



## President's Message Holly Van Valkenburgh



### NLA Activities:

The **Executive Board** of the Nevada Library Association passed the resolution below in February 2003:

"The Executive Board of the Nevada Library Association hereby endorses the American Library Association Resolution on the USA Patriot Act and Related Measures that Infringe on the Rights of Library Users." NLA has thus joined in the battle to protect individual freedoms in the United States.

We are Marketing Nevada's Libraries! March 6 we participated in Library Day at the Legislature, to inform our State Legislators about Nevada libraries, their accomplishments and needs. At the Reception that evening, the Library Card Dress was in attendance. "It" even went over to the Legislative Building and walked through the halls. (See the article on the Legislative Day on page 10)

Our NLA Lobbyist, Karen Kavanau, has been keeping me informed as to legislation progress (and non-progress). Nancy Cummings, our Government Relations Chair, has an article in this issue regarding the various Library-related pieces of legislation.

Other members of your NLA Board have been working for you:

**Felton Thomas, President-Elect:** I have been working on converting a Leadership program that is currently being used by the Nevada PTA, to NLA. The concept is simple, we recognize valuable leaders within our organization by rewarding them with a visible sign of achievement (pin). To receive this pin,

our members would attend various training activities sponsored by NLA. Activities could range from attending the convention, Legislative Day, area workshops, library board meetings, etc. When the member had attended the number of activities that the board deems necessary, the member would then be awarded the pin. I think that this would allow us to get more people involved in Leadership and increase our numbers at various local workshops. I would appreciate comments from NLA members: thomasf@lvclld.org.

### **Arnie Maurins, [Executive Secretary:](#)**

In addition to performing the regular duties of the Executive Secretary, I will be participating in the ad-hoc committee that will make recommendations regarding the issue of discounted dues for first-time members and possibly adjusted dues for other types of membership as well. I am also on the Local Arrangements Committee for the NLA/MPLA Conference, focusing on computer-equipment needs.

### **Ken Bierman, Treasurer:**

Ken has been busy getting things financial set up for the upcoming joint conference with MPLA. The agreement with MPLA requires a separate checking account just for the conference and Ken is obtaining the required signatures on the many required forms to get another checking account established. In mid-April he believes he is close to success. Ken is happy to report that as of the end of March NLA remains financially solvent, even with the bills he has been paying. He adds: "Please keep the membership checks coming!"

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NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--April 8, 2003--The New York Times announced today the national expansion of the third annual **New York Times Librarian Awards** and issued an invitation to the public to nominate librarians at public libraries from anywhere in the U.S. The awards honor librarians who provide outstanding community service on a consistent basis. As in 2002, The Times will recognize 15 librarians in the New York tri-state area. In addition, the program will honor 12 librarians from six regions across the U.S.: Northeast, Southeast, Midwest and Great Lakes, Southwest, Mountain and Plains States, and West. "We have had an incredible response to this program over the last two years," said Alyse Myers, vice president of marketing services for The New York Times. "Expanding nationally is a natural evolution for the awards and underscores The Times's commitment to promoting literacy and education. Public libraries have become dynamic community centers. They are also a critical resource for new immigrants in many areas across the U.S. Now more than ever they need our support and recognition." Winners will be selected by committee and announced in The New York Times in the fall; each will receive \$2,500 from The Times in recognition of his or her achievements. Nomination forms will be available at participating branches from April 6 to June 20. Ads with the nomination form will start appearing in The Times on April 7. The form can also be accessed at [www.nytimes-community.com](http://www.nytimes-community.com) and responses e-mailed to [libraryawards@nytimes.com](mailto:libraryawards@nytimes.com). For more information, call (212) 556-4520.

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**Upcoming Events**

**2003**

**May 30 Better Salaries and Pay Equity for All Library Workers** Presenter: Mitch Freedman, ALA President  
\*Teleconference from UNLV\* 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. rsvp to Joanne Ross at [rossj@lvccld.org](mailto:rossj@lvccld.org) or 702.507.4431

**June 17-19** - Nevada Library Leadership Institute

**June 19-25** AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (Annual Conference), Toronto, Canada

**August 7** *Home Schooling and Heritage Research Information and Library Tour* Part I: Understanding and Assisting Home School Families in the Library. Part II: Resources of the Heritage Genealogy Center @ the Paseo Verde Library 9:30 - 12:00, Refreshments 9:00 - 9:30 RSVP to Florica Hagendorn and Paddy Harrigian and Paddy Harrigian

**September 18** Storytelling Presented by Marsha Cutler Sahara West Library 9:00 a.m. - 11 a.m. refreshments 8:30 - 9:00 RSVP to Joanne Ross

**September** - Library Card Sign-Up Month

**September 20** Southern District Social Event! Utah Shakespeare Festival - Little Shop of Horrors Cost - \$41.00 per person

**September 20-27** - Banned Books Week

**October 22-26** - AASL 11th National Conference "Information Matters" at the next AASL National Conference in Kansas City, Mo.

**October 23 and November 20** Survival Spanish for Librarians & CALL Information Program LVL Multipurpose Room 9:00 - 11:00. Refreshments 8:30 - 9:00 Coordinator: Sandy Williams

**November 4-8** - NLA/MPLA/REFORMA: Tri - Conference- Incline Village

**November 17-23** - Children's Book Week



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**Cindy deLanty, ALA Delegate:**

As ALA Delegate this year, I'll be working on several projects. A priority for me is National Library Legislative Day (May 12-13) in Washington, D.C. Our group from Nevada will be attending an issues workshop, visiting with our legislators to promote library issues, attending a tour of one of the many work areas of Library of Congress, and attending various receptions.

