizarro from the Las Vegas-Clark
 County Library District, Clark County Branch
 who is attending the University of North
 Texas
- Kristy Price from the Henderson District Public Libraries who will be attending the University of North Texas starting this Fall
- Marcie Smedley from the Henderson District Public Libraries, Gibson Branch who is attending Texas Women's University

Thanks to those who helped with the selection of all the scholarship recipients this year—Holly Van Valkenburgh, Kathy Rankin, Reed Scull, Tom Fay, Caron Schwahn, Felton Thomas, and Gregory Robinson.

The NLA James S. McPhee Memorial Scholarship winners for 2004 are:

- Brandi Barnhart, a library certification student from Dayton, NV who is taking coursework through the University of Nevada, Reno
- Lynn Evans, a library certification student from Silver Springs, NV who is taking coursework through the University of Nevada, Reno
- Grace Fuller from Incline Village, NV, who has been accepted into the University of North Texas 2004 cohort
- Katherine Hahn from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Curriculum Materials Library, who has been accepted into the University of North Texas 2004 cohort
- Linda Hanks from the Henderson District Public Libraries, Paseo Verde Branch, who has been accepted into the University of North Texas 2004 cohort
- Carla Land from the Las Vegas-Clark
 County Library District, Las Vegas Branch,
 who is finishing up her MLIS coursework at
 the University of North Texas
- Yunn-Hwa Lii from the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, who has been accepted into the University of North Texas 2004 cohort
- Nicole Winslow from the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District West Charleston Branch who has been accepted into the University of North Texas 2004 cohort

Dr. Phil Turner and the University of North Texas School of Library and Information Sciences should be recognized for once again contributing \$3000 toward the scholarships of recipients enrolled in their MLIS program. I would also like to especially thank Sara Jones for her generous support of the Nevada Library Association scholarship awards through LSTA funds.

NEWS FROM MPLA

Linda Deacy - MPLA Delegate

The MPLA Leadership Institute would like to announce the following Nevada individuals who will be attending the 2004 Leadership Institute at Ghost Ranch in New Mexico. Congratulations to everyone. We are thrilled to have another great group of individuals for the Leadership Institute!

Cory Tucker - UNLV
Bryan Fearn - Henderson District Public Library

• MPLA Conference Schedule

- 2004 Oct. 20-24 Denver, Colorado Joint with CAI
- 2005 Nov. 5-8 Jackson Hole, Wyoming Joint Conference with WLA
- 2006 No Conference Transition year to spring conferences
- 2007 Albuquerque, New Mexico Joint with NMLA
- 2008 Salt Lake City, Utah Joint with ULA
- 2009 Overland Park, Kansas Joint with KLA, KASL and KAECT

2004 JOINT CONFERENCE

The joint conference with Colorado Association of Libraries and MPLA will be October 20-23, 2004 at the Denver Marriott Technical Center. The rooms are \$86 a night. Join us for "Libraries and All That Jazz".

Keynote speakers include:

Avi - A reading performance featuring his best-known work

John Dunning - Notes from the Road: Publicity is Part of the Game

Dr. Colorado - Tom Noel - A Biblioholic Look at the Highest State

Bob Wendover - From Ricky & Lucy to Beavis & Butthead: Managing the New Work Force

Michael Willhoite - The Julie J. Boucher Memorial Lecture on Intellectual Freedom

Connie Willis - Popular Colorado Author kicks off conference on a high note

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MPLA sponsors a professional development grants program to improve library services in the Mountain Plains region by supporting continuing education and research experiences for individuals employed in the library or related professions.

Grants are awarded to support the following:

- Formal course work leading to an advanced degree in library science or a related discipline.
- Formal course work not leading to an advanced degree but directly related to an individual's library position.
- Attendance as a participant or a presenter at a library or scholarly workshop. seminar, or conference, including the MPLA annual conference.
- Visits to another library to receive or provide significant advanced training in library services or procedures.
- Library related research projects.

