I would sincerely like to thank this wonderful organization’s members for giving me the opportunity to lead it over this past year. I have enjoyed meeting so many of you and getting to know the communities that you work in. I have often been fairly critical of NLA’s structure, but I do believe that the days ahead for this organization will be its best days.

Ian Campbell will take over as President of NLA on January 1, 2005, and I hope that everyone provides him the support that I received. The presidency is a difficult job, but a very rewarding one, and I pledge all of my support to Ian to make his initial transition into the job an easy one.

There are a tremendous number of people that I would like to thank, but I could fill up this newsletter with just the names of people who unselfishly provided their time and efforts to this organization. I must though thank six very special people who made sure that I slept at night, assured that NLA initiatives were not going to fail.

First, I must thank Tom Fay and Holly Van Valkenburgh for their advice and counsel. The two former NLA Presidents provided me with so much good advice that I almost feel I should pay them, ... well almost.

Nancy Hutchinson pushed forward our Gold Pin Leadership Program, while Nancy Lederboer has taken on the Herculean task of doing a Strategic Plan for this organization. I sincerely thank both of them.

Joan Vaughan did a stupendous job this year with our conference. Most members don’t realize the effort that is needed in coordinating the conference, and it’s because the people who take it on, do it so well. Joan embodied this work ethic, and I can never thank her enough.

Finally, I thank all of you, the board members, the Division and Section Chairs, and the membership. This year we had a job to do, that job was to pour the foundation for a better organization. We have done that, now it is up to you to take us to the next level.
State Librarian Sara Jones led an initiative, with the assistance of NLA, to request a Specialty License Plate for Nevada Libraries. The request was submitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles with over 1500 signatures in September. On October 18th, Thomas Felton, Tom Fay, Holly Van Valkenburgh and Sharon Hoenig-Bear went before the Commission on Special License Plates to provide testimony on the merits of a license plate for Nevada Libraries. We are proud to announce that the Commission recommended to the DMV that the Nevada Libraries plate be the first produced.

Now the License Plate won't go into production until the Fall of 2005, but NLA and the State Library would like to thank all of those who put forward so much effort on this initiative. We will continue to update you on the status of this effort.
MPLA CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

- **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

2005 JOINT CONFERENCE

The 2005 Joint Conference of MPLA and the Wyoming Library Association will be the first week of November 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 3 days before and three days after the conference.

- **MPLA LONG RANGE PLAN 2004-2009**


- **MPLA AWARDS NOMINATIONS**

Nominations: For 2004 the MPLA Awards Committee received 10 nominations for seven of the eight MPLA Awards. Following is a list of all persons agencies/organizations nominated for each award.

- **Carl Gaumer Exhibitors Award** - Elliott and Eleanor Goldstein, Mandarin Automation (Formerly SIRS)
- **MPLA Legislative Leadership Award** --The Wyoming State Legislature
- **MPLA Literary Contribution Award** -J.M. Hays, Scottsdale, AZ; Roy Wenzl, Wichita, KS; and Kathleen Flack, Nashville, TN
- **MPLA Distinguished Service Award** - Patti Butcher, NEKLS, Lawrence KS

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.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MPLA sponsors a professional development grants program to improve library services in the Mountain Plains region by supporting continuing education and research experiences for individuals employed in the library or related professions.

Grants are awarded to support the following:

- Formal course work leading to an advanced degree in library science or a related discipline.
- Formal course work not leading to an advanced degree but directly related to an individual's library position.
- Attendance as a participant or a presenter at a library or scholarly workshop, seminar, or conference, including the MPLA annual conference.
- Visits to another library to receive or provide significant advanced training in library services or procedures.
- Library related research projects.

Additional details are available at http://www.usd.edu/mpla/committees/profdev/grants.html
It's been an exciting year for NLA. We've seen some positive changes and seeds have been planted for even greater changes to come. Southern District presented programs this year that included “Where to Find HELP in Southern Nevada,” “Planting Seeds of Outreach in Your Community”, and “Finding Funding”. We all worked hard at the NLA Conference at Lake Las Vegas and had a very fulfilling and terrific experience. Southern District presented 2 programs at the conference “Virtually Live” and “Planting Seeds of Outreach in Your Community,” both very well attended. At the NLA Conference Southern District Business Meeting nominations were made and Officers were elected for 2005. Your new Southern District Officers are:

- Tammy Gieseking-Chair (2004 Vice-chair)
- Tam Anderson-Vice-chair (2006 Chair)
- Carlotta Dickerson-Secretary/Treasurer

Tammy plans on having a meeting with the new officers soon to start planning for 2005. If you would like to join the Southern District Team please contact Tammy at the Enterprise Library (giesekingt@lvccld.org). She would be very excited to hear from you.

