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Message from the President Denise Gerdes NLA President 2008

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As my year as NLA President comes to an end, I would like take to this opportunity to offer my appreciation and gratitude for the chance to lead the organization in 2008. It has been a learning experience for me, and I value the knowledge gained and the many friends made from around the state. I am humbled by the caliber of librarians in Nevada, and at the level of professional competence displayed many times throughout the year.

I would like to thank all of the NLA Officers, Committee Chairs, appointed positions, and the many members who were a part of NLA this year. These people found the time and energy to serve in the organization, over and above the time spent in their 'day jobs.' Thank you.

Thank you to **Debbie Jacobs** and **Holly Van Valkenburgh** for their advice on so many issues and topics that cropped up in '08! I appreciate the time they took to share their knowledge and expertise about NLA with me.

Jeanette Hammons will take over as **NLA President in 2009** and I hope she will receive the same support I received during my presidency.

The "2008 Bridging the Gap @ Nevada Libraries Conference" was very successful, and **Nikki Winslow** and her committee should be commended for the countless hours they dedicated to coordinating the event.

Thank you to **Art Cabrales**, ALA Delegate, and **Sara Jones**, Government Relations, for representing Nevada at National Library Legislative Day in Washington, D.C. and to **Janet Mastalir** for representing us in MPLA.



Thank you to **Debbie Jacobs**, **Theron Nissen**, and **Tanya Brown** for participating on the Strategic Plan Committee. Enough said!

Many thanks to **Steve T. Dimoulas** for his efforts as the Editor of Nevada Libraries, Finance Chair, and the Scholarship Committee.

Thank you to **John Crockett** for revising and publishing the NLA brochure for distribution at the conference this year and throughout the state.

A big thank you to **Joan Vaughan**, dedicated NLA Webmaster, for her service to the organization updating and maintaining the website.

And last but not least, thank you to all the staff at the West Charleston Library! They helped me get through the year, from proof-reading documents to brainstorming ideas to volunteering on committees. I especially want to recognize **Robbie DeBuff**, Executive Secretary; **Florence Jakus**, Conference Program; **Tanya Brown**, Personnel Development; and **Sharon Cox**, Conference Technology Chair.

The aforementioned NLA members have breathed new life into the organization! Let's continue the trend and reach out to involve our colleagues in the many committees and events associated with NLA.

2009 UPCOMING EVENTS

2009 ALA Midwinter Meeting

The 2009 Midwinter Meeting will be held: Jan 23–28, 2009 Denver, CO.

PLA 2010 - PLA's 13th National Conference

March 23-27, 2010, Portland, Oregon

PLA holds educational programming and pre-conference programming, as well as committee and Board meetings, during the American Library Association's Annual Conference. In addition, the gala PLA President's Program and Awards Reception is held each year during Annual Conference.

KLA / MPLA Joint Conference 2009 - Libraries:

Dynamic People, Places & Ideas

April 1, 2009 through April 3, 2009

For More Information Visit:

<http://www.kansaslibraryassociation.org/displayconvention.cfm>

Hyatt Regency/Century II Convention Center

400 W Waterman

Wichita, KS 67202

National Library Legislative Day May 11-12, 2009

SAVE THE DATE!

It's that time again! The 2009 National Library Legislative Day is quickly approaching and will be held on **Monday, May 11th and Tuesday, May 12th** at the Liaison Hotel in Washington, D.C. With a new administration and a new political climate in both the House and the Senate, this is a very critical and exciting time for us to get our message out to Congress. Be sure to register early – while the American Library Association has reserved a block of rooms at the hotel, they always go quickly and you'll want to be at the center of the action!

Virtual Library Legislative Day

Organize a Virtual Library Legislative Day!

Can't come to Washington? You can still participate in National Library Legislative Day by organizing library supporters in your state to phone, fax, and email Congress on **May 13 and 14**. Virtual Library Legislative Day communicates the needs of libraries to Congress and increases the impact of the National Library Legislative Day in Washington, DC. Organizing is easy!

2009 PLA @ ALA Annual Conference

The 2009 ALA Annual Conference will be held: July 9 - 15, 2009 in Chicago, IL.

PLA National Conference - The Best Conference for the Public Library World

Every other year, PLA members from across the country—and across the globe—come together for the American Library Association's largest conference devoted to public librarianship. The PLA National Conferences have developed a reputation for excellence. Each offers you more than 100 top-quality continuing education programs from which to choose, several social events, and a bustling exhibits hall, providing you with an excellent opportunity to see the latest in products and services. Upcoming PLA Conferences include:



Nevada Library Association

2009 Annual Conference October 7-10, 2009 Elko, NV

I [heart] to Read License plates/Children's Summer Reading Program: Debbie Jacobs, immediate past president of NLA, stated that the required report to be submitted to the state has

specific requirements and the funding we receive from renewal of the license plates is very important to summer reading programs because federal funding is less sure.