The committee has approved the following grant applications:

- Brenda Mathenia \$600 to attend the ALA Annual Conference.
- Sarah Devereaux \$150 towards attendance at SLIS 5058: Research Methods
- Fran Zedney \$374 to attend the LOEX of the West annual conference.
- Fran K. Springer \$600 to attend the North American Serials Interest Group Conference.
- Eileen A. Wright \$150 to attend the 2004 Western Archives Institute

Additional details are available at http://www.usd.edu/mpla/committees/profdev/grants.html

JOBLINE

Don't forget to post your openings on the MPLA Jobline. It is free for Nevada libraries and the site received nearly 125,000 hits in the last year. To post to the



Jobline, send your recruitments to NLAlist and they will be sent on to the MPLA list and to the Jobline.

BLAZING NEW TRAILS to ...

Nancy Hutchinson, 2004 Pre-Conference Chair:

When this year's Pre-Conference Committee met to plan our programs we wanted to focus on programs that would be useful and appealing to anyone who works with children. We hoped that both public librarians and school librarians would have fun; learn something new and useful and be reenergized about the work they do with children promoting libraries and reading.

We enjoyed planning our programs and were appreciative of the many wonderful speakers who agreed to take part in our Pre-Conference. Did we succeed?? We hoped so, but I think that the best way is to let one of our attendees tell you, in her own words, her feelings and impressions of the Pre-Conference

Jennifer Jost, Young Peoples' Department at the West Las Vegas Library
Las Vegas-Cark County Library District

"I thoroughly enjoyed the 2004 NLA Pre- Conference at Lake Las Vegas! The speakers and their programs were excellent and the location was gorgeous. Not only did I get the opportunity to meet many new people and share ideas with others in my field, I also left with many exciting new ideas I can't wait to put to use at my library.



things that I was not aware were offered. I now feel that I am even better prepared to tackle the barrage of reference questions that we will receive when the new school year begins.

The first program I attended, "So Many Good Books, So Few Kids Who Read Them" with Dr. Nancy Livingston was excellent. She shared many great ideas of reading programs that have worked for her, along with a list of resources for finding children's book reviews. The books she spoke about had all received good reviews from a minimum of four different sources and yet she was very frank and funny about what she believes makes a book "good". The only thing in my opinion that would have made this program any better would have been to have more time, since the hour and a half flew by much too quickly.

Sitting through an afternoon lecture without getting sleepy, especially

after you've eaten lunch, can be a challenge! This was not the case with Kathleen Ann Baxter's program "Get Real: Nonfiction to Get Kids Excited About Reading". She was loud, she was funny, but most importantly, she opened my eyes to the wealth of new Non-Fiction books that kids will enjoy reading for pleasure.

I was somewhat skeptical about what I might be able to take from the second program "Exploring the Gale Databases" since I have attended workshops on our district's databases and already feel fairly comfortable with my knowledge of them. I was more than pleasantly surprised by what the speaker, Kurt Stovall, had to share with us. He very clearly demonstrated what could be found on the various databases, and there were many, many

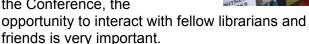
The final program that I attended for the day was "Worth A Thousand Words: Graphic Novels in Your Library", with Andrew Kaplan and Cory King. Since the beginning of this year our library has seen a huge growth in our Graphic Novel and Comic Book Collections, and thanks to the great introduction given by these two gentlemen I am better able to understand and appreciate this newer part of our collection. Although I have never been a personal fan of comics, I read an issue of "Amelia Rules" (courtesy of the presenters) and was surprised at how much I enjoyed it!

This was my first time attending a library Conference and I can only hope that any future experiences at Conferences that I have will live up to this one. I can't wait until next year! ".

... LAKE LAS VEGAS!

By Cheryl B. Dykes, Young People's Department Head at the Enterprise Library Las Vegas-Clark County Library District

So many programs, so little time! The programs I attended were very interesting and informative. However, I wish I had the opportunity to experience more of them. I chose the programs I felt would be most beneficial to me at the present time. Although the programs are the essential reason for going to the Conference, the



One of the most pleasant aspects of the Conference was seeing colleagues that I have not seen for some time. It is very interesting to talk with colleagues regarding issues related to the library: hearing about what they are doing in their branches, and learning from them. I enjoy sharing what works and does not work and being able to take ideas back to my branch. It is fun to have lunch with friends with whom I do not normally have a chance to talk.

I attended the program entitled: "So Many Good Books, So Few Kids who read them!", presented by Dr. Nancy Livingston. She shared many interesting book titles with us as well as ideas to help the children become independent readers. With the handouts she supplied us, and the information she presented us, I have good lists and ideas as to what should be in our collection. She was very thorough in what she told us about each book presented.