Another priority for me is bringing a program to the NLA/MPLA Joint Conference to inform library workers here in our area about the implications of the newly formed ALA/Allied Professional Association and what it can mean especially regarding certification opportunities.

Of course, traveling to ALA Mid-Winter (in Philadelphia) and Annual Meeting (in Toronto) to represent Nevada on ALA Council is also part of my responsibility as ALA Delegate

**Linda Deacy, Mountain Plains Library Association Delegate:**

The Executive Board of MPLA is comprised of representatives from each of the 12-state member associations. Along with the officers, the state representatives meet two or three times per year in Denver and then twice at the yearly joint conference.

Current Board projects include Planning for the joint conference which includes MPLA and the Nevada Library Association, with additional programs provided by national Reforma, which will be held November 5-8, 2003 at Incline Village, Nevada.  
<http://www.nevadalibraries.org/Conference03/index.html>

Planning for the 2003 Ghost Ranch MPLA Leadership Institute. Nevada attendees in 2002 were Brad Eden of UNLV and Debra McGuire of LVCCLD. The 2003 Institute is currently accepting applications.

[http://www.nevadalibraries.org/NLA\\_webannounce0303.pdf](http://www.nevadalibraries.org/NLA_webannounce0303.pdf)

Selection of the 2003 Board Choice Award winners. The 2003 Nevada winner is Felton Thomas of LVCCLD. Previous winners have included Tom Fay of HDPL and Susan Graf of NSLA.

<http://www.usd.edu/mpla/boardchoice/>

**Susan Graf, Northwest District:**

Northwest District will sponsor a program at NLA/MPLA Conference. In the meantime, I am working on programs to meet the needs of our members. If anyone has a special program or informational request, contact me at [sfgraf@clan.lib.nv.us](mailto:sfgraf@clan.lib.nv.us).

**Joanne Ross, Southern District:**

Southern District is presenting a program at UNLV with Mitch Freeman, ALA President as our guest speaker. Mitch will be addressing the issue of 'Pay Equity For Library Workers'. This 2 hour presentation will also be available via teleconference to locations in Reno, Elko, and Carson City. More information will follow regarding this and the other wonderful programs that Southern District will be presenting this year. Southern District programs are also posted on the Nevada Libraries Website.

**Wendy Starkweather, Nevada College and Research Libraries:**

As the NCRL Chair, I have been refining plans for the two NCRL-sponsored programs for the MPLA/NLA joint conference. As of this date I expect that we will have David Seaman, the Director of the Digital Library Federation, division of the Council of Library and Information Resources (CLIR), in Tahoe to provide his perspective on the influence that digital libraries are having on scholarly communication and to report on how patrons are making use of digital libraries. NCRL will also be sponsoring a panel presentation on serving remote users through the web featuring librarians from UNR who

have collaborated on a recent book about the topic. On another front, I have been gathering information from the Association of College and Research Libraries on the @ your library campaign efforts being undertaken specifically for academic libraries and I intend to share that with NCRL members in the near future. NCRL will also be using a portion of its travel funding to send Vicki Nozero, Head of Research and Information Services at UNLV, to participate in Legislative Day in Washington, D.C. While there with the Nevada contingent, Vicki also plans to attend the ACRL Legislative Luncheon that will highlight academic library issues.

**Robbie Nickel, Nevada School & Childrens' Librarians Section:**

NSCLS has been working on programming for the fall NLA/MPLA conference. Cory King has been working with the Summer Reading Program and the workshop for librarians on ideas for summer programming. Robbie Nickel has attended American Association of School Librarians Affiliate Assembly meetings at ALA midwinter. The awards committee headed by Anita Choate is in place.

**Angel Avila, REFORMA:**

Reforma, Nevada Chapter and the Las Vegas Clark County Library District have recently received a grant from Nevada Literacy Coalition to present some family literacy programs for Dia de los Ninos / Dia de los Libros in Las Vegas, presented this year through the Las Vegas Clark County Libraries.

Reforma is also bringing out award-winning illustrator Joe Cepeda for the NLA/MPLA/Reforma joint conference this fall in Lake Tahoe. Look for him there on Saturday morning, November 8th - Mr. Cepeda puts on a great show and presentation of his artwork and picture book illustrations.

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**Kathy Rankin, Collections, Automation, Preservation, Technical Services & Acquisitions in Nevada:** As chair of CAPTAIN, I have arranged for Liz Bishoff, who is the director of the Colorado Digitization Project, to speak at the NLA/MPLA conference on the challenges of organization in the digital library.

**Tim Skeers, Government Documents Interest Group:** GODIG members have been working on promoting AB214, which would amend the law governing the Nevada State Publications Distribution Center program to include electronic formats in the definition of those publications sent to the state depositories. Eileen Kessler of the NSLA and Ian Campbell of Washoe County Public Library testified on behalf of the bill before the Assembly Governmental Affairs Committee. I am writing a piece for the NLA Newsletter that will discuss these efforts in more detail.