Betsy Johnson, chair of the NLA Children's Summer Reading Program Committee, discussed plans for the next children's summer reading program. The tentative proposal is to develop one kit per library district, using the 'Art' theme. To benefit from the program, participating libraries must use materials from the theme and the program must also have a statewide activity. Betsy stated that the summer reading program committee has been discussing how to determine the contents of the "kit" and noted that the kits must benefit children—not libraries. Much of the focus is on the smaller, more rural libraries, which may not have the financial resources for a summer reading program. Discussion followed on programming resources (staff, puppet shows, etc). The account now has over \$7,000 in it. Discussion also followed on the "life cycle" of the funding from renewals of the license plates. The board must remain aware that eventually the license plates renewals will no longer be a funding source.

NLA Recognition Pins: The association will have a supply of blue NLA pins available at the conference. The board set the suggested donation at \$5.00.

NLA Handbooks: Robbie DeBuff, NLA Executive Secretary, reported that binders for each committee, interest group, and officer have been prepared. The binders contain the NLA Bylaws, the portion of the Handbook which applies to the specific officer/section/group, and job descriptions. She commented that creation of the binders was an action step in the NLA Strategic Plan.

Legislative Update: Daphne Delon, Nevada State Librarian, reported on LSTA reauthorization and e-rates for libraries. Sarah Jones, governmental relations chair, reported that she, Daphne Delon, Art Cabrales, Denise Gerdes, and Teresa Manix met with Congressman Jon Porter and Senator Shelley Berkeley at National Legislative Day in Washington, D.C. She reminded the board that Congresswoman Berkeley is a great friend of libraries. The board also discussed retaining a lobbyist and plans for the upcoming Nevada Legislative Day.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Jarrell, Recording Secretary.

NLAList – How To?

NLAList is an important communication tool that we use to keep everyone informed as to what is happening in Nevada and provide a forum for discussion. I would like to encourage all librarians and/or library users to sign-up so you can receive up-to-date information quickly!

NLALIST is an electronic list designed to provide information and a forum for discussion among individuals interested in libraries and librarianship in the state of Nevada. It is an open list with no moderator, which welcomes anyone with an interest in libraries and library services.

NLALIST will provide a place where topics of interest to librarians in Nevada can be discussed in a timely fashion. Announcements of meetings, conferences and continuing education courses are welcome, as well as job postings, roommate searches for conferences, reference questions or any other library-related subjects.

To subscribe to NLALIST, send an email to listserv@nevada.edu please leave the subject line blank, and type the following within the body/ message portion of the e-mail.

subscribe nlalist [first name last name]

Messages that you want to go to the list (and consequently to all subscribers) should be sent to the address:

nlalist@nevada.edu.

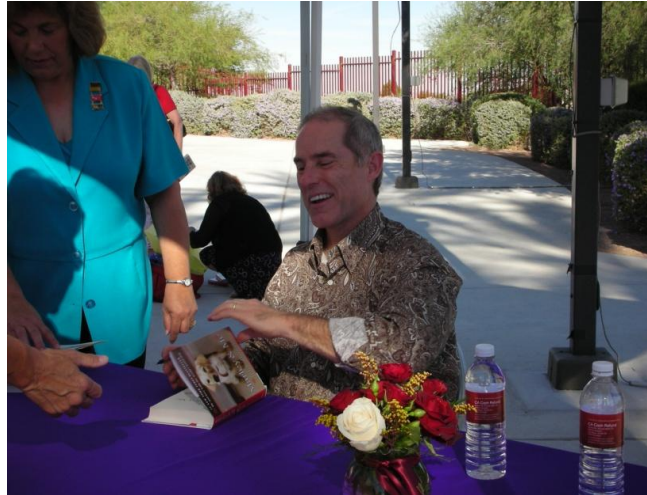
After you have subscribed, please provide a brief introduction to the list, including your name, library affiliation and position (if any) and any other pertinent data you wish so that we might get to know each other better. You will receive an email with additional commands and options for your subscription.

WHO LET THE DOGS OUT?

Submitted by Laurie Orton

Henderson Libraries let the dogs out for its 2nd annual One Book Henderson event this October.

