



## President's Message



### How Can I Be Down?

I would like to thank the Nevada Library Association membership for giving me the opportunity to serve as NLA President. I would also like to thank the NLA presidents that have come before me for their hard work and dedication to our organization. I must give special thanks to Holly Van Valkenburgh for her commitment to NLA and her commitment to mentoring me in NLA.

But my message today isn't a congratulatory one, nor is it a pessimistic one as the title may sound. The young people of today often say, "How can I be down" when they talk of something that they want to be a part of or join. My message for the membership is that we must get more library workers throughout the state asking, "How can I be down with NLA"?

In 1968, NLA had over 600 members and now 36 years later, our numbers have dwindled to half of that. Before we can get people interested in joining our organization, we must first answer their question, "Why should I be down with NLA"?

I'm asking the committed members of NLA to make a concerted effort to talk to their co-workers about NLA, and I want you to tell them this:

- The Nevada Library Association provided over \$50,000 in scholarships to its members who were seeking an MLS, were enrolled in the State Library Certification program or attended leadership seminars in the past five years. NLA will offer over \$50,000 in scholarships to members seeking an MLS over the next two years.
- The Nevada Library Association provides Professional Development Grants for institutes and workshops.
- The Nevada Library Association offers leadership training through the NLA Leadership Program.
- The Nevada Library Association hosts an annual conference for continuing education and professional support. This year's conference is entitled "Viva Lake Las Vegas: Celebrating Nevada's Diversity", and will be held at the Hyatt at Lake Las Vegas from August 11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>.
- The Nevada Library Association employs a lobbyist to represent all types of libraries around the state.
- The Nevada Library Association supports an elected representative to the American Library Association and Mountain Plains Library Association to represent Nevada Libraries at Council and Board Meetings.
- The Nevada Library Association recognizes outstanding contributions to local state and regional library services.
- NLA is offering first-time members a special \$25 membership fee.

Finally, make sure that they know that NLA's purpose is to promote library service of the highest quality for all present and potential users of libraries in Nevada. If that doesn't work check their pulse.

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## 2004 Reference Institute



The Las Vegas-Clark County Library District is hosting "*The 2004 Reference Institute*", supported by the Nevada State Library and Archives with help from LSTA funding.

A three-day workshop for public library staff in rural, outlying area towns and cities in Nevada, May 25- May 28, 2004 in Las Vegas, NV. The workshop will cover the philosophy of library reference services, the basics of traditional collections, special collections, and use of virtual reference resources and tools. Information and registration form (deadline March 15):

<http://dmla.clan.lib.nv.us/docs/nsla/lpd/sli/NSLARefInst.pdf>

## Upcoming Events

### 2004

**March 12:** Web Filtering: Policies, Software, Staff Training and CIPA - College of Du Page Teleconference (see p. 4)

**March 13:** Nevada Young Readers' Award Statewide Teleconference For information on sites contact Jen Fabbi at [jfabbi@cmail.nevada.edu](mailto:jfabbi@cmail.nevada.edu) or Angela Pfeil at [angela@pfeilconsulting.com](mailto:angela@pfeilconsulting.com)

**March 26:** Professional Toolkit: Skills for Advancement - College of Du Page Teleconference (see p. 4)

**April 12 & 13:** Fundraising from Foundations for Libraries (Las Vegas) Presented by Suzanne Hackett-Morgan, contact Holly Van Valkenburgh

**April 16:** Joe Janes and Colleagues: Preparing for the Future of Digital Reference - College of Du Page Teleconference (see p. 4)

**April 26 & 27:** Fundraising from Foundations for Libraries (Reno) Presented by Suzanne Hackett-Morgan, contact Holly Van Valkenburgh

**April 18- 24:** National Library Week

**May 3 & 4:** Fundraising from Foundations for Libraries (Elko) Presented by Suzanne Hackett-Morgan, contact Holly Van Valkenburgh

**May 15:** Deadline for NLA Scholarship Applications

**May 25- 28:** The 2004 Reference Institute hosted by Las Vegas-Clark County Library District

**June 24-30:** ALA Annual, Orlando, FL

**August 11-14:** NLA Conference – Lake Las Vegas Hilton, Henderson Nevada

**Oct. 20-24:** MPLA Conference Denver, Colorado - Joint with CAL

### 2005

**Oct 19-22 – NLA Conference, Reno**



# 2004 NLA AWARDS

by Nancy Hutchinson, 2004 Awards Chair

Once again it is time for you to stop and take a few moments to consider your colleagues from around the state for the following NLA awards. We all know many people who work very hard in support of Nevada's libraries and are worthy of your consideration and nomination. Please review the criteria for each award and send your nomination to the committee using the form below. The awards are these:

## LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR AND TRUSTEE OF THE YEAR

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

## SPECIAL CITATION AWARD

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

## DOROTHY McALINDEN AWARD

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

### NOMINATION FORM:

Person being nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Library of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Award selection:

\_\_\_ Librarian of the Year \_\_\_ Trustee of the Year \_\_\_ Special Citation Award \_\_\_ Dorothy McAlinden Award

Reason for Nomination

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Additional text may be submitted on a separate page.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Hutchinson at [hutchinsonn@lvccld.org](mailto:hutchinsonn@lvccld.org), West Las Vegas Library, 951 West Lake Mead Blvd, Las Vegas 89106-2337, call: 702-507-3993 or fax: 702-507-3999. We appreciate your help.

## NSCLS Award Nominations

The Nevada School and Children's Library Section (NSCLS) is looking for nominations for the following awards to be presented at the 2004 NLA conference at Lake Las Vegas in Henderson this coming August. Many good and innovative things are happening in our school and public libraries in Nevada so please take this opportunity to bring attention to these people and programs.

- **NSCLS Award for Excellence**

To be awarded to the individual who has given continuous support to the professional library organizations at the local, state, and/or national levels OR awarded to an individual in a school or public library who over a period of time has made an outstanding contribution to librarianship for youth. Recipient must be a member of NSCLS.

- **NSCLS Special Recognition Award**

To be 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.

- **NSCLS Silver Achievement Award**

To be awarded to a librarian who has a program that exemplifies excellence in services for youth. Recipient must be a member of NSCLS.

Please send letters of nomination to the NSCLS Awards Chair, Stephanie Miller.  
Stephanie's address is 1833 Golden Shadow Dr., Henderson, NV 89015.

## *Soaring to Excellence 2004 - Toolkits for Advancing Your Career*

Soaring to Excellence celebrates 10 years with a new series of teleconferences packed with practical information.

### **Friday, March 26, 2004**

#### **Professional Toolkit: Skills for Advancement**

Linda Slusar, College of DuPage

The third teleconference addresses skills required for professional advancement for library staff. Topics include mentoring, creating professional portfolios, career ladders, professional organizations and meetings, and information about the American Library Association's current initiatives concerning library support staff.

### *Reference Series*

#### **April 16, 2004**

#### **Joe Janes and Colleagues: Preparing for the Future of Digital Reference**

Details to come

#### **March 12, 2004**

#### **Web Filtering: Policies, Software, Staff Training and CIPA**

##### **Program Description:**

This teleconference focuses on three elements necessary for implementing CIPA:

1. understanding the law as it applies to library policies for staff and users
2. evaluating the pros and cons of different filtering software
3. establishing best practices for staff training

##### **Who Should Attend**

- Any library that receives federal or E-Rate funds for Internet Service Provider costs directly or through any grant or re-grant program.
- Any library whose state or local government is considering or has passed legislation requiring filtering for some or all of the computers that have open access to the Internet.
- Any library that is contemplating using Internet filtering software for any reason.

For more information: Holly Van Valkenburgh, [hvanvalk@clan.lib.nv.us](mailto:hvanvalk@clan.lib.nv.us) or 800-922-2880



# NEWS FROM MPLA

Linda Deacy - MPLA Delegate

## 2003 JOINT CONFERENCE

Conference handouts are available:

<http://www.usd.edu/mpla/documents/conferences/2003/index.html>

Conference pictures are available:

<http://www.usd.edu/mpla/conferences/2003/>

## MPLA CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

- ❖ **2004** Oct. 20-24 Denver, Colorado - Joint with CAL
- ❖ **2005** Nov. 5-8 Jackson Hole, Wyoming - Joint Conference with WLA
- ❖ **2006** No Conference - Transition year to spring conferences
- ❖ **2007** Albuquerque, New Mexico - Joint with NMLA
- ❖ **2008** Salt Lake City, Utah - Joint with ULA
- ❖ **2009** Overland Park, Kansas - Joint with KLA, KASL and KAECT

## 2004 JOINT CONFERENCE

The joint conference with Colorado Association of Libraries and MPLA will be October 20-23, 2004 at the Denver Marriott Technical Center. The rooms will be \$86 a night. The tentative theme for the conference will be "Libraries and All That Jazz". Pat Wagner is planning to be there for a welcoming event. There will be space for 100 exhibitors. The Colorado Association of Libraries had 800 at their conference this year.

