

Library Science Courses Offered Through Extended Studies at the University of Nevada, Reno

Extended Studies at the University of Nevada, Reno has been offering library science classes since 1994. The classes are intended to satisfy requirements for public librarian certification through the Nevada State Library and Archives and for the school library/media services endorsement through the Nevada Department of Education. The classes are offered on a one-course-per-semester cycle. The courses include: administration of libraries, book selection for children, technology in libraries, cataloging and organization of library materials, reference and bibliography, selection and acquisition of library materials, history and organization of libraries, and school library practicum. The courses are generally offered in Carson City on four weekends. The EDS 476/676 Administration of School Libraries class just concluded in May. The current schedule of offerings are:

Semester/Year	Course Numbers	Course Title	Instructor (s)
Summer 2007	EDS 475/675	Supervised Library Practice (prerequisite req.)	Frankie Lukasko
Summer 2007	EDS 491/607	Book Selection for Children (web-based)	Anne Aas
Fall 2007	EDS 477/677	Technology in the Library	Karen Starr
Spring 2008	EDS 473/673	Selection & Acquisition of Library Materials	Phyllis Sargent and Joyce Cox

The EDS 475/675 course has an orientation at 4:00 p.m. on June 12 on the UNR campus (those interested must call Reed Scull at Extended Studies to pre-register). The EDS 491/607 class is available completely online through Extended Studies' Independent Learning program (registration without late fees for that course closes on May 18 and registration with late fees closes on May 22- call 1-800-233-8928 or 775-784-4652 for more information). For more information on the program, please call Reed Scull or Gay Neuberger in Extended Studies' University Credit Across Nevada (UCAN) program at 1 (800) 233-8928 x 4652 or (775) 784-4046.

Library Practitioner Certification Program

Seattle WA – February 23, 2007. The Western Council of State Libraries, a professional association of 22 state libraries, announced the start of its Library Practitioner Certification program. The certificate provides recognition for library directors and managers located anywhere in the U.S. without a master's degree in library science.

Developed with support from an Institute of Museum and Library (IMLS) grant in response to calls for improved training opportunities, the Western Council identified a set of competencies that define the skills and knowledge needed for success as a library practitioner. The Certification program is based on these competencies: Library practitioners completing 240 contact hours of training in competency areas and with 2000 hours of library experiences will be awarded Western Council certification.

“Developing a certification program for this level of library worker represents an important step in Western Council’s efforts to advance the improvement of library services in communities not yet able to support a professional librarian,” said Jan Walsh,

President of Western Council and Washington State Librarian. “By offering standardized certification to library practitioners, Western Council provides employers with a benchmark for selecting highly qualified individuals, while offering individuals a recognized, portable credential that enables them to demonstrate their skills and knowledge. Western Council hopes that applicants look at this certificate as the first step in library science education.”

To insure the quality of courses for applicants, Western Council will require that applicants select from courses offered by Western Council Approved Providers. Institutions and individuals can become Approved Providers by completing an application and submitting a fee based on the type of institution. Upon certification, Approved Providers will be entitled to use an official certification logo as an indication of their status and will be listed in the directory maintained by Western Council. Information about the program, including how to be certified and how to become an Approved Provider, go to <http://certificate.westernco.org/>.

Government Information Training Day

Where: University of Nevada, Reno in the Getchell Library, Cord Training Lab
When: June 15, 2007 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Agenda

Coffee and introductions	9:30-10 a.m.
Nevada State Publications – an update, Kathryn Etcheverria, NV State Library	10:00-10:40 a.m.
Patent searching basics, Patrick Ragains , UNR	10:45-11:20 a.m.
Government Statistics, Sidney Watson & Susie Skarl, UNLV	11:25 a.m.-12:00
Lunch – on your own (a list of nearby restaurants will be available)	12:00 noon-1:30
Consumer protection-related information, Stephen Platt, Henderson Public Library District	1:30-2:05 p.m.
Economic and demographic data from the US Bureau of Economic Analysis, Patrick Ragains	2:10-2:45 p.m.
Wrap-up	2:45-3:00 p.m.

Who should attend: Any library public service personnel who provide government information service to their users.

Registration is free – just reply to Pat Ragains at ragains@unr.edu .

Travel support: The Nevada State Library and Archives will provide travel support for public library staff and staff from other types of libraries also providing service to the public to attend training events that are more than 50 miles from their library and in Nevada . Check out this link for more information and application forms:

<http://dmla.clan.lib.nv.us/docs/nsla/lpd/progserve.htm>

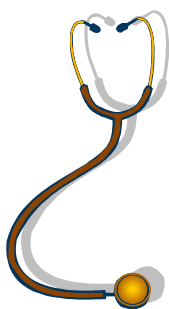
This training opportunity is jointly sponsored by the Nevada State Library and Archives, Henderson Public Library District, University of Nevada , Las Vegas and University of Nevada , Reno .

Nevada Legislative Hotline

The Legislative Hotline provides up-to-the minute information on the 2007 Nevada State Legislature and includes: agendas and hearing schedules, contact information, and identification of bills by subject. The Legislative Hotline will mail copies of bills and informational handouts and will help you with the Nevada State Legislature’s Internet site (www.leg.state.nv.us).

The Hotline service is available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The public may reach the Hotline by calling 775-684-3300 or 1-800-995-9080 (in-state use only).