A carnival held on October 4th and attended by 1600 people and several hundred dogs drew attention to the book *Marley & Me: the World's Worst* author John Grogan. spoke at the Henderson Pavilion on October 26th to a crowd of 700 people and signed his book afterwards. Other One Book programs included dog book discussions, dog workshop for knitting and Pet Pages sessions. Residents also voted for next year's book choice which will be *Nineteen Minutes* by author Jodi Picoult.



October 4th and people and several attention to the *Life and Love with Dog* written by Mr. Grogan then Henderson Pavilion crowd of 700 books afterwards. programs included movies, a apparel for dogs, scrapbooking also voted for next



HDPL



WHO LET THE DOGS OUT?



First Ever Paseo Verde Library Education Fair

Submitted by: *Kevin Scanlon & Stephen Platt*

Many people view an economic downturn as an opportunity to invest in themselves by returning to school. Through education they potentially increase their employability in a competitive job market. Finding the right school that meets the student's needs can appear to be a daunting task, but schools are becoming increasingly flexible. They offer classes in traditional settings, satellite centers, and in online environments. The public library is an ideal place to present these options and link potential students and schools together.

On Saturday November 1, 2008 the Henderson District Public Libraries hosted an education fair aimed at adult students. Participants networked with representatives from local colleges, universities, and trade schools. Twenty schools were represented at the half-day event including the College of Southern Nevada, The Nevada School of Massage Therapy, and National University. Several presentations were held throughout the morning that addressed concerns of adult students. Topics included balancing work and school, financial aid, and graduate admission exams.



fairs in conjunction with Summer Reading Program kickoff events. Typically, breakout sessions and lectures are poorly attended at fairs --unless they are held in the afternoons, relatively short in length, held in full view of the public, involve audio visual presentations, and are advertised well. Advertising can help bring foot traffic to a fair, however it usually not necessary if the fair is being held in conjunction with another library program that is advertised well, and familiar with the public such as a summer reading program kickoff. Food is essential for both the exhibitors and to bring the public to the fair, and generally puts participants in a good mood.

Overall we received positive feedback from the participating schools and look forward to repeating the program next year.



Centennial Hills Library –LVCCLD

An Update Submitted by Patricia Marvel

Construction on the new Centennial Hills Library continues, and the library is set to open in early 2009. The branch is being built on a seven acre site located on Buffalo Drive at the intersection of Deer Springs Way. It is bounded on the east by the Centennial Hills Community Center, on the north by Centennial Hills Park and on the west by a new police substation.

The library will be an energy efficient and modern facility. The architects are seeking LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver Certification, which means that a building has been constructed to reduce negative environmental impacts and improve occupant health and well-being. The building will efficiently use day lighting to minimize the need for overhead or other lights, and will use regional building materials and water efficient irrigation systems.

The library will be open seven days a week. It will have approximately 110,000 volumes and offer state-of-the art technology including wireless Internet access, a 42-seat computer area, a 20-seat computer lab for adults and a 10-seat computer lab for young people that will also offer homework help. The library will have meeting space, a Young People's Library, an art gallery and a café/used bookstore.



Of the 45,555 square feet of space, the library will occupy 32,431 square feet, while 13,124 square feet will house a central operations center for processing the more than 500,000 items per month the District moves between its branches. Automated sorting equipment and RFID technology will increase efficiency in sorting materials for re-distribution from this centralized location and get them into the hands of patrons sooner. When the District opens a consolidated Service Center, the materials processing function will move to that facility and the Centennial Hills Library will expand into the vacated space.

The Centennial Hills Library became a reality as a result of the agreement between the District and Henderson District Public Libraries that modified the Henderson District's boundaries to be the same as those of the City of Henderson. The Green Valley Library, located in the City of Henderson, will transfer to Henderson District ownership on January 1, 2009.



When this transfer happens, the District will be able to shift its resources from the Henderson area to the Centennial Hills Library. The Centennial Hills Library will be the first new District branch to open since the Sahara West Library opened in 1997.

For opening updates, visit the Library District's web site at www.lvcclld.org.

Native American Festival at LVCCCLD

Submitted by:

Robbie DeBuff, Executive Secretary, Nevada Library Association

The Native American Festival, held at the Clark County Library branch of the Las Vegas Clark County Library District, was a success with more than 500 people strolling through taking advantage of the many programs and vendors. The festival took place on Saturday, November 1, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Vendors from as far away as New Mexico came to share their heritage and work with the residents of Las Vegas, including jewelry, Native American flutes, pottery, artwork, animal fetishes, among many other items. One could be lulled into relaxation, while roaming the vendor plaza, to the tunes of Native American flute music floating on the air.

