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Message from the President Denise Gerdes NLA President 2008

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:



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

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NLA Annual Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Nevada Library Association met on August 13, 2008, at the West Charleston Library in Las Vegas, Nevada. NLA President Denise Gerdes presided. The following were among topics discussed at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: After a general discussion of the association's financial status, the board discussed the card services account. Susan Williams, Treasurer, advised the board that a new account will be opened in order to resolve some problems with the existing account.

NLA Strategic Plan: Denise Gerdes, Tanya Brown, Debbie Jacobs and Theron Nissan reviewed the NLA Strategic Plan. Denise Gerdes reported the following recommendations: NLA should authorize co-chairs for all groups in the organization; create printed handbooks and manuals for each section, committee, and interest group; shift the plan's focus toward marketing the association to potential members; and hire some paid officers. The board agreed to add a statement in the plan on issuing membership cards, as well as clarifying which groups are responsible for specific aspects of the plan. Denise commented that the Strategic Plan is really the association's "improvement plan."

NLA Brochure: John Crockett, chair of the NLA Publicity Committee, created a new NLA Brochure with assistance from Ian Campbell, association archivist. 1000 have been printed. The brochure will also be posted on our website in PDF format

Website Revision: In continuing discussions concerning the website, the board suggested that the association might want to explore the potential cost to 'update' or freshen the look. Ann Jarrell, (continuing as chair), Joan Vaughan, Mario Aquilar, Carla Land, Robbie DeBuff, and John Crockett serve on this committee.

NLA board meetings: President-Elect Jeanette Hammons is working to set up the next board meeting using video conferencing technology. Because the University system now hosts video conference meetings for NYRA and other association groups, we may be allowed to meet this way as well. She noted this should be feasible if an open date can be found.

Paid Association Officers: The board discussed having a paid Treasurer/Executive Secretary. The association's financial activities now require more complex filings with the state and the federal government. When some names were suggested, the President appointed Sarah Jones, Steve Dimoulas and the incoming association treasurer as an ad hoc committee to explore this further.

Conference Update: The board heard from Nikki Winslow, chair of the 2008 Conference Committee. At meeting time, 205 persons were registered to attend. She noted that the last three conferences have been held in August so that school librarians can attend, but generally attendance from this group has been limited. However, 35 southern Nevada school librarians preregistered for this conference. Denise Gerdes and Nikki both commented that the President-elect should have a conference committee chair in place to work closely with the current year conference committee.

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 <u>listserv@nevada.edu</u> 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?

A carnival held on attended by 1600 hundred dogs drew book *Marley & Me*: the World's Worst author John Grogan. spoke at the on October 26th to a people and signed his Other One Book book discussions, dog workshop for knitting and Pet Pages sessions. Residents



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

year's book choice which will be Nineteen Minutes by author Jodi Picoult.







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.



The concept of the library fair is to bring the community and local service groups together at no cost to the service group. The fair setting is best utilized when other library events are held in conjunction with the fair, or when it is known that a large contingent of patrons will be in the library at a given time for a different event. The idea is to provide the exhibiting groups with a large amount of foot traffic and to put them in the thick it. Afternoons work well, as traffic seems to be slower during the mornings. One of the methods that HDPL has found most successful is to hold

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.

My Life and the Public Library

Florica Hagendorn - Henderson Libraries

With only hours to prepare for the permanent departure from their home, my mother and her family agonized over which few personal items they would try to take with them. Later that afternoon, as they slowly drove down the street, they silently looked from the seats of their carriage to the home they had loved, the family business they had built, my mother's dog proudly standing watch at the front gate, and the only life they had known. It is true what they say. I've seen it first hand in what it does to people's lives, "You can no more win a war than you can win an earthquake."

It was nearly sixty years ago when my family stepped off an old creaky ship onto American soil. Devastated from war and their loss but determined to build a new life, they arrived with hope. Though many immigrants were arriving in America at that time, government agencies assisting immigrants were still fairly new and already overwhelmed. In those days our country welcomed immigrants; but they also, as my mother firmly explains, "expected immigrants to not become a burden!" So, how did a family with limited English language skills, little money and unfamiliar with this foreign land find the resources needed so that they "would not become a burden?"

The public library! My family's required sponsor offered help along the way, but the public library was an enormous support, tool and resource. My mother's after-school English lessons were held at the public library. Later both my grandfather and grandmother took classes at the public library to prepare them for their U.S. citizenship. It was a public librarian who helped my grandparents find their first home. My grandfather, a Bavarian Pastry Chef and Chocolatier, always enjoyed bringing library staff countless decadent delights; in turn they helped him find his first job in the U.S. in his beloved field. My grandmother, an amazing seamstress, once helped a library staff member fix her skirt which later led to my grandmother being asked to give free sewing lessons at the library. (Aren't we still guilty of this?) Even later, this aided my grandmother in beginning her own sewing business. My grandmother didn't have a driver's license, but she had a library card for several libraries.