**Kristine & Leo Segura, Nevada Networking and Automation Group:** Kristine and Leo received the designation of co-chairs in December 2002, just enough time to make it to the midwinter meeting in Reno. Since that time we scrambled to put in three proposals for the Annual Conference and are awaiting to hear the outcome of said proposals. The first is based on the article *“The Mom-and-Pop Shop Approach to Usability Studies”* by David King, IT/Web Project Manager, Kansas City Public Library District. We proposed a “how we did it” Web creation presentation “explaining the process of creating, implementing, and getting results from a usability study, while spending little or no money--just time.” The second proposal is a **Virtual Reference: Roundtable Discussion** with 24/7, Question Point, LSSI, and LV-CCLD’s Ask A Librarian

participating. We suggest a brief discussion, in panel format, for the various alternatives available for offering virtual reference and any corresponding integrated features including an “on your own” segment (LVCCLD). The third proposal is **Thin Client and Wireless Net Connections** product demonstration for Web technologies relating to V-Link and Thin Client Technology, and wireless technologies – how to provide more Internet connections for a fraction of the cost. A roundtable discussion with provider and end users will follow.

**Carol Rapacz, Nevada Young Readers’ Award**  
The NYRA committee has nominated the titles for the 2004 NYRA Awards. (See the article in this issue). The winning 2003 titles will be announced in the September issue.

**Vickie L. Barnett, Reference and Information Searchers of Nevada:** RAISON will be presenting 3 programs at NLA’s 2003 Conference: Virtual Tours of Special Libraries, presented by Cindy DeLanty, Reference Department Head and Janet Mastalir, Assistant Branch Manager-Las Vegas-Clark County Library District; Perfecting Pathfinders for Web by Paula Wilson, Virtual Library Branch Manager-Las Vegas-Clark County Library District; and Historic Nevada Maps Online by Linda Newman, Geoscience Librarian-DeLare Mare Library-UNR. These presentations are effective in promoting/marketing library services in the community. They also serve as useful service and learning tools for staff in their quest as well as fulfill the library patron’s/customer’s information needs. There will also be a RAISON meeting at Conference 2003.

**Gregory Robinson, Personnel Development:** I am currently the chair of the Personnel Development

Committee for the NLA. My role in this committee is to help share information about professional development opportunities within the state of Nevada. My primary means of doing this so far has been the maintenance of the Professional Development page on nevadalibraries.org, where I post information on upcoming conferences, training opportunities, and library schools. I will be conducting a “Train the Trainer” session at this year’s NLA conference.

**Ann Jarrell, Recording Secretary:** I have been a Nevada librarian since 1988 and am currently the Library Technician at the U. S. Courts Library in Las Vegas. I volunteered to be the Recording Secretary for NLA for three reasons. This position has been a hard one to fill for the past several years. Second, I like volunteer work that does not place me on the “front lines” and that has clearly defined duties. And third, I wanted a way to become involved again in the work of the association. As Recording Secretary I attend two meetings of the Executive Board, one in late winter and the second at NLA. I take written notes (and tape record everything as well) then prepare minutes. These get distributed (by e-mail) to board members for comment and error correction. A finished product (with my signature) is mailed to the Executive Secretary about 2 weeks after the meetings. I also make sure that copies of all the handouts that were distributed at the meetings are referenced in the minutes and attached to the final copy.

**Kyle Felker, Webmaster:** On my docket as Webmaster, in priority order:

- \*Reorganize the web committee so that we are actually sharing work and no one person has to do all the updating
- \*Create an informational packet to be provided to NLA webmasters

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when they come on board containing important information and documentation they need to do their job

\* Work with section chairs and others to set up some kind of document archive for centralized management of important documents, both for website and non-website use

\* Assist Tom and Araby in setting up and mounting the membership-tracking database

\* Investigate the possibility of using "out-of-the-box" e-commerce systems like paypal to allow us to accept credit card payments for dues and conferences over the web

\* Coordinate with Felton Thomas in creation of the librarian promotional site (hopefully can delegate)

\* Coordinate with bylaws/handbook chair to get updates on the website done as quickly as possible (hopefully can delegate)

There are one or two other projects in my notes, but quite frankly, I think this is enough for the time being. I can reassess in a few months time and see where we stand, and maybe then put some of the other stuff on the list.

**Joyce Cox, Membership:** I have deleted approximately 165 people from the NLA database. The memberships on these 165 expired on 12/01. Arnie Maurins , Executive Secretary, suggested that a discount for first time members of the association might help increase membership. Susan Graf noted that discounts for cross-membership in parallel library organizations already exist. Cindy DeLanty suggested that the association could do a formal discount membership agreement with ALA. There followed a general discussion of the lack of school librarian membership in the organization. There was also a mention of a student membership rate. Holly appointed a seven-

member ad hoc committee on membership to look into discounted membership possibilities and asked them to report to the Executive Board.

The members are Linda Deacy, Michelle Mazzanti, Cindy DeLanty, Eileen Horn, Arnie Maurins, Ken Bierman, and Joyce Cox.

**Jen Fabbi, Scholarships:**

Jen Fabbi has been busy collecting applications for the James S. McPhee Memorial Scholarship and will call a videoconference meeting of the NLA Scholarship Committee in late May to select scholarship awardees. Due to collaboration with Phil Turner, Dean of the University of North Texas School of Library and Information Sciences, scholarships awarded by NLA to students attending the UNT Nevada Program will be partially matched again this year. This program has prompted an increase in scholarship applications and new membership to NLA. Recently, Jen wrote a letter of support for a proposed IMLS grant that, if funded, will provide greatly increased scholarship opportunities for Nevada residents to attend accredited library education programs.

**Dani Porter, Publicity**

The NLA Publicity Committee has been active this spring. Members Dani Porter, Jennifer Gross, Eileen Horn, and Kristy Price presented two program proposals for the November, 2003 NLA/MPLA Conference, which promise to be both educational and entertaining. In addition, the committee is working with NLA Membership Chair Joyce Cox on a direct marketing membership drive slated for early summer. The committee's most "productive" member, Jennifer Gross of UNLV's Weiner-Rogers Library, is due with the Gross's first child on June 8, 2003. We

**2003 Nevada Library Directory & Statistics**

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We plan to update the Directory portion the first of each month, so if you have corrections please send them immediately. The Directory is available only in the online format. If you have connectivity problems, we can send you the Directory on a CD-ROM.

