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President's Message **READiscover Nevada** *Susan Graf*

Some of you may recognize the headline as the theme for our state-wide Summer Reading program in 2000. As I prepared for the NLA conference last October, I was asked to develop a theme for the 2001 NLA President's project and NLA annual conference.

I have always been interested in history, and Nevada's historic sites and natural wonders continue to lure me on trips around the state. I also looked at themes from other state library associations, past and present. I tried to come up with something pithy, but could not wrangle anything less than a paragraph or two. Then a friend suggested last year's SRC theme—only two, well three, words!

Under Sara Jones' able leadership in 2000, we are firmly launched into the new millennium—and our profession faces many challenges. New acronyms, UCITA (see article p. 6) and CIPA (see article p. 10), challenge our ability to provide essential services to our patrons; changes in library school curricula challenge our ability to locate and employ qualified staff; e-books and other technologies modify every aspect of librarianship, taxing and funding issues still defy our dedication to provide excellent service to our communities—and Nevada Library Association continues to be the support for each and every library staff person and trustee.

Throughout this year we will be compiling information about Nevada, from collections and resources around the state, in a



webography called READiscover Nevada, which will be posted on our www.nevadalibraries.org site. Please visit the site and see what we have been able to do so far. The goal is to have the site redesigned and expanded by summer. In addition to this web-based resource, we will also be connecting with other archives, museums, special

collections, and information networks that will be represented at our annual conference. Our Conference plans are firmly underway, with the Conference to be held at the Stardust, in Las Vegas, October 4-6, 2001. Mark your calendars and plan to join us.

Through surveys and interviews with you, our Conference presentations and workshops, State Library support, continuing education opportunities and training, and *Nevada Libraries*, NLA seeks to define and meet your needs. Tell us what you want! And we will try our best to do just that. A current listing of NLA Board members is on page 13 and is also available on the NLA website: www.nevadalibraries.org. Please contact the person(s) from your District, Section or Interest Group if you have a specific request or would like to recommend some activities. My e-mail address is susangraf27@hotmail.com. I would love to hear from you.

Thank you for all your support, and as I said in my nomination acceptance in *Elko*: *I promise to do at least one-third of all the things I think of during this year!*

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2001

Mar 2-3

Reading Program 2001 Kickoff, "Reading Road Trip USA", Tonopah

Apr 2

SCLL, Carson City

Apr 3

Library Day at the Legislature, Carson City

Apr 17

NLCEAC meeting, Reno

Jun 14-19

ALA, San Francisco

Bus to ALA (in planning stage – see below)

Sum 2001

CI 486/686, Computers in Libraries, UNR. Reno.

Sep 10-14

Public Library Institute, Alamo

Oct 4-6

NLA, Las Vegas

2002

Oct 2-5

NLA, Ely

CCSN Teacher Curriculum Library Great Resource for Children's Librarians

The Teacher Curriculum Library (TCL) is the education branch of the Community College of Southern Nevada Libraries. TCL provides resources needed by students in the Teacher Education and Early Childhood programs in preparing state-of-the-art instructional materials, lessons and activities.

TCL is a unique children's library open to students, faculty and all interested public borrowers such as children's librarians, teachers, day care workers and parents. The collection includes a variety of electronic resources, professional books, popular and award-winning children's and juvenile books, and some games, kits and videos.

Materials in the collection are included in CCSN's online catalog, WEBPAC (<http://www.ccsn.nevada.edu/library/index.htm>). TCL is located in Room 1031 on the Cheyenne Campus in North Las Vegas. For hours and more information, call the TCL desk at 651-4971 or visit the Education Department's web page at <http://www.ccsn.nevada.edu/education/page7.html>

2001 Library Directory

The *2001 Nevada Library Directory and Statistics* should be available the first week in April. Distribution is planned to coincide with NLA's Library Day at the Legislature.

ALA is in San Francisco in 2001!

Are you interested in attending the American Library Association Conference in San Francisco? It will be there from June 14-20, and plans are being made for a bus to provide free transportation to go to San Francisco for one day, when the Exhibits are open. A one-day Exhibits Pass is \$20. Check out the Conference schedule at http://www.ala.org/events/ac2001/annual_all_pages.pdf.

Let us know **BY MARCH 30, 2001**, if you are interested. Once we know how many want to go, we can make arrangements for a bus to go down very early in the morning and return very late that night.