I would personally like to thank the outstanding team that I had the privilege to work with this year, Tammy GieseKing, Sufa Anderson, Tam Anderson, Carlotta Dickerson, Rebecca Colbert, Vicki Switzer, Therese Shaw and Deanna Causey. These marvelous women worked hard and it was an honor working beside them.

It Was A Very Good Conference - Financially Speaking

Ken Bierman, NLA Treasurer

The 2004 NLA Annual Conference, held this year at Lake Las Vegas from August 11-14, is now history. From all reports the conference, under the able leadership of Joan Vaughan, was a smashing success in a number of ways including quality programs and excellent exhibits. My job is to report on the financial performance of the conference.

Income generated by the conference totaled $87,800. Exhibitor Booth Registration was the largest source of revenue ($43,800) and accounted for 50% of the total revenue. Personal Registration (excluding meal functions which are a pass-thru) was the second largest source of revenue ($21,500) followed by Donations/Grants ($13,400).

Conference expenses totaled $55,850. Facility expense (exhibit hall rental and setup, AV, telco, etc.) was the largest expense category ($21,300) followed by program/speaker expenses ($14,650). The third largest expense category was publicity/printing/postage/supplies ($6,500).

Conference income in excess of expense was $31,950 ($87,800 minus $55,850) making this Las Vegas conference even more financially successful than the very successful joint conference last year with MPLA which netted NLA $30,625.

The NLA Treasurer salutes Joan Vaughan and the entire Conference Committee for a job well done!
ACRL Women’s Studies Section Achievement Awards

Do you know the next winners of the ACRL Women’s Studies Section Achievement Awards?

The Women’s Studies Section of ACRL (a division of the American Library Association) is seeking nominations for two awards that honor major contributions to women’s studies librarianship. Each includes an award of $1000.

The ACRL Women’s Studies Section Award for Significant Achievement in Women’s Studies Librarianship, sponsored by Routledge Press, recognizes one-time achievement, by a group or individual, during the year of the award. Achievement may be in any area of academic women’s studies librarianship including:

- Publication of a monograph, journal article, CD ROM, or website;
- Talk or other presentation at a nationally recognized conference;
- Innovation in library instruction in women’s studies;
- Significant creative and innovative contribution to the work of the ACRL Women’s Studies Section

The ACRL Women’s Studies Section Award for Career Achievement in Women’s Studies Librarianship, sponsored by Greenwood Publishing, Inc., is designed to honor individual career achievement in women’s studies librarianship. Nominees should have demonstrated significant achievement and contributions in one or more of the following areas:

- Service within the organized profession through ACRL/WSS and/or related organizations;
- Academic/research library service in the area of women’s studies;
- Research and publication in areas of academic/research library services in women’s studies;
- Planning and implementation of academic/research library programs in women’s studies disciplines of such exemplary quality that they could serve as a model for others.


Please forward this to any other groups or individuals who may be interested. The attached flyer may also be posted where appropriate.

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Do you know the next Women’s Studies Section Achievement Award winners?

Women’s Studies Section Achievement Awards

The Women’s Studies Section (WSS) awards are given annually to honor distinguished academic librarians who have made outstanding contributions to women’s studies through accomplishments and service to the profession.

The awards recognize those who have made long-standing contributions to the field during a career (the Career Achievement award) and those who have made significant one-time contributions (the Significant Achievement award).

Career Achievement:
$1,000 sponsored by Greenwood Publishing Group, Inc.

Significant Achievement:
$1,000 sponsored by Routledge

Nominations due December 3, 2004

See details in the Awards Section of the ACRL Web site: www.ala.org/acrl

ACRL Association of College & Research Libraries
A Division of the American Library Association
The Board of Trustees of the Nevada Library Association held two formal meetings this year. Between these meetings, the business of the Association was carried out by e-mail, telephone calls, and mail.