If you request one, please allow a few weeks for creation and delivery.

# 'Basque' in Knowledge @ at your library™ 2003 Conference:



Nevada Library Association - Mountain Plains Library Association  
 November 5-8, 2003  
 Incline Village, Nevada

The 2003 Nevada Library Association/Mountain Plains Library association joint conference will be held November 5-8, 2003 at the Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe Resort and Casino, located on the shore of beautiful Lake Tahoe.

The theme, 'Basque' in Knowledge: Read It, See It, Hear It, Know It @ your library™, recognizes the cultural heritage of the Basque people who settled in the Great Basin. REFORMA, the ALA affiliate to promote library and information services to Latinos and the Spanish speaking, will be a contributing program sponsor. Come share, learn, and enjoy with your colleagues in the splendor of the Sierra Nevada.

Dine in one of the hotels restaurants, work out in the health club, or have a massage in the Stillwater Spa. The Casino offers 24/7 gaming including slots, video poker, blackjack, craps, roulette, and a complete sportsbook. A complimentary shuttle bus is available to transport guests throughout the mountain community of Incline Village. The Nevada Library Association secured 1999 room rates for the conference.

A standard room with single or double occupancy will cost \$99 per night, a considerable discount from the normal rate. Suites and lakeside cottages are also available, and the special rates extend two days before and two days after the conference. Conference pricing will be honored through October 5, 2003, but attendees are encouraged to book early to secure a room.

Reservations can be made via the Web at [laketahoe.hyatt.com/groupbooking/mpla](http://laketahoe.hyatt.com/groupbooking/mpla) or by phoning Hyatt Reservations (1-877-875-5036). In order to obtain conference room rates, attendees must use the designated website or mention the conference when contacting Hyatt Reservations by phone.

Two of the events planned for the Nevada Library Association/Mountain Plains Library Association joint conference are an authors' book signing and a breathtaking cruise of beautiful Lake Tahoe.

On Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, a group of authors will gather at the conference to talk with participants and sign copies of their books. The tentative list of authors includes nationally renowned personalities Stephen Coonts and Dale Brown.

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## Accepting the Leadership Challenge-2003

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Nevada Library  
Leadership Institute  
June 16-19, 2003  
Alamo, Nevada

Institute Faculty:  
Louella V. Wetherbee, M.L.S.  
& Florence M. Mason, Ph.D.

**The Nevada State Library and Archives**  
announces the 2003 Library Leadership Institute:

**Focus:** Leadership skills training for Nevada library leaders in an era of rapid technological change.

**Institute Faculty:** Louella Wetherbee and Florence Mason, of Dallas, Texas. These two nationally recognized trainers have extensive experience in training library leaders and are noted for their complementary and engaging styles. Together they have trained library staff across the country on key leadership skills using a variety of techniques and tools in a lively, informal and enjoyable manner. Their clients include: North Carolina State Library, San Jose Public Library, University of Iowa, Harris County Public Library, Rochester Regional Library Council, and others. Funded by Library Services and Technology Act

**Goals of the institute:** Help participants immediately translate new knowledge into

practical applications for leadership. Build new leadership skills in both professional and personal roles. The Institute curriculum will be based on the "Five Fundamental Leadership Practices" identified by James Kouzes and Barry Posner in their landmark book, *The Leadership Challenge*. Jossey Bass, 3rd ed. 2002.

**Special features:** Self-evaluation of leadership practices using the internationally recognized *Leadership Practices Inventory*. Personalized analysis of leadership skills using the *Inventory*. Personalized guidance is on identifying growth areas of individual professional concern and personal interest.

**You can expect to learn:** New strategies for managing emerging technologies and leading staff members through rapid changes. Leadership skills that will help you partner with other libraries. Practical advocacy skills you can put to use immediately. How to capitalize on your current leadership skills and how to assess your personal leadership growth areas. Five core leadership practices and 10 fundamental commitments of successful leaders, what they mean, and how you can use them everyday to become more effective. Practical ways you can continue to build your skills as a leader after the Institute

For more information, please visit  
<http://dmla.clan.lib.nv.us/docs/nsla/sli/>

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### Conference Spotlight on Youth

Are you a school librarian? Children's librarian? Youth Services Librarian? Here's your chance to learn from Patrick Jones. Author of *Connecting Young Adults and Libraries* and *New Directions for Library Service to Young Adults*, Patrick will be presenting on Friday, November 7, 2003 at the joint NLA/MPLA conference at Incline Village, Nevada. Friday morning he will present a 90-minute session on Best Practices for teens in libraries. Mid-day will feature a 2-hour session on making the case for teens in libraries so that administrations, boards and officials will commit necessary resources for YA library services.

These exceptional programs will be complimented by additional programs on Friday designed to meet the need of all library staff who work with youth. Included are programs presented by Reforma. And, don't forget to stay for Saturday's Nevada Young Reader Awards luncheon and Meet the Authors sessions.

Patrick Jones was born in Flint, Michigan, which is also the hometown of youth writers Christopher Paul Curtis and Jon Scieszka. He worked as a shelver and paraprofessional for the Genesee District Library in Flint, went to library school at the University of Michigan, then moved around a little bit taking a wide variety of jobs. He started as a reference librarian, then moved from YA librarian to branch manager to school librarian and then to library administrator. He is currently employed as the manager of Outreach Services at the Hennepin County Library in suburban Minneapolis.