Day at ALA Interest form

I am INTERESTED in a one-day bus trip to ALA in San Francisco:

Name _____ E-mail _____

Library _____

Preferred Date: ___ 6/16 ___ 6/17 ___ 6/18 ___ 6/19 ___ I don't have a preference

Send to:

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CONNECT FOR KIDS

A Winner in Clark County

In a unique partnership between Clark County School District and community (public) libraries, kids from throughout Clark County are winning, big time!

In 1995, Dr. Linda Young, Multicultural Outreach Coordinator and a former teacher and principal with Clark County School District, wanted to start a new program that would support reading, libraries and families.

"Reading is the key to success. Art is important, math is important, technology is important. But without reading, none of these other subjects are accessible. For our students to successfully reach their goals, they need to be able to read," she states forcefully. She started by involving librarians serving youth in each public library district in Clark County, the CCSD School Librarians, parent volunteers, and the CCSD School to Careers program. Support from the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce and McDonald's rounds out the Committee.



The program works simply. The School District sends out letters to each family with an enrolled elementary school student, with support information to the staff at each school. Cards, with five activities listed, are distributed to the students at school. The students bring the cards to their local public library and (1) visit the library, (2) show or get a library card, (3) attend a program at the public library, (4) check out a book, and (5) return the book.

When all five activities have been accomplished and the card stamped, the student receives a coupon for a free item from McDonald's (Taco Bell was the sponsor the first year).

Students then return the card to their school librarian, who keeps a count of participants which is then submitted



to Dr. Young. Top schools receive a McDonald's party and plaque. After completing the five activities, students are then eligible to write book reports as entries for a drawing for mountain bikes. The drawings take place at the press conference announcing the winning schools.

Reading incentives, such as the free Big Macs and bicycles, are hooks to add a little push for the students to get to the library. The program has been a success on many levels. In addition to McDonald's support with coupons, their Ronald McDonald character has developed a school assembly program that centers on the importance of reading and going to the library as a family. He schedules free visits to public libraries as well.

Connect for Kids at the Library has brought thousands of children in Clark County to their public library over the last five years. The program continues to grow and succeed, now expanding to include middle and high schools, too. Students, their families, school librarians, principals, and community libraries are all connecting for kids!

TAKE NOTE!

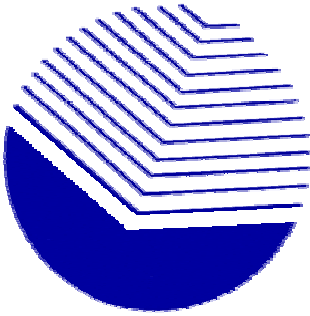
Please send all membership payments to the new treasurer, Michelle Mazzanti, and requests for reimbursement to the new finance chair, Ken Bierman. (Susan Antipa and Keri Putnam completed their terms as NLA treasurer and finance chair on January 1, 2001). Here are their addresses:

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Henderson, NV 89015

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NEWS FROM MPLA

Linda Deacy
MPLA Delegate



The Mountain Plains Library Association/Nebraska Library Association/Nebraska Educational Media Association 2000 Tri-Conference was in Omaha on October 25-28, 2000. The Tri-Conference is held

once every twelve years, and this year it was held in conjunction with the White House Conference on Library and Information Services Taskforce. More than 800 librarians attended from 14-states: Nebraska, Arizona, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming.

The Nebraska Library Association's School, Children's and Young People's Section presented the Golden Sower Awards to children's authors. The awards were presented to:

- Jackie French Koller for *No Such Thing*, (K-3rd Grade category);
- Roland Smith for *Jaguar* (4th-6th Grade); and
- Margaret Peterson Haddix for *Don't You Dare Read This, Mrs. Dumphrey* (Young Adult, Grades 4-6)

The 2001 joint conference will be a collaboration of MPLA and AZLA - the Arizona Library Association. The conference, to be held December 5 -7, 2001 in Phoenix, is being planned now. Follow the planning at <http://www.azla.org/>.

The Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) is a twelve-state association of libraries, librarians and friends of libraries in **Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming.** Its primary purpose is to improve present and future library services in the Mountain Plains region through development of librarians, trustees and library employees.

MPLA invites you to make a

n investment in your future by joining us and laying the foundation for your career development. Participate in this process with MPLA's membership -- active leaders in our region's outstanding libraries.