## 2005 JOINT CONFERENCE

The 2005 Joint Conference of MPLA and the Wyoming Library Association will be the first week of October 2005 in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. The park will be open and conference attendees are encouraged to bring their families for a mini-vacation. Hotel room rates will be \$85 and the rate will be available three days before and three days after the conference.

## 3RD ANNUAL GHOST RANCH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Applications for the third MPLA Leadership Institute will be accepted from Feb. 2 - April 30, 2004. The online form will be available on the MPLA website <http://www.usd.edu/mpla/leadership/leadershipform.html>

## JOIN MPLA TODAY

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.

## 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!

# Nevada School and Children Librarians' Section Year End Report for 2003

*Robbie Nickel, NSCLS Outgoing Chair, rnickel@nsn.k12.nv.us*

Outgoing Chair: Robbie Nickel, Sage Elementary School, Spring Creek  
Incoming Chair: Linda Rauenbuehler, HDPL, Henderson  
Incoming Chair-elect: Anne Aas, Elmcrest Elementary, Reno

NSCLS sponsored several programs at NLA/MPLA conference. Two programs NSCLS sponsored were: Mother Goose Rhyme Time given by Lynn Wren, North Las Vegas Public Library District, Betsy Johnson and Rachelle Weigel from Henderson District Public Library and SOS Information Literacy given by Dr. Ruth Small, Syracuse University New York. NSCLS also cosponsored several programs with the MPLA Children's Section chaired by Donna Norvell.

NSCLS also completed the re-affiliation application with the American Association of School Librarians (AASL). This affiliation provides NSCLS with a professional link to AASL. The chair also attended the American Library

Association midwinter and annual conferences and participated in the AASL Affiliate Assembly.

## Summer Reading Program Report

First of all, our statewide training in Tonopah took place in March with over 40 participants from all parts of the state. We had several workshops, including a flannel board workshop presented by Susan Graf and a puppet-making workshop by Darla Bayer. Chris, Darla and Danita Bayer also presented their puppet show and distributed copies of the CD and workbook, which included the entire script for libraries to duplicate themselves. Evaluations of the training were positive, with many ideas shared between everyone who participated.

In April the Collaborative Summer Library Program Meeting was held at the Best Western in Reno. Susan Graf organized it, but she had a family emergency and could not actually attend. Representatives of

the 24 member states attended the meeting (I represented Nevada). The Bayers provided the entertainment by presenting their puppet show, and the participants also enjoyed a Basque dinner the evening before the meeting started.

I can't give you an exact figure as to how many libraries participated in the program for 2003, but my estimate is that about 40 manuals were distributed. This was the first year that a separate YA manual was made available to CSLP members. It was produced through the Iowa State Library. Sixteen of these manuals were distributed to libraries in Nevada. This will also be done in 2004, but in 2005 CSLP will produce a YA manual that will be packaged with the children's manual. This was one of the big accomplishments of our meeting in April, to come up with the specifics on producing a YA manual in addition to the children's manual.

*\*\*Summer Reading Program Report submitted by Cory King*

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## NLA Financial Report for 2003

*Ken Bierman, NLA Treasurer*

It was a very good year, financially speaking. NLA's cash assets at the end of the year were just under \$57,000—up from \$34,000 at the end of 2002. What was the cause of the \$23,000 positive cash flow? The answer is . . . the unbelievable financial success of the joint NLA/MPLA conference held in November 2003 at Lake Tahoe. Net conference proceeds (\$30,625) after all the bills were paid accounted for 55% of NLA's income for the year. Next time you see Linda Wilson, Conference Chair, drop to the ground and kiss her feet thanking her for the excellent job she did of providing a quality conference with a very positive cash flow.

The NLA Board has established \$30,000 as a "reserve", "rainy day" or "contingency" fund (whatever you

want to call it) to be used only in an emergency and only with Board approval. Setting aside \$3,350 for scholarships that have been awarded but not yet paid, \$23,650 remains as available funds to be budgeted and spent in future years.

Total net income for the year was just over \$55,000. As reported above, \$30,625 was from the Conference. The next largest income category was memberships (\$11,000) followed by donations (\$9,675) which were mostly for scholarships.