## A.C.T.I.O.N. Programs

Thursday, August 7, 2003 A.C.T.I.O.N. is preparing a program for all library staff co-hosted by Southern Dist. The session is a two-part program.

### **Part I: Understanding and Assisting Home School Families in the Library**

This portion of the program will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Paseo Verde Library in Henderson, Nevada.

Administrative Specialist for Home Instruction, Julia Chavez (CCSD) will speak about the school districts roll with home school families and how they direct and support these families. Nevada legal options will be covered as well as information on the several different types of home school groups in Clark County. A representative from a local home school organization will discuss the needs of homeschoolers and what families are looking for when they visit their local public libraries. Information on superior reference and library materials that will benefit homeschoolers (and other students) will be shared. Handouts with home school support organizations, approved

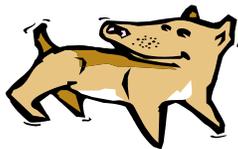
correspondence programs and web sites for home schoolers will be passed out to attendees. Paddy Harrigian (LVCCLD Whitney Library, YPL) and I will also discuss innovative programming that will educate homeschoolers to better help themselves.

### **Part II: Resources of the Heritage Genealogy Center @ the Paseo Verde Library.**

Past-president and Clark County Genealogical Society board member Helen Smith will give a 1/2 hour presentation on the Paseo Verde Library Heritage Room. Use of the room, available resources as well as information on researching your family tree will be shared. A tour of the Paseo Verde Library ending in the Heritage Room with handout-outs will follow.

If you need any additional information please feel free to call or e-mail me anytime. Florica Hagendorn Henderson District Public Libraries Paseo Verde Library  
fhagendorn@hdpl.org 702-492-6581

## **Reading with Rover**



### **The Henderson District Public Libraries are offering an innovative program for struggling readers...**

*Reading with Rover* pairs certified therapy dogs one-on-one with children who are uncomfortable reading aloud. In this unique nonjudgmental program, children are assigned their own "canine reading specialist" for weekly reading practice. Children with reading difficulties often suffer low self-esteem and lack of confidence. *Reading with Rover* creates a comfortable relaxed environment where children can practice their reading skills without fear of criticism or judgment. Reluctant readers that are uncomfortable reading with other children or adults are more willing to interact with animals. These special dogs give their unconditional acceptance and emotional support. In the end everyone wins: the child gains needed reading practice and the dog loves the attention.

Working closely with schools has added many children who would not have known about the program. Children are evaluated for the program by need. Consideration is given to the breed and temperament of the dog that would best suit each child's personality and needs. Research has shown children participating in similar programs are inclined to forget their limitations and improve their self-confidence, schoolwork, reading and concentration skills.

Parents, teachers and caregivers can nominate a child for *Reading with Rover*. Public response has been overwhelmingly positive for this program. Parents and educators have noted improvements in students reading, comprehension and over-all self-confidence. One child in the program said, "Having my own reading buddy makes me feel special."

**Reading with Rover nomination forms are available at any Henderson District Public Library. For further information contact Florica Hagendorn at the Paseo Verde Library 492-6581.**

# GODIG and Nevada Legislative Day

*Tim Skeers*

The main activity of GODIG recently has centered around the 2003 session of the Nevada Legislature and our efforts to bring about a small, but important, change in the law that governs the Nevada state government publications depository program.

Chapter 378.150 through 378.210 of the Nevada Revised Statutes provides for the distribution of Nevada state government publications to the Legislative Counsel Bureau, the Library of Congress and several depository libraries around the state. The original impetus for this program came from Nevada federal depository librarians in the late 1960s. Recognizing that Nevada was one of a minority of states without legislative backing for a state publications distribution center, this group, through the auspices of the Nevada Library Association, first presented a bill to create a state system to the Nevada Assembly in 1967. That bill died in the Senate Committee on Finance. After two more attempts, a state depository law was passed in 1971.

There have been no major changes to the law since 1971. The program has worked pretty well for the distribution of printed publications for many years. However, the Internet and the increasing use of digital, electronic formats are now revolutionizing the distribution of government information. Nevada depository librarians, staff at the Nevada State Library and Archives and others have been meeting in various venues and discussing this issue for some time now.

Formal action began with a guided discussion program sponsored by the GODIG at the NLA Annual Conference in October, 2002. The product of that

meeting was a resolution calling for the NLA board to propose and support a change in the state depository law that would modify the definition of "publications" subject to the law to include those published in electronic formats. The resolution was passed by GODIG at its business meeting and subsequently accepted by the NLA board at its January meeting. Along with other NLA legislative concerns, Karen Kavanau, the NLA lobbyist for the 2003 session undertook to find a sponsor for the bill. Subsequently, AB214 was introduced by Assemblyman Mortenson.

A hearing was held on March 6, 2003 before the Assembly Government Affairs Committee. Sara Jones NSLA Administrator and Ian Campbell of the Washoe County Public Library testified in favor of the bill. It has not yet been brought before the full Assembly, so it will have to pass that house and then go to the Senate. As of this writing (mid April), it is still alive and has a chance to pass this session.

This bill is important because it will give the NSLA some authority to set guidelines for state and local governments in Nevada to submit their electronic-format publications for distribution to the state's depositories. Working with these government agencies, staff at the NSLA will be able to move forward with identifying electronic publications and preserving them in the state depository system.