Membership Advantages

- Professional Development Grants for course work, institutes and workshops.
- Continuing education opportunities including conferences, workshops and special seminars.
- Information exchange and educational programs about technological developments and innovative library programming undertaken by MPLA libraries.
- Recognition of outstanding contributions to local, state and regional library services.
- Joint annual conferences with member states providing a marketplace of ideas where individuals can share their experience and talent with other librarians.
- Forums for personal contact among members and national leaders in the profession.
- Newsletter providing information about continuing education available throughout the region and outstanding library programs through news and feature articles.
- Annual Report and Membership Directory.
- Promotes regional efforts for resource sharing.
- Grants for states for pre-conference and continuing education programs.
- Opportunity for members to contribute to the profession.
- First year Personal membership dues are half price!

For information about MPLA and membership opportunities, visit the MPLA web site at <http://www.usd.edu/mpla/>

**ALA Midwinter Meeting,
Washington D.C.**

From Cindy DeLanty, ALA Delegate

I attended my first ALA Midwinter as Nevada's ALA Chapter Councilor in January. After over 16 meetings and caucuses in those five days, I now have more of an understanding of the process of the ALA Council and some of the global issues facing us as librarians. For complete details on the events, please watch for my pages on NLA's new website <http://www.nevadalibraries.org/>.

One of the most significant issues at this time is the pending litigation being undertaken by ALA against mandated filtering (CIPA). Librarians must stand up against this effort to federally mandate what should be left to local control—whether or not to filter local access to the Internet. For up-to-the-minute reports, be sure you are subscribed to nalist. Details for subscribing can be found on our new website at the address given above. Also see in-depth information at ALA's new CIPA website (www.ala.org/cipa). If you have any questions, concerns or would like to express your approval of NLA supporting this effort, please contact Susan Graf at (susangraf27@hotmail.com) or me by phone (702-454-4575) or email (cindyd@lvccld.lib.nv.us).

Some of the other issues facing us include post-MLS certification of individuals by ALA (i.e., Public Library Administrators), revised criteria for programs to prepare library technical assistants, electronic meeting participation, privatization and libraries, the Uniform Computer Information Transaction Act (UCITA), improving public access to government information, LSTA reauthorization, recruiting to the field of librarianship, the importance of fair use in the digital age—the list goes on and on!! Please watch for complete info on the ALA Delegate web page.

I look forward to serving as Nevada's Chapter Councilor to ALA and would like to hear from you on any issues, concerns or ideas you would like presented to ALA.

News Flash: Juanita Hoffman, Director of the Tonopah Public Library, announced they have received an NEH grant for the 50-title *Library of the Americas*.

Spanish 9-1-1

by Nancy French

President, REFORMA, Nevada Chapter

In an effort to extend a helping hand to Nevada library staff struggling with communicating with the influx of Spanish speaking patrons, REFORMA Nevada Chapter offered a series of 3 free Spanish classes we called "Spanish 9-1-1" for library staff in Southern Nevada in February and March. Classes were held at the Clark County Library in Las Vegas on February 2 and 16 and March 2 from 10:00-11:30 and were open to any library staff member. Attendance was outstanding with over 70 enthusiastic people at the February 2nd class.

The presentations covered pronunciation and general vocabulary, circulation, computers, reference, reader services, audio visual, periodicals, YPL, special programs, and communicating with Spanish speaking cleaning crew. Vocabulary and 10-15 phrases considered the most crucial for assisting the Spanish speaking patron at each of the departments were presented. Attendees received handouts and pronunciation practice. Participants were able to purchase a coordinating CD/booklet set for just \$7.00 at the last class.

To ensure that all interested library staffs throughout the state might have access to the information presented at these programs, REFORMA had the presentations videotaped. Videotapes will be routed to libraries that request them. Attendees at these sites will also be able to order the coordinating CD/Booklet set for \$7.00 plus \$1.00 shipping and handling. Libraries that would like to be added to the video routing list should contact Nancy French at (702)228-1963 or nancyf@lvccld.lib.nv.us.

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UCITA
by
Susan Southwick, Law Librarian
Nevada Supreme Court Library

UCITA--the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act--has been rising and falling on Nevada libraries' event horizon like a ship on swells. Prompted by concern from ALA, ARL and AALL, there was a flurry of awareness in mid-1999, and several letters of opposition were sent off. Interest generally waned on the local level while the 2001 legislative session was still months away, but now it is upon us, and UCITA could become the law in Nevada.