Ms. Livingston supplied us with a packet entitled: "Strategies to motivate more independent reading." Although the applications and ideas included in this packet seem more appropriate to school libraries, some would work well in the public library setting. This was a very interesting and valuable presentation.

I also attended the program entitled: "Get Real: Nonfiction to Get Kids Exited About Reading!"



presented by Kathleen Ann Baxter. Ms. Baxter was very enthusiastic and entertaining. She read poetry and sang, as well as telling us about the books she was presenting. Once again, I walked away with a list of books that I can look at to help build my collection at the library. It seems as if there are many presenters of fiction books,

but non-fiction is not presented as often, and it was very interesting to hear her take on non-fiction books and all the historical facts she related to us.

I am not really as knowledgeable about Graphic Novels as I would like to be. With this section of our collection growing so rapidly, I felt that the program entitled: "Worth a Thousand Words: Graphic Novels in Your Library" would be helpful. What this program, presented by Andrew Kaplan, and Cory King, did for me was to help me understand that Graphic Novels are essentially comic books. They brought it down to a level that took away the "mystery" of this genre. I cannot say that I truly have an understanding of the genre, but it makes more sense to me now that I listened to these two gentlemen speak on the subject.

The program entitled: "Exploring the Gale Databases" was geared more to the school district, but it was very interesting. We were given handouts that explain the databases available. I will have to go back and look at them on my own, but I do have a better idea of what is available. It was a surprise to see all that was available to the students, much of it easy to access.

The day was packed with friends and good information. I enjoyed spending time learning about the very best books and information available for the students. I came away with some good ideas as to how to help the students learn how to become independent readers and what books to introduce to the children so that they will want to read.



Southern District Nevada Library Association Presents

Finding Funding



Learn the elements of a grant, definitions of terms used in grant applications, and resources for finding Library friendly grant givers.

The presentation will include handouts and a disk listing web links to potential givers. This workshop is designed to emphasize the answers to our most frequently asked questions.

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2004 REFERENCE INSTITUTE

by Katherine Reece, Sahara West Library, LV-CCLD





I attended the NSLA Reference Institute in Las Vegas, and had a wonderful feast for the brain and the belly! We were greeted warmly with a meal, a briefcase and a notebook to fill with all the information that was coming, as well as a welcome from Leo Segura, Vickie Barnett, and Tammy Gieseking of the Reference Institute Programming Committee who were also available and helped to take care of all our conference needs.

Our first speaker was Sara Jones, State Librarian, who told us that we answer approximately 1,356,000 reference questions a year. Despite our increased time constraints, the shorter, quicker answer is not necessarily the best answer. She told us that Reference Librarians have a 55% accuracy, but there is not really enough data to be sure, and not all questions are necessarily answerable. Besides, the IRS tax people have a 57% accuracy, so she feels we're in good company. Our task is to turn the art of reference into a science with high utility, high satisfaction and high accuracy.

Wendy Starkweather, a former NLA Representative to ALA, went over Ethics with us. We discussed the Library Bill of Rights, and the ALA Code of Ethics. Several issues were raised, such as privacy, confidentiality; distinguishing between personal convictions and professional duties; she stated that ALA core values establish a context in which we work.

The following day, we had a couple of sessions that went over "The Reference Interview". Janet Mastalir spoke eloquently on the fact that we are service oriented providers of information, rather than caretakers of books. She reminded us that we are "doing for the community", rather than following some agenda of our own making. Our obligation is to provide information services. There are 4 main steps to the reference process:



- 1) Outreach, to encourage customers to come to us
- 2) Reference Interview
- 3) Find information
- 4) Follow up (has the need been met)

We talked about how to understand the questions that patrons are asking: Sometimes patrons ask one thing, but really want something totally different. One question is actually four questions: Am I in the right place? Are you listening? Are you friendly? Can you help me?

Janet reminded us: Know Your Collection. Touch, open, read the books to know them. Make sure you learn how to use the book. Our biggest problems are reading the information wrong, transposing numbers, not hearing the question completely, and answering off the top of your head. Always verify. Check your source. Cite your source.

We had role-playing group sessions with Lyn Pizor, helping us to understand how it is to come in to our libraries and not speak our language (ESL), or have a disability. These definitely humbled us, and helped remind us to be patient, respectful and understanding when helping the public. Translation takes time, patience, and ability.