Total expenses were just short of \$32,000. The largest expense category was scholarships (\$11,500) followed by the NLA Lobbyist (\$5,000). Programming and operational expenses accounted for the rest. The biggest

operational expense is travel for NLA to underwrite partial expenses for the ALA Delegate to attend the ALA Midwinter and Annual conferences, the MPLA Delegate to attend MPLA Board meetings, and the President and other NLA movers-and-shakers to attend Legislative Day activities in Washington DC.

Want to know more about NLA's income and expenses in 2003? Go to the NLA website <[www.nevadalibraries.org](http://www.nevadalibraries.org)> and click on the three entries under "Treasurers report". If you have specific questions, don't hesitate to contact your Treasurer by email ([biermank@unlv.nevada.edu](mailto:biermank@unlv.nevada.edu)) or telephone (702-895-2210).

**Activities:** How have I personally marketed Nevada libraries this past year?

- I paid personal dues of \$105.00 to join every Section and Interest Group in the Nevada Library Association.
- Presided at the January 8, 2003 NLA Board meeting in Reno
- Letter to Laura Bush thanking her for her commitment to US libraries campaigning to increase the Presidential budget request for IMLS
- Organized and Participated in the “2003 Library Day at the Legislature”
- Sent letter of support to IMLS for “Recruiting and Educating Librarians for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” grant request to IMLS from NSLA, LV-CCLD, UNT and UNLV.
- Attended 2003 National Library Legislative Day, Washington, DC
- Revised Bylaws to accommodate Annual Conference Dates at Discretion of Board
- Member of NLA Scholarship Committee
- Signed an agreement with Drexel for 20% tuition discount for NLA members
- Created PayPal Investigative committee
- Assisted with formulation of Retention Schedule for NLA Archives
- Presided at the November 5, 2003 NLA Board meeting at Incline Village
- One-year trial \$25 membership for new NLA members
- Sponsored “Marketing Libraries Online” program at NLA Conference
- Presided at the November 8, 2003 General Membership meeting in Incline Village
- Adopted NLA Resolution in Support of User Privacy and Freedom of Information in Libraries
- Forwarded to ALA the adopted Resolution in Support of User Privacy and Freedom of Information in Libraries
- Committed the Nevada Library Association to participation in the “Nevada Campaign to Defeat the Patriot Act”
- Forwarded survey developed by the ALA Special Task Force on Rural School, Tribal and Public Libraries to rural library directors
- NLA Records and Archives (everything since 1946) moved from UNR storage at Stead to NSLA – first to LPD office and then to State Publications, where they will be sorted and organized by NLA Archivist Ian Campbell
- Prepared the “Annual List of Officers, Directors and Agent of Non-Profit” for filing with the Secretary of State

**Responsible for Expenditures:**

01/08/03	NLA Board Meeting, Reno	1,158.38
05/13/03	National Library Legislative Day, Washington, D.C.	343.04
09/25/03	NLA Booth at Vegas Valley Book Festival	150.00
09/25/03	NLA Banner	145.13
11/06/03	NLA Board Meeting, Incline Village	253.49
11/08/03	NLA Membership Meeting, Incline Village	280.87
11/10/03	Dorothy McAlinden Award	100.00

**Nevada Legislative Day Expenditures:**

03/06/03	Legislative Reception	1,548.05
03/06/03	Legislative Day Speaker	1,586.03

**NLA Lobbyist**

2003	Karen Kavanau	10,000
	(\$5,000 was carried over from 2002 budget)	

**President’s Conference Expenses:**

11/06/03	NLA Board Member Ribbons	53.50
11/07/03	President’s Program: Marketing Libraries Online (supplies)	248.79
11/07/03	David King, Speaker for President's Program	630.78



# Viva Lake Las Vegas! : Celebrating Nevada's Diversity Joan Vaughan, 2004 NLA Conference Chair

## Nevada Library Association Conference 2004 Update

August 11-14, 2004  
Henderson, Nevada

Mark August 11-14 on your calendars for the 2004 NLA Conference at the Hyatt Regency Lake Las Vegas in Henderson! Please visit the Hyatt Regency website at <http://lakelasvegas.hyatt.com> for more information about this gorgeous facility. The spectacular offerings at the Hyatt include the Spa Moulay and Fitness Center, two outdoor swimming pools, two championship golf courses, access to a 320 acre lake where one can rent pedal boats, kayaks, and fishing equipment.

We have tentatively confirmed Carla Hayden, ALA President and Executive Director of the Enoch-Pratt Free Library, as our keynote speaker. Ms. Hayden's presidential focus has centered upon equity of information access regardless of age, ethnicity, physical ability, income, language, geographic location, or type of library. Her presentation blends perfectly with our focus on diversity in Nevada's libraries and how we as library staff can respond to and serve our increasingly varied groups of patrons.