We hope to use NLA channels to keep members informed as this bill moves through the legislature and, we hope, on to Governor Guinn to be signed into law. Please contact your Assembly member and ask them to support AB214.

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## ***SPECIAL COLLECTIONS -OR WHERE TO GO FOR THE WEIRD STUFF***

*Tammy Giesecking*

You hear the question and cringe because you know right away that you will have to tell the customer that you don't have what they need. This month the Nevada Library Association's Southern District offered a program to help stop the cringing and give staff the knowledge to send the customer happily off to the correct place to find what they need. Four speakers in charge of four different special collections spoke about what their collections contained, and what materials and services they offered the public.

First up was Su Kim Chung, in charge of UNLV's Manuscript's Collection. She gave an excellent overview on the vast, varied, and fun Las Vegas information contained at UNLV. The next speaker was Thonni Mowikawa, Curator of Manuscripts at the Las Vegas Museum and Historical Society. It was wonderful to find out that this collection has many

years of the Review Journal fully indexed, as well as an extensive map collection! After a short break to digest both the information and some refreshments, Kevin Clanton, director of the Clark County Law Library, imparted his knowledge regarding materials at his library and the services offered by his very helpful staff. And to wrap it all up, we heard from David Schwartz, Ph.D., about the wonderful things he is doing as coordinator of the Gaming Studies Collection at UNLV, including making many resources available to the public from the Gaming Collection web page <http://library.nevada.edu/speccol/grc/index.html>.

Thus filled with our newfound knowledge, we left this NLA Southern District sponsored program confident in our ability to better assist customers whose questions might have stumped us before.

# ALA Annual Conference to remain in Toronto

## For Immediate Release -May 2, 2003

(Chicago) After lengthy discussions and consultation with international and national health officials about the occurrence of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), the American Library Association (ALA) Executive Board voted unanimously to keep the 2003 Annual Conference in Toronto, June 19-25.

"This decision has been reached following the assurance of leading health officials who inform us that it is safe for our members, exhibitors and guests to visit Toronto," said ALA President Maurice J. (Mitch) Freedman. "We take the occurrence of SARS in Toronto very seriously and have carefully considered all options and opinions before choosing to stay."

The Executive Board decision followed an announcement from the World Health Organization (WHO) that it was lifting the travel advisory for Toronto. WHO Director-General Dr Gro Harlem Brundtland cited three changes in Toronto over the last week: the magnitude of probable SARS cases has decreased; 20 days have passed since the last case of community transmission occurred; and no new cases in other parts of the world have been linked to Toronto.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has not advised against travel to Toronto. Its April 22 interim travel alert encouraged travelers to observe

precautions like frequent hand-washing and avoiding health care settings

The CDC reports that all cases in Toronto have been linked to an original index case, and spread has been through close person-to-person contact. SARS transmission in Toronto has been limited to a small number of hospitals, households, and specific community settings, according to the CDC.

"We are urging all travelers to use common sense measures to protect themselves from any infectious disease, and first among those measures is, of course, hand hygiene or careful washing of soap and water," said CDC Director Dr. Julie Gerberding at a news conference last week. Gerberding has urged continued vigilance in the United States, where there have been 220 suspected cases of SARS, and in Canada.

The ALA Annual Conference is the world's largest and most comprehensive library conference and exhibition. Drawing more than 25,000 librarians, educators, writers, publishers and special guests, the conference includes more than 2,000 meetings, discussion groups and programs on topics affecting libraries. This year marks the first joint conference with the Canadian Library Association (CLA) in more than 30 years.

For more information go to [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org)

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## Call for NSCLS Award Nominations!

Each year the Nevada School and Children's Librarian Section of the Nevada Library Association awards outstanding services to youth in libraries around Nevada. The following are descriptions of the awards:

**AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE:** Awarded to an individual who has given continuous support to the professional library organizations at the local, state, and/or national levels OR an individual in a school or public library who over a period of time has made an outstanding contribution to librarianship for youth.

**SILVER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:** Awarded to a librarian who has a program that exemplifies excellence in services for youth.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD:** Awarded to the member of the community who endeavors to promote libraries, contribute financial support, or volunteer time, this may be an administrator, public office holder, volunteer, etc.

With the exception of the NSCLS Special Recognition Award, all nominees must be members of the Nevada School and Children's Section of the Nevada Library Association.

To nominate someone for these awards submit your application by August 29, 2003. In your application include the following information: Your name, address, telephone number, email (if applicable), name of nominee, their address, telephone number, email (if applicable), their library and position, work history of the nominee or other pertinent information (25-50 words) and qualifications of the nominee (50-75 words). Please send your nominations to Anita Choate, P.O. Box 816, Wells, NV 89835, email: [achoate@elko.k12.nv.us](mailto:achoate@elko.k12.nv.us), or to me, Robbie Nickel, email: [mickel@nsn.k12.nv.us](mailto:mickel@nsn.k12.nv.us). Your nominations are important and appreciated and the committee looks forward to receiving them!

# ALA HAPPENINGS...

By Cindy DeLanty, ALA Delegate

## APA and Certification

Probably the most significant event in my mind from ALA Mid-Winter in Philadelphia was that the ALA/APA Bylaws were passed and APA will move forward with its mission. APA's two main goals will be to provide a means of certification for individuals and to advocate for library workers. You can see a copy of the "Advocating for Pay Equity and Better Salaries Toolkit" by going to:

[http://www.ala.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Our\\_Association/Offices/Human\\_Resource\\_Development\\_and\\_Recruitment/Library\\_Employment\\_Resources/toolkit.pdf](http://www.ala.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Our_Association/Offices/Human_Resource_Development_and_Recruitment/Library_Employment_Resources/toolkit.pdf)

Also ALA President, Mitch Freedman, will be here in Nevada on May 30 to provide advocacy training through a program sponsored by Southern District. Watch for more details on this event.