We had a presentation from Kevin Clanton from the Clark County Law Library--very informative! He had wonderful stories, and explained clearly what

they can do: they can make referrals; they can direct patrons to sources of law and forms; they can explain usage of legal material; they can explain format requirements for pleadings; they can locate informative reading materials. They <u>can't</u> interpret the law, give legal advice, choose legal forms or answer phone (legal) inquiries. They show "how to find" not "what to do". The Law Library is open to all, not just lawyers.

There were several "networking breaks" during all this, where we were able to have a snack and compare notes with our co-attendees. Thirty of us came from throughout the state. Carson City, Washoe County, Douglas County, Tonopah, Henderson, Pahrump, Nellis Air Force Base, Beatty, Wells Combined School, Lyon County, as well as Las Vegas-Clark County were all represented.

Thursday was filled with sessions (with handouts) that gave us information sources for business and patents. There is a whole room devoted to patent and trademark information at the Clark County Library, where our training sessions took place — grants and foundations, medical questions, kids links. www.dmla.clan.lib.nv.us/docs/nsla — Click on "Nevada Kids Page" It has a very comprehensive compilation of Nevada history. Click on Nevada History at the Stagecoach, and go to "A Walk In the Past" and enter through the saloon doors—just try it! You'll see why. Another new site with lots of good links is www.mynevada.gov. It was just launched the week of our Institute, and looked to be a really good sight for Nevada information.

We had a field trip to the UNLV Lied Library, which opened in 2001. Everyone should see this! It's five stories high. They have 250 computers, and only close to the public in the two weeks preceding finals every semester. They have Internet connections at the tables and booths—and many, many seating and study areas, because they have found that the students study most frequently this way. Students can even borrow laptop computers to use at those areas. Prints from the computers are two cents each. They have an incredibly high tech storage area called LASR that can house 600,000 volumes! It's simply amazing! (You can see it at work behind the glass windows.) We also visited the UNLV Special Collections Department, which has information on Nevada history, and especially gaming, casinos and things related to Las Vegas. They archive collections,

photographs, manuscripts, maps, films, artwork, architectural drawings, posters, and regional periodicals. Many of these items have been donated. If we get questions on these subjects, they are happy to answer them for us, or to refer the patron to them.

Friday morning, we were introduced to Virtual Reference. Susan Williams explained the program to us and then we had time to role-play as both Librarian and Patron. This is a very exciting process where the public can ask questions on-line, and we can chat and co-browse with the patron, showing him/her exactly what web sites to search.

We ended with lunch, certificates, and Thank-you's for coming. Summed up, the week was inspiring. Not only did we get more tools to help us answer questions intelligently, but it reminded us that we are here to help people find information—of all kinds—even if it is just getting them familiar with how to use a computer, or how to feel comfortable with the new "card catalog", or to help them find a good book to read. The training, and networking with other Librarians and Librarian Assistants was uplifting for the morale, and energizing for the spirit. We filled our brains until they were bursting, but it was well worth it!

Bibliostat Connect

Bibliostat Connect is a web-based software product licensed by the State Library on behalf of the libraries of the State, that lets users access and manipulate library-specific data, without needing a degree in statistics or proficiency in spreadsheets.

This simple software links the user to the data and to colorful graphs that powerfully illustrate the information. The State Library website also includes on-line tutorials - including "Getting Started in Bibliostat Connect". Help screens throughout will assist the user in navigating the software.

For access information or training, contact Holly Van Valkenburgh hvanvalk@clan.lib.nv.us or 800-922-2880

Library Offers Free Wireless Access to Patrons!

The Henderson District Public Libraries

Henderson District Public Libraries will go live with its plans to provide free wireless access to patrons who want to surf the net while also being able to access the traditional services libraries offer. The HDPL refers to these hot spots as "HAWK" spots, reminding everyone of the Henderson Libraries' commitment to bring



Henderson Access to the World of Knowledge. When the Paseo Verde Library opened almost two years ago many were shocked to find easy plug-in access to the Internet all around the library. There is never a wait for the internet in Henderson Libraries if you bring your laptop with internet capability. Wired access and now the new wireless HAWK Spots are easy to connect to! Anyone and everyone is able to enjoy the E-services at Henderson Libraries.