Those in attendance received the gift of dancing performed by Zuni, Apache and Navajo dance groups, who wowed the audiences throughout the day with routines such as the famous hoop dance. If dancing wasn't your thing you could view documentaries about Native Americans in the United States played in the Jewel Box theatre. These included *Mohawk Girls*, *Kinaaldá: Navajo Rite of Passage*, *Hand Game*, and *Trudell*.

Children were entertained with crafts and Native American themed cartoons. Crafts such as making corn husk dolls and creating your own decorated par fleche kept all the younger audience entertained.

No one went unfed either, with a vendor providing Navajo Tacos and Native American Fry Bread; the smells enticing even those just walking by.

The event was a success as stated by those in attendance and the vendors and performers present.



Pollen Trail Dancers

North Las Vegas Library District A Year of Growth and Progress

Submitted by:

Shelley Alexander, Garrett Dacay, and Pam Zehnder

Exciting things are happening in the North Las Vegas Library District. As of July 1, 2008, the Library District migrated to the Innovative Interfaces Millennium system partnering with the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, the Boulder City Library District, and the Nellis Air Force Base Library. This has greatly enhanced both accessibility to a larger collection of materials and improved customer service to the people of Clark County. The efforts of Innovative, Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, Henderson Public Library District, and North Las Vegas Library District staff ensured that the transition went smoothly. This cooperative effort highlights what libraries can do to benefit the public when working together. The residents living along the borders of district lines have been greatly pleased with the new ability to pickup and return items to the libraries closest to their homes or businesses, as well as the increase in number and variety of accessible materials. We look forward to a long relationship in providing exceptional customer service to our communities.

Other exciting developments include the opening of a new library and the renovations at the main North Las Vegas Library. The Alexander Library, the third full service branch in North Las Vegas is scheduled to open in early 2009. The 16,400 square foot building, located at 1755 W. Alexander Road, is modeled after the Aliante Library and will be adjacent to a 2 acre park complete with walking trails, tot lot, shade structures, and a demonstration garden. As one of the fastest growing communities in the United States, a new library in North Las Vegas will provide much needed services in the area.



The main North Las Vegas Library, located in the downtown area, also received a facelift this year. New flooring, shelving, counter tops, and 15 new computers are some of the biggest changes. Both the staff and patrons have been pleased with the Library's new look. The additional computers have been especially beneficial to the downtown community providing Internet access and computer programs that assist with job searches and home work.

Southern District Meeting Minutes

11/13/08

In attendance: Robbie DeBuff, Ann LaGumina, Rebecca Colbert, Ann-Marie Smith, Jen Jost, Becky Coleman, Betsy Johnson, Sufa Anderson

Officers for 2009:

Chair: Betsy Johnson – Paseo Verde Library

Vice-Chair: Ann LaGumina – Las Vegas Library

Secretary/Treasurer: Erin Booth – Amargosa Library

If you are not subscribed to the NLA list and would like to receive information in your email, feel free to visit the NLA website (nevadalibraries.org) and subscribe to the list.

A. The meeting started with a review of the hard work done by this group in the past year:

1. Programs
 - ❖ **Best of the Best – Children's Programs Showcase**
29 in attendance
 - ❖ **Best of the Best – Adult Programs Showcase**
36 on attendance
 - ❖ **The Unique Challenges of Serving Public Library Patrons**
35 in attendance
 - ❖ **Conference Programs:**
 - 1- Game On presented by Mario Aguilar, Andrew Kaplan and Carla Land
 - 2 – Technozoo presented by Leonard Souza
 - 3- The Fast Library presented by Leonard Souza
2. Social Event
 - ❖ Our social event this year was at the Spring Mountain Ranch in beautiful Red Rock Canyon. Sixty-eight people attended the play *Beauty and the Beast* and enjoyed a delicious boxed lunch from Jason's Deli. Due to lots of positive feedback, it was recommended we repeat it for next year's social event. After some additional feedback from some staff saying that they were not aware of the program and had been looking for it, perhaps, we can advertise it through the NLA list next year.
 - ❖ The group brainstormed possibilities for other social events where people might actually have an opportunity to socialize and the suggestions were:
 - baseball game (party pit)
 - Pontoon boat/boat ride
 - bowling (rent a party room; have food, drinks and dessert)
 - Becky, Betsy, and Ann will be working to organize the social event*

B. What is Southern District?

- ❖ what we do – plan programs for professional development
- ❖ your role – it's up to you how involved you get. Host a program, organize social event, secretary treasurer...
- ❖ position – generally, positions are filled by those who are interested. Secretary Treasurer becomes vice-chair, who then moves on to be the chair.