On the Certification front, there will be many opportunities for individuals to benefit as certification programs are developed. When certification programs are implemented, individuals will be able to participate in continuing education and receive certification for their efforts. One such program that has been in development for many years is the Certified Public Library Administrator (CPLA) Certification Program, a joint effort between PLA and LAMA. Watch for details on the following web page currently under construction

[http://www.ala.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Our\\_Association/Divisions/PLA/Projects/Certification1/Certification.htm](http://www.ala.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Our_Association/Divisions/PLA/Projects/Certification1/Certification.htm)

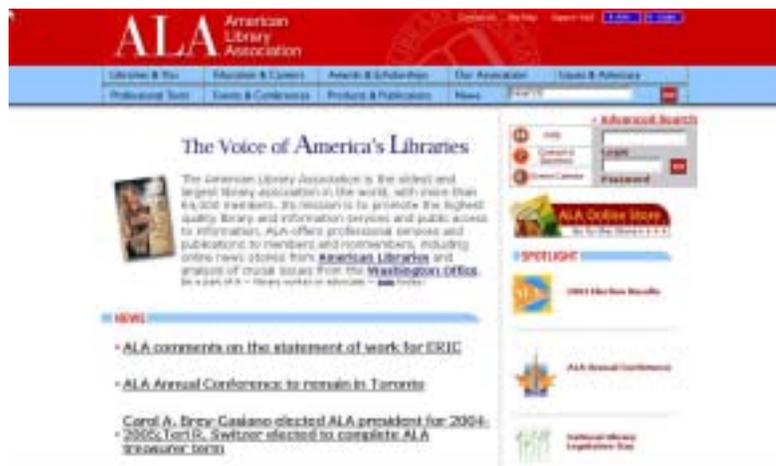
You may have read the editorial by John N. Berry III in the January, 2003 issue of Library Journal where he poses the question, "Why do public library directors need another credential?" While he later points out in the article that he sees a potential for paraprofessionals through these efforts, he doesn't acknowledge that PLA and LAMA have worked together for years on this certification program and are ready to move ahead now that APA is underway and able to provide the individual certification. Certification could play a positive role in efforts to raise salaries for all library workers. As far back as 1991, certification for individuals has been explored and promoted as in the Certification for Support Staff Issue Paper #1 presented by American Library Association Office for Library Personnel Resources Standing Committee on Library Education. For the complete text of the paper, go to:

[http://www.ala.org/Content/ContentGroups/HRDR/3rd\\_Congress\\_on\\_Professional\\_Education\\_Focus\\_on\\_Library\\_Support\\_Staff/Certification\\_for\\_Library\\_Support\\_Staff.htm](http://www.ala.org/Content/ContentGroups/HRDR/3rd_Congress_on_Professional_Education_Focus_on_Library_Support_Staff/Certification_for_Library_Support_Staff.htm) Be sure to watch for news on other certification opportunities in the future.

Also, plan to come and find the answer to the question, "Are you Certifiable?" in November at the NLA Annual Conference. I'm happy to try to find the answer to any questions you may have about any ALA issue. Please contact me at [delantyca@worldnet.att.net](mailto:delantyca@worldnet.att.net) or call me at (702) 260-1337.

## ALA Website Redesign

I also want to mention that the ALA website (<http://www.ala.org/>) has undergone a redesign and is working through a number of issues as a result. Putting it mildly--it's a mess. However, ALA Executive Director Keith Fiels has promised that it will be resolved and you'll find the new website a better experience once it is complete. If you are not able to find something you want there, please call me and I'll be glad to assist you.



## Dorothy H. Peckenpaugh McAlinden

*Reprinted from the Reno Gazette-Journal*

Dorothy H. Peckenpaugh McAlinden passed away on April 14, 2003 in Reno, Nevada. Born in Seattle, Washington on June 4, 1915, to James and Harriet Bagshaw Peckenpaugh, Dorothy grew up in the Puget Sound areas of Manette and Silverdale.

At the age of 16, Dorothy graduated from Port Washington Bay High School and married Joseph Emmett "Mac" McAlinden on May 29, 1936. There were two things that were always of importance to Dorothy - work and community service. Dorothy's work career spanned a variety of professions from co-owning the first garage in Tacoma in the 1930's that had a car elevator, to selling real estate in Hollywood in the 1940's, to supervising the circulation department at the University of Nevada, Reno in the 1970's. Acknowledged by others as always giving a 100% effort, in 1978 the Nevada Library Association named an annual award after Dorothy that recognizes a State of Nevada classified employee for outstanding contributions to the profession.

After her retirement from the University of Nevada, Reno, Dorothy and Mac moved to Bandon, Oregon. While there, Dorothy was involved with her homeowners group and

was an avid supporter of the Bandon Library. When Dorothy and Mac returned to Reno, she became immersed in local community projects. She served as the chairperson for the Stead Neighborhood Council for 11 years and was able to obtain funding for sidewalks and lights on Stead Boulevard, support for speed limit signage on various streets, and established a Reno Police Department substation in Stead, as well as identifying and addressing other neighborhood issues. She staunchly supported the National Air Races, the Sierra Nevada Job Corps, and Harrah's Automobile Museum. Mayor Pete Sferazza declared July 20, 1994 as Dorothy McAlinden Day. Again in 1994, with the kind recommendation of Bernice Mathews and the Reno City Council, Mayor's Park in Stead was renamed Dorothy McAlinden Neighborhood Park. Dorothy received numerous awards and recognition for her community involvement from the City of Reno, the Reno Police Department, J.C. Penney's, and other Stead businesses, as well as the Distinguished Leadership Award from the American Planning Association.