The Henderson District is rolling out this new service in conjunction with the Nevada Library Association's Annual Conference taking place August 11th through the 13th. This is the first time in the Conference's history that it has been held in Henderson. A first in Southern Nevada libraries, HDPL will run a trial with the wireless access for

free to all patrons until the first of the year allowing time to determine if the services will continue to be provided for free or at a subsidized rate. Executive Director, Tom Fay, says the wireless effort is only one of the many cutting edge technological advances patrons will discover when they visit Henderson Libraries. Fay, who spent over fifteen years as an IT director prior to serving as the Assistant Director with Henderson and now as Executive Director has been responsible for the leaps forward HDPL is taking to keep ahead of the pack.

UNLV Libraries' Kenneth Marks Announces Retirement

Ken Marks, Dean of the University Libraries for the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, has announced his retirement effective September 30, 2004, after seven years with UNLV.

Marks has served as Director of Academic Library Services for East Carolina University (1990-1997); University Librarian and Executive Director for the Merrill Library and Learning Resources Program at Utah State in Logan (1984-1990); Associate Director for Public Services in the University Library at University of Tennessee in Knoxville (1978-1984); and Head of Reference at Iowa State University (1971-1978).

He received his M.S.L.S. from UC Berkeley in 1971, and Ph.D. in Educational Administration from Iowa State in 1978.

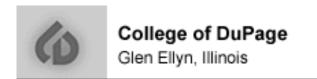
A leader in library technology, marketing and planning, Marks leaves a legacy of publications, presentations,



and professional committee guidance throughout ALA and various state associations.

Ken and his wife Karen will relocate to Hendersonville, North Carolina.





LIBRARY TELECONFERENCES

9:00 to 11:00 am, PST

Friday, September 24, 2004: "Making Copyright Work for your Library"

Hear the perspective of copyright experts Carrie Russell, ALA Washington Office, Kenneth Crews, Indiana University School of Law, and Edward Valauskas, Dominican University.

Sponsored by ALA Office for Information Technology and NILRC.

Friday, November 19, 200: (Soaring to Excellence): **"The Role of Teaching in Modern Libraries"** Library staff are increasingly called upon not just to find information for their patrons, but to also teach their patrons skills related to finding, evaluating, and using information.

Friday, January 21, 2005 (Soaring to Excellence): **"Reference Tools for the Information Age"** What are the best reference tools available, both in print and online? This teleconference covers a number of areas related to reference and providing staff with the best and most up-to-date tools available.

Friday, February 18, 2005: "Library Marketing"

Richard Dougherty and a panel of experienced professionals will discuss the marketing issues peculiar to librarians in both public and academic settings.

Friday, March 11, 2005 (Soaring to Excellence): "Dealing with Difficult People"
In the Age of Information, people have come to expect results immediately! How to deal with impatient and frustrated patrons is the topic of the last Soaring to Excellence teleconference for this season.

Friday, March 18, 2005: "Library Transformation: Library as Place" (Details to follow.)

Friday, April 29, 2005: "Library Hot Topics for Today and Tomorrow"

Again, Richard Dougherty assembles a panel to review the latest issues and challenging trends in this magazine format presentation.

Friday, June 03, 2005: "Information Literacy" (Details to follow.)

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Award-Winning Children's Authors Celebrated at the NLA Conference NYRA Breakfast

Submitted by Jen Fabbi, 2004 NYRA Co-Chair

The 2004 Nevada Young Readers' Award (NYRA) winning titles are:

Picture Book (Grades K-2) <u>I Stink!</u>

Kate McMullan and Jim McMullan (illustrator)

Young Reader (Grades 3-5) <u>The Edison Mystery: Qwerty Stevens Back In Time</u>

Dan Gutman

Intermediate (Grades 6-8) Flipped

Wendelin Van Draanen

Young Adult (Grades 9-12)

Daughter of Venice

Donna Jo Napoli

Authors Wendelin Van Draanen and Donna Jo Napoli were able to attend the NYRA Breakfast and "Meet the Authors" program at the 2004 Nevada Library Association's Annual Conference, which was held at the Hyatt Lake Las Vegas Resort on Saturday, August 14 at 9:00 a.m. Perma-Bound Books, thanks to representative Jackie Heid, once again sponsored travel expenses for the authors as well as a complimentary copy of a winning title to each breakfast attendee.