The National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL) and the American Law Institute set about several years ago to develop an amendment to the Uniform Commercial Code which would standardize transactions involving intangible products, such as computerized information, across the states. When the co-sponsoring American Law Institute withdrew, expressing reservations about the draft's technical quality and policy choices, it continued to be supported by the NCCUSL as a freestanding uniform state law. Its proponents tout it as essential to creating a good climate for high tech businesses, which most states, including Nevada, want to attract. The purpose is to create standardization of transactions involving "computer information," and states may adopt it as drafted, or may amend it. So far only Virginia and Maryland have adopted it, so there is pressure to get other states on board.

So why does UCITA come across flying the Jolly Roger for librarians? First is its inclusive definition of "computer information." It includes software, online access services and content, books and databases on CD-ROM, and even software elements imbedded in goods (such as cars and toasters). It includes a lot of materials libraries buy for the use of the public in order to stay current in the information age. Secondly, it represents a fundamental policy shift away from the public law of copyright--with its familiar doctrines of fair use and first sale--to the private law of contract, where one's rights to use a product are defined in a licensing agreement. Third, it permits "mass market," or standardized non-negotiated contracts, with a great deal of leeway in terms which largely benefit the publisher, not the consumer.

More specifically, it validates shrink-wrap and

clickable licenses in non-negotiated, standard contracts, which are likely to restrict traditional uses under copyright law. By merely opening and downloading the software or clicking the "agree" button, the purchaser accepts the terms of the license sight unseen. What the purchaser may have accepted are contract terms that take away rights libraries have under federal intellectual property law upon purchase. Under the "first sale" doctrine, libraries have the right to transfer a copy, the right to examine a copy of software (to reverse engineer it) in order to make products that work with it, fair use rights to limited quotation, and rights to archive.

The license may limit the actual number of users who can access the product, in opposition to libraries' efforts to maximize public access to items in their collections. Transfers may be restricted or prohibited, affecting interlibrary loans, the acceptance of gifts, and participation in exchange programs. And finally, there may be limits on the actual period of use permitted, so the library cannot maintain an archival copy.

Libraries negotiate many software and database licenses now, and unless the product is indispensable and from a single source, we have the ability to negotiate reasonable terms for use which are compatible with our mission. This may prove much more burdensome with UCITA, since it validates many provisions which have been challenged in the current marketplace. Since non-negotiated contracts will most likely compromise our traditional uses under copyright, we will have to develop considerable expertise in defining what we will accept and the skills to negotiate our terms when contrary to those of the vendor. With the latitude granted under UCITA, software vendors may be reluctant to negotiate individual deals, especially on a small scale, so our purchase options may become more limited.

At this writing (early January), UCITA is not yet on the horizon. It was not among the bill drafts requested by the interim legislative committee on "Encouraging Businesses to Organize the Conduct Business in Nevada," which seemed a likely forum to bring it up, and it has not appeared as any other pre-session bill draft request. The 2001 session will be crowded with re-districting,

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***What is UCITA anyway,
and why should we be
concerned about its
becoming Nevada law?***

(UCITA, *continued*)

reorganization of government and the budget, so if UCITA does get introduced, it may just get trampled in the rush to *sine die*. Or, presented under the aegis of promoting economic diversity, it may sail through easily, unless we are prepared with cogent arguments to react to it quickly.

The implications for libraries presented by UCITA are technical and not easily explained, so the most effective opposition may come from consumer protection advocates in general. Twenty-eight attorneys-general, including Nevada's, have signed a letter of opposition directed to NCCUSL, the Federal Trade Commission has reservations, and some large users of software are also organizing opposition. These, especially the Attorney General, will be valuable allies should NLA decide to oppose or amend UCITA in the legislature.

For more information and to keep current on the national scene, refer to the special AFFECT/UCITA web site: www.4cite.org. UNLV Library sponsored a downlink to the ARL-sponsored teleconference, *UCITA: A guide to understanding and action*, and the Nevada Supreme Court Library is purchasing the video for loan to interested groups. To borrow it, contact Susan Southwick, 775-684-1670 or sasouth@clan.lib.nv.us.