Dr. Michael Green, Professor of History at the Community College of Southern Nevada and a regular participant in the Nevada Humanities Council Speaker Series, has been confirmed to deliver closing remarks for the conference. Dr. Green is an author of several books on Nevada's history, including *Mr. Lincoln and Nevada*, *Nevada's Partisan Press*, and *The Nevada Political Tradition*. Dr. Green is an expert on Nevada's sometimes notorious history as well as a truly engaging speaker.

Mary George and Christopher Christman, two of Library Journal's 2003 Movers and Shakers, will also be featured speakers at the conference. Together, they led the fight for fair pay for librarians in Placer County, CA. Christman is librarian at the only law library in Placer County that is available for the general public. George is the Managing Branch Librarian for the Rocklin Library.

This year, the Paseo Verde Library, the newest addition to the Henderson District Public Libraries, will be hosting a **NLA President's Reception** on the night of Friday, August 13. This reception will take the place of the traditional President's dinner. NLA Awards will be given, and then you can relax and enjoy drinks, h'ors doevers, and laid-back band music in the background.

Jen Fabbi and Angela Pfeil, 2004 NYRA Co-Chairs, have introduced another advantageous change in schedule. This year, the much-anticipated NYRA luncheon will now be rescheduled as the **NYRA Breakfast**. The Breakfast will be followed by the traditional Meet the Authors opportunity. We can all look forward to starting our Saturday with the winning NYRA authors and a scrumptious breakfast.

If you would like to present a program at this year's conference, please complete the Program Submission form found in this newsletter or on the NLA 2004 website at <http://www.nevadalibraries.org/conference04/index.html>. Stay tuned to this area, because we will be posting the latest pre-conference, exhibitor, programming, special events information there.

So, bookmark the NLA 2004 website and mark your calendars for August 11-14, 2004. We'll see you there!





**Call for Proposals for Programs**  
*Viva Lake Las Vegas : Celebrating Nevada's Diversity*  
**Conference Program, NLA 2004**  
Final Application due April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004

Please supply the following information for each program (hosted or conducted). *Return no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004 to:*

Pam Zehnder, Program Chair  
North Las Vegas Library - 2300 Civic Center Dr  
North Las Vegas, NV 89030  
E-mail: zehnderp@ci.north-las-vegas.nv.us  
Phone: (702) 633-1070  
Fax: (702) 649-2576

*Proposals received after April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004 will be accepted on a space available basis.*

**Name of Interest Group, Division or Sponsoring Individual/Group:**

**Program Description:** (Title and two sentence description)

**Name of Speaker or speakers who will present the program:**

**Anticipated Audience:** Academic    Public    School    Special    All Libraries  
(Please circle one and estimate the number of people who might attend to help with room assignments)

**Equipment Needed:**

Internet connection    \_\_\_                      Flip Charts    \_\_\_  
Overhead projector    \_\_\_                      Other – please identify:

**Proposed Budget:**

Speaker Honorarium \_\_\_ (Only paid toward speakers attending from out of state.)  
Miscellaneous expenses \_\_\_ (Please describe expenses below)  
Total Amount for this proposed program: \_\_\_\_\_

**Speakers Name and Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Person submitting this proposal:** (name, email, address and phone)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Program Abstract:** 50 words or less for use in Conference Schedule (Please use extra sheet if necessary)



# Institute for Museum and Library Services Recruiting and Educating Librarians for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Library Education Scholarships

Nevada State Library and Archives  
University of North Texas  
Las Vegas/Clark County Library District  
University of Nevada, Las Vegas

The Nevada State Library and Archives and the University of North Texas School of Library and Information Sciences are pleased to announce the availability of forty scholarships and related support for students admitted to the UNT Nevada Cohort Program for fall 2004. The School of Library and Information Sciences will begin the second Nevada Program Cohort on September 3, 2004. Onsite instruction includes two four-day institutes held at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas with the remainder of the instruction delivered online.

***The IMLS/UNT scholarship program offers potential students:***

? **\$6,000 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

Paid in two annual increments, this amount represents 50% of the total current tuition cost of the UNT Program. Priority consideration will be given to applicants admitted to the program who further qualify in one of the following categories, which have been identified as high-need areas:

- Minority participants
- Those with a demonstrated commitment to working in a rural library
- Those with a demonstrated commitment to working as a children’s librarian
- Those in possession of a bachelor’s degree in a non-liberal arts discipline

Scholarships will be awarded to successful applicants admitted to the program who reside in Nevada (28 students), Utah (8 students), and Idaho, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming and New Mexico (4 students).