I remember the public library in my earliest memories; especially the old library down town in Las Vegas. It had a grand and yet mysterious aura to me. We were always at the library. I remember the wide tall shelves, the rows and rows of books, the shiny wood floors, and the beautiful rose garden visible from every angle of the children's room. I loved the sights and sounds of the library, and I loved how it made me and my family feel. I learned at an early age that the library is a place of empowerment for people, all people; a place that transcends!

The public library was a place my immigrant family came to find answers, meet friends, and find enjoyment as well as respect and acceptance—something we all need as human beings. Imagine that, all those years ago, public libraries already had it all figured out-even without the internet!



The public library and the amazing people inside it have taught me and mentored me (god bless you Joyce Dixon), supported me, and guided me through my entire life. I often think about my family's tumultuous journey to the U.S. and I wonder how their lives and mine might have been different had it not been for the public library. And you all have wondered why I love it so!

Thank you to the members of the Nevada Library Association. It is an honor to receive the **Dorothy McAlinden Award**. I'm humbled by all of the wonderful individuals who received it before me. A special thank you to my friends and colleagues at Henderson District Public Libraries a place that truly embraces creativity and new ideas and isn't afraid to go outside the box!

What an honor. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

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 week. Ιt will approximately 110,000 volumes and 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.



2009.

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 redistribution 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,



When this transfer happens, the District will be able to shift its resources from the Henderson area to the Centennial Hills Library. Centennial The 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.lvccld.org.

Native American Festival at LVCCLD

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, Garett 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 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
- HELP. / 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.

<u>Participants will also learn to:</u> 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!"

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LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER

Who can be a library advocate? Anyone who cares about America's libraries!

Library advocates play a key role in educating our communities about why libraries and librarians are essential in an information society. While the American Library Association is ably represented in Washington, the voices heard from around country make the difference in the success or failure of legislation.

Action Alert

Contact your Senators and Representative and Ask Them to Sign the Dear Colleague Letters Being Circulated in Support of the Strengthening Communities through Education and Integration Act

Earlier this week, Senator Hillary Clinton (D-NY) and Representative Mike Honda (D-CA) introduced the Strengthening Communities through Education and Integration Act (S.3334 and H.R. 6617). The Strengthening Communities through Education and Integration Act will help educate individuals in English literacy and civics education, invest in our workforce, and provide impact aid to assist local communities integrate new populations. Please contact your Senators and Representative and ask them to sign the "Dear Colleague" letters being circulated in the Senate by Senator Clinton and in the House of Representatives by Representative Honda in support of the bill. Also ask your Senators and Representative to sign on as a co-sponsor of the bill.

When you contact your Senators and Representative, you must ask them to call Philip with Senator Clinton or Gloria with Representative Honda, in order to co-sign the letter. DO NOT CALL Philip or Gloria directly.

When contacting your Members of Congress prepare to state why this issue is of importance. With the growth of the English language learner population comes the urgent need to devote resources to education and ensuring that we fully embrace them into their communities. The Strengthening Communities through Education and Integration Act would:

Invest in adult education programs for English language learners:

• Increases our investment in adult education by codifying English literacy and civics adult education programs and creating a new appropriation for these programs.

Ensure that our nation's children and schools have adequate funding and resources for vital literacy programs for English language learners:

- Increases the authorization for Even Start Family Literacy programs to \$350 million.
- Provides resources for expanded learning time programs for English language learners in middle and high school.

Assist schools with teacher recruitment for English language learners:

• Creates a \$1,500 tax credit for teachers of English language learners and a deduction for their certification.

Provide incentives for employers to offer adult education and ESL programs to their employees:

• Creates a 20% tax credit to employers that expend their resources to provide English language instruction and GED training.

Provide technical assistance and support to state and local efforts supporting newcomers:

- Re-establishes the Office of Citizenship in USCIS as the Office of Citizenship and Immigrant Integration, which would coordinate federal policies on integration and serve as a liaison to state and local entities
- Makes grant money available to states to establish New American Councils that bring together business, faith, civic, philanthropic, non-profit and education stakeholders to create and implement immigrant integration programs.

House Sponsor Mike Honda (D-CA) Senate Sponsor – Hillary Clinton (D-NY)

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
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