NEVADA LEGISLATIVE HOTLINE

The Nevada State Library and Archives (NSLA) will again provide a free telephone hotline for the public throughout the upcoming 2001 Nevada legislative session. NSLA and the Legislative Counsel Bureau, along with a federal Library Services and Technology grant, have been providing assistance on legislative activities since 1975. The Legislative Hotline provides status and summaries of bills, committee 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.

The Hotline service is available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, from February 5, 2001 through May 31, 2001. The public may reach the Hotline by calling 775-684-1385 (in Carson City), 702-486-2626 (Las Vegas area, ask for the Legislative Hotline) or 1-800-995-9080 (in-state use only, ask for Legislative Hotline).

If you want to know if Nevada is considering legislation on UCITA (see article by Susan Southwick), call the Nevada Legislative Hotline or visit the Nevada State Legislature's Internet site: www.leg.state.nv.us.

From ALAWON, v.10 n. 5, February 02, 2001:

The ALA UCITA Web site www.ala.org/washoff/ucita reports on the status of UCITA in the states and provides useful information for anyone wanting to get more involved in the fight against UCITA. We are happy to report that in Delaware, Hawaii, and Rhode Island, librarians have played a key role in discussions about UCITA and have been instrumental in pushing the legislation back. On January 31, a nationwide coalition of libraries, industry leaders, computer professionals, and consumer organizations announced the formation of AFFECT (Americans for Fair Electronic Commerce Transactions), a coalition dedicated to educating the public and policymakers about the dangers of the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act (UCITA). The American Library Association is a founding member of the coalition, formerly known as 4CITE.

AFFECT is working in states where UCITA is being proposed as a state contract law to regulate and standardize computer information transactions. The coalition has been a leading voice in alerting the business communities, library and educational institutions, and consumers to the dangerous implications of UCITA to consumer protections, First Amendment rights and copyright privileges. If passed, licensing terms permissible under UCITA would seriously impact a library's ability to conduct inter-library loan, distance learning, archiving, and preservation.

For more information on AFFECT, visit the UCITA and ALA Web pages: www.4cite.org or www.ala.org/washoff/ucita or contact Carol Ashworth, UCITA Grassroots Coordinator at 800-941-8478.

LOBBYING – A Grassroots Effort

by
Susan Graf
NLA President

What is lobbying? Simply stated, an effort to educate your legislators. Although almost everyone likes the idea of libraries, and local politicians are willing to offer a Proclamation to support various library programs and activities, library staff and supporters need to make sure their representatives



know about our issues and services. As I have heard Martha Gould often say, “Yes, we are government employees, but we are also citizens—with every right to express our opinions and priorities to our elected officials.”

There are paid lobbyists, volunteer lobbyists, lobbyists

representing various governmental entities. Everyone’s goal is to provide legislators with additional information. If public librarians, academic librarians, school librarians do not take up the task of informing their elected officials about library issues, who will?

Remember, you as an individual do have the right to opinions. As a library employee in a community, you also represent your library. You can delineate those responsibilities and become an advocate for libraries, reading, education, information access, children, and whatever issues are important to you.

Dr. Michelle Chino, Nevada Institute for Children, provided the following activities at the last NLA conference:

1. Contact policy makers, provide information
2. Write letters to the editor of local and regional publications
3. Call in talk radio and media hotlines
4. Encourage friends, neighbors, relatives, patrons, etc. to do the same kind of support contacts
5. Be active in a political party
6. Work on campaigns
7. VOTE
8. Learn Legislative Strategies

NLA will be sponsoring a pre-conference on lobbying local legislators on October 4, 2001 in conjunction with the annual conference. Please plan on sending one of your library trustees and a staff person. It will be well worth the time and effort.

2001 will be a busy session with two legislative priorities: redistricting and Public Utilities deregulation. However, there are library issues this session.

Based upon discussion by library directors around the state at a Government Relations meeting in December and the NLA Board meeting in January, the following legislative priorities were developed:

1. State-wide database subscription matching support
2. Public library collection funding
3. School library collection funding
4. Library construction funding
5. UCITA/CIPA

The Library Board also hired Danny Lee (CDLEE1@email.msn.com) as a lobbyist to represent libraries in regards to these issues and to keep NLA informed on any other issues connected to libraries during the session.