? **SPECIALIZED WEEKEND SEMINARS** on cutting edge library and information topics to be held throughout the two year program (summer 2005, fall 2005, spring 2006, and summer 2006) in Las Vegas and Carson City, Nevada.

? **120-HOUR PAID AND UNPAID INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

? **MENTOR PROGRAM** to match students with experienced library professionals

? **TRAVEL ALLOWANCE** to attend the ALA chapter annual conference in your home state

? **REIMBURSEMENT FOR STUDENT MEMBERSHIP DUES** to ALA and one division of the student’s choice, and membership dues to the home state ALA chapter

**APPLICATION DEADLINES:** March 1, 2004 for early consideration, and April 15, 2004

Additional information and application forms to the UNT School of Library and Information Sciences and the IMLS-UNT Scholarship Application Form are available at:

<http://www.unt.edu/slis/distance/nevada/index.htm>

Nevada residents who are members of the Nevada Library Association are also invited to apply for additional financial support through the James S. McPhee Memorial Scholarship

<http://www.nevadalibraries.org>

## 2004 Application Now Available **JAMES S. MCPHEE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LIBRARY SCIENCE EDUCATION**

The James S. McPhee Memorial Scholarship fund was created to provide financial support for members in good standing of the Nevada Library Association who are seeking educational opportunities in library science. Two types of scholarship awards are available: the first grants up to \$5000 in support of graduate course work in an American Library Association accredited library science program; the second grants up to \$1000 in support of graduate course work leading to certification as a school librarian, or undergraduate or graduate course work, as appropriate, for an individual seeking rural public librarian certification in the state of Nevada. In both cases, course work may be taken via on-site or distance education programs.

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants must:

- be a member in good standing of the Nevada Library Association;
- be eligible for admission to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, University of Nevada, Reno, or an American Library Association accredited graduate library science program;
- have a complete application file as of May 15, 2004

**For the application form and further instructions, head to:**  
<http://www.nevadalibraries.org/organization/committees/scholarships.html>

The University of North Texas School of Library and Information Sciences has committed \$3000 in partial matching funds for scholarships awarded by NLA to students attending the [UNT Nevada Program](#) or to NLA members attending any of its other programs.

Questions or interest in serving on the NLA Scholarship Committee? Contact Jen Fabbi at 702-895-3884 or [jfabbi@cmail.nevada.edu](mailto:jfabbi@cmail.nevada.edu)

### **Upcoming BCR Workshops in Nevada**

#### **MAY 2004**

- May 12: Searching WorldCat for Cataloging and ILL Henderson Library District - NV
- May 13: Cataloging Using the Connexion Client Interface Henderson Library District - NV
- May 14: Cataloging Using the Connexion Browser Interface Henderson Library District - NV

#### **JUN 2004**

- June 8: SCCTP: Basic Serials Cataloging - Day 1 Nevada State Library and Archives - Carson City NV
- June 9: SCCTP: Basic Serials Cataloging - Day 2 Nevada State Library and Archives - Carson City NV
- June 10: SCCTP: Integrating Resources - Day 1 Nevada State Library and Archives - Carson City NV
- June 11: SCCTP: Integrating Resources - Day 2 Nevada State Library and Archives - Carson City NV

# 2003 NLA – President Elect Annual Report

*Felton Thomas, Jr.*

## Events

- **2003 Nevada Legislative Day, March 6, 2003**  
The Nevada Library Association met with legislators and our lobbyist to discuss legislation that might affect Nevada Libraries. The event was coordinated by the President and the Government Relations Chair. The President-Elect coordinated the attendance of members from Southern Nevada.
- **2003 National Legislative Day, May 12-13, 2003**  
National Library Legislative Day, cosponsored by the District of Columbia Library Association and the American Library Association, is held each year in May to bring librarians, library trustees, board members, and other library friends to Washington, DC to talk with their Representatives and Senators about issues of concern to the library community. The NLA President, President-Elect, and ALA Delegate attended the conference and met with representatives from our legislators, and Congressman Jon Porter.
- **2003 Nevada Library Leadership Institute, June 16-19, 2003**  
The Institute provided programming and materials on library leadership to 25 Nevada Library workers. The President-elect took on the responsibility of recruiting staff to attend the Alamo conference from Southern Nevada.
- **NLA/MPLA Conference 2003, November 5-8, 2003**  
A very successful joint conference between the Nevada Library Association and the Mountain Plains Association was held in Lake Tahoe this past November. The President-Elect assisted the President in her duties and participated in the Awards Selection, as well as the Annual meetings.