C. Brainstorming for programs for the coming year:

The group discussed possible programs for the year as well as determined that Thursdays at 2 p.m. would probably be best for the workshops that we host. Be sure to book the rooms from 1-4:30. We usually have light refreshments at 1:30 and that leaves plenty of time for set up and take down of the room. Ideas were:

- ❖ Children's Best of the Best – Betsy will be working to organize this program potentially in March at the Boulder City Library
- ❖ Adult Services Best of the Best – Sufa will be organizing this program potentially in May, location to be determined
- ❖ Special Collections – Jen and Ann will organize and determine a date and a location
- ❖ H.E.L.P./ social services program – Rebecca will work on getting speakers as well as determine date and location
- ❖ Spanish for Library Workers – Ann Marie will organize; location SV, date to be determined
- ❖ NCIS program a possibility if not now, then perhaps in the future
- ❖ YALSA programs (probably for conference)
 - i. Road Trip
programs presented by staff at conference
 - ii. Workshops
tailored to our groups needs

D. Prepare 2009 budget for board meeting – will be based on last year's budget.

Next meeting is Thursday, January 29 from 2-4 p.m. at the Marie Callendar's on East Sahara, in their meeting room. Between now and then, please work to get your programs and speakers lined up so that when we meet in January to see what everyone has finalized, we should be pretty much all set. Thanks for a great start to the coming year!

Mapping Nevada Communities Workshop: An Introduction to GIS and Community Analysis

Las Vegas: January 13 & 14, 2009* 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

ExecuTrain of Las Vegas
7251 Amigo Street, Ste 160
Las Vegas, NV 89119

*Note: These are one-day workshops. Participants choose which day to attend.

More Info/Registration: <http://www.urban-research.info/workshops/nevada-gis.htm>

Audience: Beginners, anyone interested in mapping their community.

Participants will learn to use ArcGIS 9.3 to do the following:

Create thematic maps

Participants will learn to create thematic maps of their own data, and display spatial trends in information.

Address mapping (geocoding)

Participants will learn to map addresses of their clients, their projects or incidents such as crime and disease.

Download and map Census & American Community Survey data

Participants will learn to extract and map current Census data such as poverty, race, language, population, transportation, education and workforce characteristics.

Participants will also learn to: Conduct spatial queries-Download free shape files>Create well-designed maps. Mapping techniques transferable to all other communities. Exercises are designed for beginners. Intermediate Excel skills required.

Materials

+ Comprehensive workbook (75 pages), which includes the presentation, exercises and reference worksheets

+ ArcGIS (ArcView 9.3) software 60-day trial CD set

+ Thirty day free access to new 2005 Tiger/Line geography files (converted to shapefiles) which include streets, zip codes, school districts, voting districts, census tracts and many other useful geographies

+ Thirty day free access to our ***Analyzing Your Community: Local Demographic Analysis Online Workshop***

Praise for the Introduction to GIS & Community Analysis Workshop

Clark County Water Reclamation District: "This was one of the best one day workshop and one of the best instructors I've had in several years."

Las Vegas-Clark County Library District: "This is a great tool for me as a librarian. I am sure that I will benefit greatly at my job because of it."

Community College of Southern Nevada: "This workshop was empowering and enlightening."

Clark County Fire Department: "Great workshop!"

New Urban Research, Inc. is a national social research organization specializing in quantitative and spatial community analysis. NUR is an ESRI Business Partner. New Urban Research, Inc. 2301 NW Thurman Street, Portland, Oregon 97210 | 877.241.6576 | www.newurbanresearch.org

NLA 2008-09 Scholarship Awards

The James S. McPhee Memorial Scholarship fund was created to provide financial support for members in good standing of the Nevada Library Association who are seeking educational opportunities in library science. Applicants are eligible for one NLA scholarship per year, with a maximum of two awards. The following applicant members are the recipients of this year (2008-2009) scholarship.

**The Scholarship Committee wishes the awardees a successful and rewarding Library Career
Congratulations!**

- Jennifer DeLett-Snyder - LVCCLD
- Sara L. Mooney - LVCCLD
- Valerie Marcalonis - LVCCLD
- Kristina Drury - HDPL
- Timothy J. McDonald - LVCCLD
- Demosthenes Papaeliou - LVCCLD
- Michelle Renee' Hawkins-Thiel - UNLV Lied Library

APPLY Early for 2009-10 NLA Scholarships

Application process starts June 1, 2009

<http://www.nevadalibraries.org/organization/committees/scholarships.html#mcphee>

Please contact:

Steve T. Dimoulas – Chair

NLA Scholarships Committee

with any questions on the application process.

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Be a NLA Member Today!

Membership year: 12 Months from date of registration

For membership questions or comments, please contact:

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