On a professional level, your library can:
Identify key public issues and provide information to your legislator(s) and community;
Catalog and research issues of stated importance to your legislator(s);
Build your organization into legislation, with pilot or demonstration projects;
Review such past pilot or demonstration projects voting records to find supportive legislators;
Review BDRs (Bill Draft Requests);
Develop options that include your organizations;
Meet with local legislators – for instance, the library could host a town meeting giving access to local constituents also with promoting the library as the community information center.

Good luck in your efforts!

You are cordially invited to attend the
Nevada Library Association's Day at the Legislature
April 3, 2001
*Join NLA in presenting Nevada's library issues to
State Legislators.*



Legislative Day Agenda

- 9:00-10:30 a.m. Welcome Speech and Legislative Tips. Nevada State Library – Conference Room
- 11:00 a.m. Attend the Assembly or Senate sessions
- 12:30-2:00 p.m. Legislative Luncheon (catered) Nevada State Library, Lobby

Due to legislative scheduling and catering needs,
please RSVP before March 23, 2001.

RSVP to Tom Fay
280 S Water St.
Henderson, NV 89015
Fax 702-565-8832
or call
(702) 565-8402

Please fill out one RSVP for each individual planning to attend

YES! I would like to attend the event and sit with a legislator. Please arrange it for me.

YES! I would like to attend the event. I have already made arrangements to sit with my legislator

_____ (please provide name of legislator)

Name _____

Title _____

Library _____ Phone _____

NEW INTEREST GROUP: **REAL**

Retired Employees All Libraries
Charles Hunsberger, Acting Chair

The new kids on the block – “REAL!” – was approved at the January 22, 2001 NLA Board meeting at the North Las Vegas Library.

The purpose of this interest group is to provide an opportunity for retired library workers to meet with one another to further their common interests and to meet with working librarians to further the interest of all Nevada libraries.

Membership is open to all personal members of the Nevada Library Association. Our conference programs will cover issues that concern the needs of newly retired and soon to be retired members.



We will share our travel experiences and advice with one another. We welcome your ideas for programs that would be of special interest to you as a retired librarian. Please contact Charles Hunsberger at CWHunsberger@aol.com or 702-872-5616 with your suggestions. We also need

help in contacting former NLA members who have retired and who may be interested in this opportunity to become involved in NLA again.

We look forward to seeing you at the Las Vegas NLA Conference at our first annual program.

CIPA and NCIPA

Eva Stowers

On December 15, 2000 Congress passed the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and the Neighborhood Internet Protection Act (NCIPA). These Acts place restrictions on government funding for libraries, such as LSTA and the E-rate program. Libraries getting the funds would be required to meet "requirements for Internet safety policies and technology which blocks or filters certain material from being accessed through the Internet."

The American Library Association is challenging these Acts, and has established a web site to keep us informed about their activity. Please look at the ALA's web site <http://www.ala.org/cipa/> for information about CIPA, how it could affect libraries, and what libraries can do about it.

An Intellectual Freedom Institute is being planned for this spring, so look for information on the list and in your mailbox.

Another excellent way of keeping informed about this, and other intellectual freedom issues, is to subscribe to the Nevada Library Association's list, **NLALIST**. To subscribe to NLALIST, send an email to listserv@nevada.edu, leave the subject line blank, and type the following within the body/ message portion of the e-mail:

subscribe nlalist [first name last name]

Nevada Library Association Scholarships

The Nevada Library Association Scholarship Committee invites applications for the 2001 round of scholarships. Two types of scholarships are available. The first grants up to \$2000 in support of graduate course work in an American Library Association accredited library science degree program. The second grants up to \$1000 in support of graduate course work leading to endorsement as a school librarian, or undergraduate or graduate course work, as appropriate, for individuals seeking rural public librarian certification in the state of Nevada. Scholarship applications are due March 15, 2001. Please contact Steve Fitt, Chair, Nevada Library Association Scholarship Committee for further information and/or application forms: 702/895-0983 or fitt@nevada.edu.

This isn't your parents' library

By Susan Voyles

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Just what could the Washoe County library of the future look like?

There's a coffee cart with snacks. Anyone wanting to sit in a stuffed chair with a good book can find such a corner bathed in sunlight.

Washoe County architect Bob Hall would add a wall of cabinets in the library's meeting room. He'd fill it with video equipment, computers and a stereo system and open it up to teens after school.