### **Libraries and Intellectual Freedom Telecourse**

UNR Extended Studies is offering a one-credit telecourse that meets on five consecutive Wednesdays from 4:00 to 6:45 p.m. - March 31 - May 5, 2004.

CI 483/683 Special Project Workshop: Libraries and Intellectual Freedom will be taught by:

- Martha Gould, former director of the Washoe County Library System
- Anne Aas, elementary school librarian, Washoe County School District.

The class will be of interest to school, public, and other librarians who are seeking to better understand and deal with the challenges of intellectual freedom in libraries. It may also be helpful to school and public librarians seeking credit toward recertification. The Patriot Act and CIPA (Children's Internet Protection Act) are among the specific topics covered. This telecourse will be available to a number of sites around Nevada, including Elko, Carson City, Fallon, Ely, Hawthorne, Minden, Winnemucca, Yerington, Reno, and Henderson.

**To pre-register, or for more information, please call UNR Extended Studies at 1 (800) 233-8928.**

### **Staff Organization Leadership Workshop**

Join the Staff Organization Roundtable (SORT) of the American Library Association at the annual conference on Sunday, June 29, 2004 for a seminar on fundraising and volunteer recruitment in library staff organizations. Entitled "Building Skills for Staff Organization Leadership", the workshop is limited to 20 applicants and will include a complimentary lunch. Applicants should be a member of a Staff Liaison Committee, Sunshine Club, Hospitality Club, etc. SORT has set aside \$500.00 to defray the expenses of one or more candidates. Applications must be received by Friday, December 13, 2003. Recipient(s) will be notified by Sunday, February 29, 2003.

The application must be completed in full and sent to:

**Ms. Virginia L. Fore  
SORT, Chair  
Enoch Pratt Free Library  
301 N. Broadway  
Baltimore, MD 21231**

# Nevada Library Association Excellence In Leadership Program

By Nancy Hutchinson, Program Chair

The Nevada Library Association is proud to announce its new "Excellence in Leadership Program". When you wear the "Joan Kershner Leadership Pin", you will be instantly recognized among your peers as one who has achieved a higher level of excellence. This special pin represents your dedication and commitment to your profession and to the Nevada Library Association as a whole.

The program is open to all Nevada Library Association members-professional or para-professional. Certification is good for one year and the pins will be awarded at the Nevada Library Association Conferences in 2004 and 2005.

It doesn't matter what kind of Nevada Library you work in. If it's big or small; public, school, medical, university etc. your leadership skills are priceless and you should be proud of them. All you need to do to complete this program is to get a Leadership

Program Brochure. Complete six of the following criteria:

1. Attend two board meetings (as related to your field)
2. Attend three Nevada Library Association sponsored workshops of your choice
3. Volunteer at a Nevada Library Association/ Library sponsored special event or conference (as related to your field).  
Examples: Heritage Festival; Vegas Valley Book Festival; Library Sponsored Booksale
4. Attend the Nevada Library Association Annual Conference
5. Submit an idea for a speaker/program for a Nevada Library Association Conference or training workshop
6. Attend Nevada Library Association's Legislative Day
7. Attend the Nevada Library Association Leadership Institute
8. Serve on a Nevada Library Association Committee

Then, as you complete each requirement, have one of the following sign off on it on your brochure:

1. Workshop Presenter
2. NLA Representative
3. Community Representative

After you have gone through this program, you will receive not only your pin but a certificate to be added to your personnel file/resume. If you would like more information or would like to join this program, please contact one of the following persons:

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## 2004 MPLA Leadership Institute

The application for the 2004 MPLA Leadership Institute is available on the MPLA website --- <http://www.usd.edu/mpla/leadership/>

Applications will be accepted electronically from now until midnight on April 30th. Please encourage some of those excellent librarians (perhaps yourself!) to apply if the criteria are met: MLS or equivalent degree acquired less than ten years ago; employment in a library within the MPLA 12 state region; and personal membership in their own state association. Further details of the application process are available at the site. We are

looking for some more of the BEST IN THE WEST among librarians from all types of libraries. We now have 60 outstanding alumni from the two previous Ghost Ranch institutes. This year we will bring that number up to almost 100 --- if we count the mentors who have been involved. The institute will take place from Tuesday, November 30th through Sunday morning, December 5th at Ghost Ranch north of Abiquiu, New Mexico.