The Board of Trustees of the Nevada Library Association met on January 21, 2004, at the West Las Vegas Library (Las Vegas-Clark County Library District). Nine voting members of the Board and thirteen advisory members and guests attended. In Old Business, the Board discussed the Nevada Library Association Strategic Plan, payment of honoraria to in-state members of the association, and testing membership database management software. In New Business, the Board received budget requests from chairs or representatives of sections, interest groups, delegates to other organizations, appointed officers, and standing and ad hoc committees and subsequently passed a comprehensive budget for association work. Finally, the Board heard reports on planning for upcoming conferences. Minutes of this meeting, including exhibits, are on file with the Executive Secretary of the Association.

The second meeting of the Board of Trustees Board would ordinarily be held during the Nevada Library Association conference in October. Because the conference was held in August and nominations for NLA officers are presented at an October business meeting, the business meeting was deferred until October 26th, 2004.

The Board of Trustees of the Nevada Library Association met October 26, 2004, at the Clark County Library (Las Vegas-Clark County Library District). Six voting members of the Board and fifteen advisory members and guests attended.

In Old Business, the Board discussed progress on developing the Nevada Library Association Strategic Plan, noting that the afternoon session would be devoted to furthering the process. The Board heard a report on recent use of a memberships database and association management software package and a report on the Gold Pin Leadership Program. In addition the board reconsidered providing honoraria to in-state members when they provide programs at the association conference. By unanimous voice vote, the Board of Trustees declined to change existing policy.

In New Business, the Board heard reports on a library marketing program available to the association, the recent MPLA/Colorado Association of Libraries meeting in Denver, and the availability of a Nevada Libraries custom license plate. The Board also heard a report about conflicts between the MPLA and NLA Bylaws as to the term of office for the MPLA delegate. In addition, the Board accepted the report of the Nominating Committee and heard nominations from the floor for 2005 NLA officers. Finally, the Board discussed planning for future NLA conferences.

In the afternoon session, members of the Board of Trustees and interested advisory members and general association members divided into groups to work on goals, objectives and actions for the Nevada Library Association Strategic Plan. Groups were asked to continue their work as needed and to be prepared to present working papers at the next Board of Trustees meeting, which will be held in January 2005 in the Reno area. Minutes of these meetings, including exhibits, are on file with the Executive Secretary of the Association.

NEVADA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LIBRARY SCIENCE EDUCATION

2005 Application Available in January

Please consider applying! The application form and further instructions and eligibility requirements will be updated soon at:

http://www.nevadalibraries.org/organization/committees/scholarships.html

Contact Jen Fabbi at 702-895-3884 or jfabbi@ccmail.nevada.edu with questions.
Washoe County Libraries Food Drive

The Washoe County libraries, from November 7 through December 30, are asking citizens to **bring a can of food in lieu of fines** to help feed the hungry.

Food barrels will be placed at 10 library locations and delivered to the **Food Bank of Northern Nevada** to help feed the hungry this holiday season. Citizens are asked to bring one can of non-perishable food for every overdue book; **sorry, no exchanging food for lost or damaged books**. All citizens are welcome to participate in this food drive that has delivered thousands of pounds of food each year to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada.

The Food Bank is in need of canned meats, fish, nuts, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese; canned meals such as stew, chili and raviolis; any type of canned fruits, fruit juices or vegetables; spaghetti sauces, any types of pastas, dry cereals, oatmeal, and rice; powdered milk, baby formula, baby food and any other types of **non-perishable** food items. Please do not donate perishable items.

Food barrel locations:
- **Downtown Reno Library**
  301 S. Center Street, Reno, 327-8300
- **Duncan/Traner Community Library**
  1650 Carville Drive, Reno, 333-5134
- **Incline Village Library**
  846 Tahoe Blvd., Incline Village, 832-4130
- **Mendive Community Library**
  1900 Whitewood Drive, Sparks, 353-5989
- **North Valleys Library**
  1075 North Hills Blvd. #340, Reno, 972-0281
- **Northwest Reno Library**
  2325 Robb Drive, Reno, 787-4100
- **Sierra View Library**
  4001 S. Virginia St. (Reno Town Mall), Reno, 827-3232
- **South Valleys Library**
  15650A Wedge Parkway, Reno, NV 89511, 851-5192
- **Sparks Library**
  1125 12th Street, Sparks, 352-3200 (after 3 pm)
- **Verdi Community Library**
  270 Bridge St., Verdi, 345-8104

For details, contact Anne Hawkins at 827-0327.