Reno-Sparks Chamber of Commerce director Harry York took it a step further. He'd add a virtual reality headset for video games for teens to check out. Imagine that.

York said one library should have telecommunications equipment so that it can link up to broadcasts elsewhere and have the library audience participate.

At a visioning session Friday sponsored by the Washoe County Library System, about 50 people came to share their ideas of what the library of the future should look like.

It was hardly a futile exercise. Washoe County voters in November approved \$10 million in bonds to build two new libraries in regional parks, one in Spanish Springs and one in the South Valleys that should be open by 2003.

In addition, Washoe County will decide this spring whether to build a new library in Incline Village or expand the old one, director Nancy Cummings said.

And major renovations to the Sparks library should be completed by this summer and then the downtown Reno library would get a new look in the next year.

The participants agreed the libraries should take a hint from the success of Barnes & Noble. The smell of fresh coffee hits you when you enter the door of the popular bookstore. There are comfy chairs. There is a richness of wood, and

hot books are on display for browsing.

In a strange way, Barnes & Noble is imitating what people might envision in their favorite library, said Rick Anderson, a university librarian.

Taking a page from the video stores, Washoe County architect Bob Hall suggested the library system order 60 copies of a popular new book and boldly display the hottest new selections. When interest dies down, half the copies could be sold.

Participants also seemed to agree the library should offer more entertainment from time to time to draw new cardholders. The debate between Thomas Jefferson and Mark Twain actors last year was mentioned as an act worth following.

Derek Cano and Casey Frankfurt, eighth grade students who participate in the library's youth program, said teens need their own place where they can go to talk, do homework and listen to music, play video games or "burn" a few CDs. Cano said he'd like to see a fenced outdoor playground connected to the libraries. A teenager could drop off a young sibling to play while going inside.

Christina Bagger, a Sparks mother who brought her toddler and baby, agreed teens need more attention. And she said parents need to take their youngsters to the library to make it a lifelong habit. She'd also like to see delivery services for homebound seniors, literacy programs for adults and children, computer literacy classes and book clubs.

Norm Rosenberg, library board chairman, said he'd like to see the library set up as a mall. There'd be a locator map at the entrance pointing to different color-coded sections. He'd put romance books in a pink section, for instance.

"I wouldn't have to worry about numbers (on the back of books) or anything else. I want to be a browser," he said.

Elko Librarian Named New Administrator of State Library and Archives *Sara F. Jones appointed as new Administrator/State Librarian*

Sara F. Jones of Elko has been named the new Administrator of the Nevada State Library and Archives (NSLA), a division of the Nevada Department of Museums, Library and Arts. She will assume her new duties in March. Michael Hillerby, department director, made the appointment.

Jones currently directs the Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library System, which provides services both to a city population and to rural and remote populations in northeastern Nevada. She is also past president of the Nevada Library Association (2000). She replaces Monteria Hightower, who retired in October.

"Sara has a thorough understanding of Nevada libraries, she's widely respected and has a great enthusiasm for her profession," said Gov. Guinn. "Her experience, talent, and dedication will make her a tremendous asset as our new State Librarian."

Jones holds a master's degree in library science from Syracuse University in New York and a bachelor's degree in communications from Boise State University. She was born in Rupert, Idaho.

"I am truly honored to be named the new administrator of the State Library and Archives," said Jones. "It is a real opportunity for me, and I'm very pleased to be joining an excellent staff. They have



significant experience in serving the needs of Nevada, and I look forward to working with them."

The Nevada State Library and Archives offers the largest collection of publicly accessible Nevada state and local government publications anywhere in the world. NSLA serves government, businesses, libraries and citizens by providing a full

range of information services including reference and research, archival and records management, library planning and development, blind and physically handicapped programs, family literacy programs, and development of state information policy to ensure public access to government information in all formats.

In addition to the State Library and Archives, the Nevada Department of Museums, Library and Arts includes the Division of Museums and History, the Office of Historic Preservation and the Nevada Arts Council. Other key components of the department are the Comstock Historic District Commission, the Literacy Coalition, the Advisory Committee on Participatory Democracy, and the Commission for Cultural Affairs. More information about the Department of Museums, Library and Arts can be found on the Web at <http://dmla.clan.lib.nv.us>.