The selection process for attendees will begin once registrations close and state representatives and state

association presidents will receive instructions and guidelines soon regarding their role in evaluating and ranking the eligible candidates from their state. If good qualified applicants are available in each state, we expect to receive recommendations to invite two from each bringing the initial number of attendees to 24. The MPLA Leadership Committee will complete the attendee selection to bring the total to thirty selecting those qualified applicants remaining in the general pool. MPLA members will be preferred at this point in the selection process. Accepted applicants will be notified in late July.

# ALA Delegate Report – 2003

Wendy Starkweather

The year was an interesting one for the ALA Delegate position. Cindy Delanty began her second year as NLA’s delegate to ALA Council a role she relished and filled exceptionally well. Her email communications to the NLAlist regarding ALA governance were frequent and always timely. She attended ALA Midwinter in Philadelphia in January and prepared a report of the Council activities for the June issue of *Nevada Libraries*. In May she attended National Legislative Day along with several other NLA librarians. During that event, the Nevada delegation shared the library perspective on the Patriot Act, the e-rate, intellectual property and general appropriations with the state’s congressional delegation. In May, Cindy accepted a position in Arizona and resigned from her position as ALA Delegate. In June, the Executive Board appointed Wendy Starkweather to fill the position in an interim capacity until a new delegate could be elected. Wendy attended Council meetings at the Annual ALA Conference in June and prepared a brief column for the September issue of *Nevada Libraries* briefly describing the Annual Meeting Council activities and encouraging interested librarians to consider running for the post of ALA Delegate. Elections were held in December to fill the position but due to an inadvertent snafu regarding the eligibility of ballot recipients, the election was declared null and void. An early Spring election is now planned.

### Council Activity Highlights

Midwinter ‘03, Philadelphia  
(full report available at

<http://www.ala.org/ala/ourassociation/governance/council/councilactions/2003mwas.htm>)

- Revised and clarified policy associated with the Association’s use/withdrawal and repayment of long term investments
- Adopted resolutions in support of U of A library school program

and the Florida State Library need for reinstatement of funding for its operations

- Adopted policy that clearly identifies the Principles for a National Networked World that assert the role of libraries to serve the info needs of the public
- Approved ALA’s programmatic priorities for 2004: diversity, Intellectual Freedom, 21st Century literacy, equity of access, education and continuous learning
- Defeated a resolution on the Iraq crisis
- Referred the ALA Annual Salary Survey and Support Staff to the Budget Analysis and Review Committee
- Adopted a resolution on the USA Patriot Act that put ALA on record as opposing many aspects of the Act and urged Congressional action
- Handled several organizational issues defining virtual committee membership, establishing new quorum rules for membership meetings and establishing rules regarding electronic balloting
- ALA/APA Council was established to address salary, certification and general library worker issues

### Council Activity Highlights

Annual ‘03, Toronto  
(full report available at

<http://www.ala.org/ala/ourassociation/governance/council/councilactions/2003acas.htm>)

- Voted to ensure ALA Website adherence to internationally recognized and desired usability standards and principles of design and organization
- Adopted a resolution on School Libraries and Librarians that directs ALA President and Executive Director to convey to state and national governing boards and associations on education to support and maintain school library programs and certified librarians and to

encourage state associations to influence state legislation on school library funding

- Adopted in final form revised policies regarding virtual memberships on committees, round tables and divisions; policies on long term investments, rights of library users and the Patriot Act
- Heard a status report from the Core Values Task Force II
- Unanimously adopted the Glasgow Declaration on Libraries, Information Services and Intellectual Freedom that asserts a commitment to intellectual freedom as a core responsibility of libraries worldwide
- Adopted a resolution deploring the FCC changes in media ownership rules
- Adopted resolutions urging Congress to reaffirm government’s responsibility to provide for the continued production of federal information products in accessible formats and to ensure permanent public access to the information; maintain support for the concept of creating and making accessible resources and databases on education in lieu of the changes in ERIC
- Adopted several resolutions relating to the affirmation of the Privacy Act, the termination of the Terrorism Information Awareness Program, the inaction of the US and British authorities to secure the libraries and cultural institutions in Iraq and urged US funding to help rebuild them.

And in what I trust is my last act as Interim NLA’s ALA Delegate to Council, I would like to thank the Executive Board for the opportunity to serve the membership and to represent NLA in this capacity. It was indeed a privilege.

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