Dorothy is survived by her son, Michael, her daughter, Patricia, and her granddaughter, Tara Westlake. Her husband, Mac, preceded her in death.

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## Mitch Freedman

President of [ALA](#) and  
Director of the [Westchester Library System](#)

**Friday, May 30th 9-11 a.m.**

"Better Salaries and Pay Equity for All Library Workers" has been Mitch Freedman's ALA Presidential initiative for the past 2 years. Join Mitch as he brings this empowering topic to Nevada library workers.

Mitch, along with NLA's ALA Delegate City Delanty, will discuss how this became a national movement.

Topics of discussion will include:

- Task Force Activities
- Tax Status Issues
- Allied Professional Association
- Workshops & Training
- Future

Pre-Registration is required! Please e-mail **Joanne Ross** at [rossj@lvccld.org](mailto:rossj@lvccld.org) or phone **702.507.4431** and leave your name, number, and the location you will be attending. You will receive confirmation and directions when you register.

**Live Site: UNLV-CBC Room B117**

**Teleconference Sites:**

**UNLV Lied Library**

**University of Nevada, Reno**

**Carson City-WNCC**

**Elko**

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## ALA Annual Conference to remain in Toronto

# South Valleys Library



**Location:** • South Valleys Regional Park, 15650A Wedge Parkway in South Reno.

**Structure/Land:** • New construction.  
• Worth Group, Architects.  
• Approximately 18,000 sq. ft.  
• Property currently owned by Washoe County.

**Financial Projection:** • \$3.7 million (estimate) including design, construction, furnishings, equipment, and technology.

This project is being funded thanks to the November 2000 bond issue that voters passed for libraries, parks, trails and open space.

**Community Need:** • The Washoe County Library currently has 10,376 registered borrowers in the zip code areas that this library will serve. Projected population for this area by the year 2020 is 42,000.

**Building Features and Amenities:** • Emphasis on more self-service features including express check-out units, self-sorting check-in station, smart cards for using public printers, more consolidated customer service desk points, etc.  
• Redfield Young People's Library for children  
• Gallery  
• Coffee Plaza  
• Business Conference Area with a special business collection  
• Sports Center with a special sports collection  
• Multimedia area  
• Community rooms  
• Teen Center  
• Drive-through window for picking up and/or dropping off library materials

**Community Partnerships:** This project is of regional significance. It expands our opportunity to enrich the community while providing money-saving benefits by collaborating with Washoe County Parks and Recreation, the Washoe County School District, and business and private sectors.



## MPLA Leadership Institute at Ghost Ranch

Applications for 2003 MPLA Leadership Institute are now available at the MPLA website: [www.usd.edu/mpla/leadership](http://www.usd.edu/mpla/leadership)

The MPLA Leadership Institute is to be held at Ghost Ranch in northern New Mexico again this year. The dates are November 9th through the 14th.

If you are an emerging leader with aspirations to become an even better leader please review the information at the MPLA website and consider an application to attend this fabulous event. If you are not interested or do not meet the qualifications, please encourage colleagues and other librarians to consider the Institute as an opportunity to learn, grow, and network with others from across the 12-state MPLA region.

MPLA is interested in helping really good people achieve their greatest potential as leaders in the profession. The number of available positions is limited (30) and the selection of those to be invited will be difficult but we are looking for “the best in the West” once again to join us in New Mexico. Applications are to be completed and submitted online and will be accepted from now until midnight on May 31st.

The Institute Leader again this year will be Maureen Sullivan, nationally recognized consultant & trainer. She will be assisted by 6 mentors to be selected from among the MPLA region’s leaders.

To qualify for the initial application process an individual must have earned an MLS or equivalent master’s degree relevant to the library field and worked less than 10 years in a post-master’s library-related position or series of positions. An applicant from our state must currently be a member Nevada Library Association and be employed in a library organization in the MPLA 12-state region. In addition, each applicant must

have a record of experience (including non-library) that demonstrates leadership potential. The registration fee is only \$450 (room & meals, double occupancy for 5 nights, workshop & support materials) because MPLA, with the assistance of a grant from EBSCO Information Services, is underwriting a large portion of the expenses in order to keep the registration fee at an exceptionally low rate for this excellent professional development event. MPLA members of record since 2002 receive a \$100 discount, making their registration fee only \$350. Air fare, mileage, or ground transportation to the Institute site is not provided.

The participant must provide or find funding for transportation. NLA members are eligible to apply for an NLA scholarship that, if awarded, could be used to cover Institute costs. Albuquerque, NM, is the closest major airport. Ground transportation will be available at a reasonable fee to and from the airport for those who fly to the institute.

Only 2 individuals will be selected from each of the 12 MPLA states with 5 additional participants selected from among the best remaining applications. In addition, a list of alternates will be maintained in case there is a need for a substitution.

After the review of applications, those selected to attend the MPLA Leadership Institute will be notified by August 15, 2003. Deadline for receipt of the registration fee is September 15, 2003.

If you have questions concerning the MPLA Leadership Institute, Linda Deacy at [ldacey@douglas.lib.nv.us](mailto:ldacey@douglas.lib.nv.us) or your MPLA State Representative. You may also contact Mary Bushing, Institute Coordinator at [marying@msn.com](mailto:marying@msn.com).



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