MPLA Board Choice Award

Tom Fay has been selected to receive a Mountain Plains Library Association Board Choice Award. The Award entitles Tom to a one-year free membership in MPLA. Tom was chosen for his professional qualities and his potential for contribution to MPLA. He was chosen for this award by Linda Deacy, MPLA Representative from the Nevada Library Association.



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TRAVEL TRAINING FUNDS GRANT

Training opportunities in the state of Nevada are usually held in Washoe County or Clark County, because that is where the largest number of public library staff is located. This LSTA travel stipend for public library staff is to attend training events that are more than 100 miles from their library and in Nevada. The training must be appropriate to the participant's work assignment. Applications must be approved at least one week in advance of the event and payment will be on a reimbursement basis. For details, contact Holly Van Valkenburgh, hvanvalk@clan.lib.nv.us or 775-684-3322.

FASTTRACK MLIS PROGRAM AT PITT

The University of Pittsburgh Department of Library and Information Science will begin to offer online courses beginning May, 2001 through the FastTrack MLIS Program. FastTrack students will be able to earn the MLIS degree in two years from one of the highest ranked American Library Association-accredited programs, according to the 1999 U.S. News and World Report rankings.

The 36-credit degree program is tailored to fit the needs of adult working students from the location of their choice. The first two areas of concentration to be offered are the School Library Certification Program and the Public/Academic Library Career Track.

AN ONLINE COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS

The FastTrack MLIS Program is designed for motivated individuals who work well outside the traditional classroom setting, manage time well, can make information technology an ally in learning, and need to balance family and work obligations that may have otherwise interfered with the pursuit of an advanced degree.

FastTrack begins with its first two courses - Understanding Information and Introduction to Information Technology - on May 14, 2001. Course delivery will be through a combination of Web-based, CD-ROM, and on-campus learning experiences, supported by extensive University computing and online library resources.

The first on-campus learning experience occurs from July 13-22 when students meet the faculty and one another, learn through hands-on computer training, and build camaraderie and a cooperative learning network. In each of the subsequent terms students will be required to attend one weekend session on-campus.

WHAT YOU NEED TO CONNECT

Students will need a computer capable of running Microsoft Office 2000 and a Web browser with Java support. The computer must also be equipped with high speed CD-ROM (or DVD) drive, and AGP card capable of supporting streaming video, and a sound system capable of supporting audio input and streaming audio output.

FASTTRACK CALENDAR

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| March 30, 2001 | Application Due |
| April 6, 2001 | Student notified by E-mail |
| April 20, 2001 | Student must be registered |
| May 14, 2001 | Program Begins |

FASTTRACK MLIS PROGRAM INFORMATION:

<http://fasttrack.sis.pitt.edu>

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OCLC CATALOGING CLASS

The OCLC Institute, with co-developers Steven Miller, Amigos Library Services, NELINET, and SOLINET, announce availability of "Cataloging Internet Resources Using MARC 21 and AACR2," the first course offering in the OCLC Online Library Learning series (<http://www.oclc.org/institute/oll/index.htm>).

This Web-based course provides easy, 24-hour access to an important body of knowledge for libraries today. Designed for self-paced and self-directed study, the course covers current cataloging rules and MARC fields that are essential for libraries to provide efficient, effective, and uniform description and access for selected Internet resources using traditional standards and practices. (A module on cataloging serials is forthcoming.)

Each of the course's 28 interactive lessons contains learning objectives, instructional materials, real-world examples, and quizzes and tests that provide immediate feedback, and all you need to use the course is a Web browser.

After taking this course you will know:

- * How cataloging Internet resources compares with monographic cataloging
- * How to code MARC leader and control fields
- * How to record title and statement of responsibility including title proper, GMD, additional title information, statement of responsibility, and varying forms of title
- * How to record edition statements
- * How to record special characteristics of computer files
- * How to record date, publisher, and dates of publication
- * How to record series statements
- * How to record notes that pertain especially to Internet resources
- * How to record electronic location and access information using the 856 field
- * How to record main and added entries
- * How to apply your existing experience in assigning subject headings and classification to bibliographic records for Internet

All lessons provide references and links to authoritative documentation and standards.

Introductory Pricing:

(<http://www.oclc.org/institute/oll/faq.htm#price>).

Paid registration licenses you to access the course without limit for one year.

Online Registration:

<https://www3.oclc.org/institute/ollorder.htm>.

For more information, contact Amy Lytle (lytlea@oclc.org)

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