Approximately 150 people, including young readers, were able to attend this extraordinary event. Each award was presented by a student who had read and enjoyed the book, and audience members were given the opportunity to ask the

authors questions about their books and to have books signed by the authors.

The Nevada Young Readers' Award was first established in the fall of 1987 by the Nevada Department of Education with generous support of librarians and teachers. In 1990, the Nevada Library Association and the Nevada Department of Education began jointly sponsoring the Award. Nevada Young Readers' Award titles are recommended and voted on by students in Nevada. In its first year, only 4,104 students from 16 schools voted. By 2004, there were 30,423 voters from 243 schools and public libraries.

For more information on the Nevada Young Readers' Award program, please visit http://www.nevadalibraries.org/Divisions/NYRA/index.html



From Angela Pfeil and Jen Fabbi, 2004 NYRA Chairs, To all interested parties:

The Nevada Young Readers' Award (NYRA) interest group held a teleconference on Saturday, March 13. From those books recommended by Nevada's youth, the following titles were selected

to be voted on during the 2004-05 school year. For more information on the Nevada Young Readers' Award program, please visit http://www.nevadalibraries.org/Divisions/NYRA/index.html

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	Picture Book				
•	Bob	by Tracey Campbell Pearson	2002	0374399573	Farrar Straus Giroux
	Clarence the Copy Cat	by Patricia Lakin	2002	0385327471	Doubleday
	Diary of a Worm	by Doreen Cronin	2003	006000150X	Joanna Cotler
_	Miss Smith's Incredible Storybook	by Michael Garland	2003	0525471332	Dutton
	Mrs. Chicken and the Hungry Crocodile	by Won-Ldy Paye	2003	0805070478	Henry Holt
	One Dog Canoe	by Mary Casanova	2003	0374356386	Farrar Straus Giroux
	Rub-a-Dub Sub	by Linda Ashman	2003	0152026584	Harcourt Children's Books
	Spiffiest Giant in Town	by Julia Donaldson	2003	0803728484	Dial
	Young Reader				
	All Their Names Were Courage	by Sharon Denslow	2003	0066238099	Greenwillow
•	Field Guide, The	by Tony DiTerlizzi	2003	0689859368	Simon & Schuster
	Runt	by Marion Dane Bauer	2002	0618212612	Clarion
	Stranger Next Door	by Peg Kehret	2002	0525468293	Dutton Books
	Tyler on Prime Time	by Steve Atinsky	2002	0385729170	Delacorte
•	Week in the Woods, A	by Andrew Clements	2002	068982596X	Simon & Shuster
	Intermediate				
•	It Only Looks Easy	by Pamela Curtis Swallow	2003	0761328661	Roaring Book
	Jericho Walls	by Kristi Collier	2002	0805065210	Henry Holt & Company
	LightLand	by H. L. McCutchen	2002	0439395658	Orchard Books
	Pendragon: Merchant of Death	by D. J. MacHale	2002	0743437314	Aladdin
-	Red Midnight	by Ben Mikaelsen	2002	0380977451	HarperCollins
	Ten Miles from Winnemuca	by Thelma Hatch Wyss	2002	0060297840	HarperCollins
	Young Adult				
=	Amulet of Samarkand, The	by Jonathan Stroud	2003	078681859X	Miramax Books
	Gospel According to Larry, The	by Janet Tashjian	2001	0805063781	Henry Holt
	House of the Scorpion	by Nancy Farmer	2002	0689852223	Atheneum
	Son of the Mob	by Gordon Korman	2002	0786807695	Hyperion Press
	Stetson	by S.L. Rottman	2002	0670035424	Viking
_	Witch Child	by Celia Rees	2001	0763614211	Candlewick Press



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NLA Call for Nominations:

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for the following offices:

President-Elect

Treasurer

MPLA Representative

The President-Elect and Treasurer must be NLA Members in good standing and willing to serve the NLA Board for the number of years required by their office.

The MPLA Delegate must be a member of NLA and MPLA in good standing and willing to serve the NLA Board for the number of years required by the office.

Persons submitted for nomination must complete a "Nomination Consent Form" located at http://nevadalibraries.org/publications/handbook/nomcom.html#1

The deadline for nominations is October 1, 2004. Please forward nominations to:

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