Medical Library Information

by Donna Alexander

Viva Group (NCNMLG) and The Medical Library Group of Southern California & Arizona (MLGSCA) will be held Feb 6-9, 2008 at The Flamingo in Las Vegas. While the website is under construction (<http://www.med.unr.edu/ncnmlg2/>) volunteers & sponsors are always welcome! Please email the Tri-Chairs for more information: Florence B. Jakus, Head, Health Science Library Department, West Charleston Library, jakusf@lvccld.org; Jim Curtis, Director, UNR Savitt Medical Library, jacurtis@medicine.nevada.edu; or Terry Henner, Head of Information & Education Services Savitt Medical Library, UNR School of Medicine, thenner@medicine.nevada.edu

Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center's Library in Reno has a fantastic webpage called The Cybrary. It was designed to meet our communities' need for healthcare information and patient/family education. You can search the Library's catalog or any of the 20+ links that include MedlinePlus, Mayo Clinic, Nevada HealthNet & The Patient Channel from GE Healthcare. Please visit http://www.saintmarysreno.com/staywell/med_lib.php?d_pageID=201 or email Donna Alexander, MLS at donna.alexander@saintmarysreno.com

BCR Training

BCR staff is presenting a series of cataloging and MARC workshops in September at the Henderson District Public Library: See <http://www.bcr.org/training/workshops/States/nevada.html>

In addition, we are offering several types of online workshops. Both the Free Friday Forums (<http://www.bcr.org/training/online/fff/>) and the Products and Services Showcase (<http://www.bcr.org/training/online/pss/>) are presented at no cost to participants.

These WebLive sessions are fee-based:
see <http://www.bcr.org/training/online/weblive/>

Continuing Education Survey

Holly Van Valkenburgh, NSLA

Nevada Library Continuing Education workshop topics are determined by the expressed interests of the Nevada Library Community. The Web Publishing course series offered in Henderson and Carson City this spring was the result of participant requests after the Technology Conference in August of 2006.

Additional topics addressed in the last several years - besides the Web Publishing series, have included Book Repair series, Gale and EBSCO database trainings, BiblioStat Connect workshops, CIPA and Filtering, Trustee Training, Outcome Based Evaluation and LSTA Grant Writing and workshops at the Nevada Library Association conferences. The College of DuPage Teleconferences have addressed several topics, including the Best of the Web, Library Transformation, the Next Generation of Librarianship, Library Education and the Relevance of Libraries in a Digital Age.

Other topics which have not yet been addressed include Collection Development, Time Management, Customer Service, Grant Writing (other than LSTA), Consumer Attitude Surveys and Working with Architects. Are these topics still pertinent to our Nevada Library Community? Are there others of possibly more immediate importance?

Let your voice be heard! Participate in the online Nevada Continuing Education Survey. The link is on the NSLA Continuing Education website at <http://dmla.clan.lib.nv.us/docs/nsla/lpd/TrainingHome.htm> Help plan Continuing Education activities for the future of libraries in Nevada.

2006 Nevada Library Association's Pre-Conference Report

by Nancy Hutchinson, Pre-Conference Chair

The 2006 NLA Pre-Conference was presented on August 15 and 16th at the Texas Station Casino in North Las Vegas. It was planned especially for everyone who works with children- School Librarians; Public Library Children's Librarians, Teachers, and of course Parents.

A wide variety of programs were presented including "Books Too Good to Miss: Strategies To Motivate More Independent Reading," "Blog All About It! Using Blogs in Your Library," "Digital Storytelling," "Resource Alignment: Providing Curriculum Support in The School Library Media Center," "Kim Russell Portrays Sojourner Truth," "Internet Safety," and "Springs in the Desert: A Kid's History of Las Vegas." Attendance was high and participants learned many new, exciting and practical ideas!

2007 NLA Awards

You have the opportunity to nominate one of your outstanding colleagues from around the state for the following NLA awards. Each and every one of you knows a very special person or persons who are key in making our libraries and library services top notch. So please review the criteria for each award and start to think about your nominations today.

LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR/TRUSTEE OF THE YEAR

- For constructive accomplishments toward the advancement and extension of library service and the development of sound library policies; creative and effective interpretation of the library on a regional, local or national level;
- For notable activity in library legislation, recruitment, statewide planning, published writings, outstanding participation in NLA, ALA, MPLA, Friends of the Library, etc.;
- For broadened scope of service to the community, specialized services to children, young adults, senior citizens, the handicapped, etc.;
- For an outstanding contribution to library education, library techniques, library building, library management, establishment or organization of a new library or library system, or expansion and revitalization of an established library system or library;
- For a substantial financial assistance or endowment.

SPECIAL CITATION AWARD

- For constructive accomplishments toward the advancement and extension of library service and the development of sound library policies or the creative and effective interpretation of the library on a local or state level;
- For praiseworthy activity in library legislation, recruitment, statewide, planning, published writings, outstanding participation in NLS, ALA, MPLA, Friends of the Library, etc.;
- For broadened scope of service to the community, specialized services to children, young adults, senior citizens, the handicapped, etc.;
- For a praiseworthy contribution to library education, library techniques, library building, library management, establishment of a new library or library system or expansion and revitalization of an established library or library systems;
- For a substantial financial assistance or endowment.

DOROTHY McALINDEN AWARD

- For outstanding service to, or on behalf of, the association which is rendered by a member who is not a professional library employee.

NOMINATION FORM (June 30, 2007 deadline)

Person being Nominated: _____

Library of Nominee: _____

Your name and contact information: _____

Award selection: ____ Librarian of the Year ____ Trustee of the Year ____ Special Citation Award ____ Dorothy McAlinden Award

Reason for nomination: _____

Additional text may be submitted on a separate page.

*Please e-mail, fax, or mail in your nominations to: Nancy Hutchinson hutchinsonn@lvccld.org

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Nominations for 2008 NLA Board

It is my desire to present a varied slate of candidates that is representative of the diverse and skilled nature of the library community in Nevada. All NLA members possess talents and experience that can be of value to the mission of the NLA. Please start to consider the following positions: President Elect or Executive Secretary.

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