**DUPAGE TELECONFERENCE: SOARING TO EXCELLENCE SERIES**

The College of DuPage will broadcast the first of its Soaring to Excellence series of teleconferences in November. Broadcasting for all DuPage programs runs 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Pacific Time. This series includes:

"The Role of Teaching in Modern Libraries" - November 19, 2004
"Dealing with Difficult People" - January 21, 2005
"Reference Tools for the Information Age" - March 11, 2005

For | Program Outline | Speakers | Resources | Questions | Forms | Slides | on each of the above programs, go to http://www.dupage.edu/COD/index.php?id=11

FREE downlink licensing for the programs is available to all BCR member libraries, as BCR and the state libraries in our member states have purchased unlimited-site licenses for all of the College of DuPage teleconferences for this academic year. (A satellite dish is required to downlink these programs.) To register for the free downlink licensing, complete BCR's online form at http://www.bcr.org/training/teleconferences/register.html.

The College of DuPage also is making the programs available via streaming video, which can be accessed from your Web browser on your computer desktop. If you wish to watch the programs from your computer, please complete BCR's online form at: http://www.bcr.org/training/teleconferences/register-webcast.html. For more details about the programs, visit the College of DuPage Web site: http://www.dupage.edu/COD/index.php?id=5

If you have questions, please contact BCR's Sharon Hoffhines (shoffhin@bcr.org) or Holly Van Valkenburgh (hvanvalk@clan.lib.nv.us).
“Advances in information technology and expanding library user expectations require continuous education. Nevada libraries are committed to addressing the need for continuous library education through planned, coordinated and varied statewide continuing education programs to hone staff expertise, foster professional development, empower library trustees, broaden public awareness and ultimately improve library services.”

The above paragraph is the Nevada Continuing Education Mission Statement in the Nevada Libraries Continuing Education Plan, 2002, which can be found at http://dmla.clan.lib.nv.us/docs/nsla/lpd/cont-ed/

As part of the overall strategic planning process of the Nevada State Library and Archives (NSLA), a task force has been created in which the members will participate in the assessment of the continuing education (CE) needs of library staff and trustees within Nevada.

The Task Force will first meet November 30, 2004, at the South Valleys Library in Reno. Karen Starr, Assistant Administrator for Library & Archives Development at NSLA will be the facilitator of the planning process. Karen has come to NSLA with expertise in effective meeting management techniques and collaborative problem solving.

The CE Advisory Task Force will work with NSLA staff to develop a new three-year (2005-2008) strategic planning document for statewide continuing education addressing the needs of all types of libraries in the state. The Task Force will collaborate in the development of a process of effective planning and communication among the key library continuing education stakeholders.

During the planning process, the Task Force will work with those stakeholders to identify mandates which drive continuing education needs. It will assess current CE activities, patterns, and potentials in Nevada. Task Force members will investigate other Nevada statewide and regional CE activities to develop a vision, strategic issues, goals, and activities for statewide continuing education in Nevada.

The Task Force will participate in regional focus groups in Nevada to develop buy-in from the library community and collaborate with the Nevada Library Association and its Board in its Association planning process.

The NSLA website and the Nevada Library Association (NLA) listserv will be used to disseminate planning information and meeting records. The final planning document will be submitted to the Nevada State Librarian for review and acceptance and through her to the Nevada State Council on Libraries and Literacy for endorsement. The document will also be submitted to the Nevada Library Association Board for endorsement. Upon acceptance and endorsement, the document will be published on the NSLA website. Identified implementation projects will be prioritized and decisions will be made by NSLA staff regarding actual implementation.

Task Force members are Tammy Gieseking (Las Vegas-Clark County Library District), Theresa Kenneston (Washoe County Library System), Barbara Mathews (Churchill County Library), Danna Sturm (Western Nevada Community College), Susie Skarl (University of Nevada, Las Vegas), Mona Reno (Nevada State Library & Archives), Ellen Fockler (Washoe County School District), Gregory Robinson (Nevada State College and NLA Personnel Development) and Reed Scull (University of Nevada, Reno). Please contact any of them individually if you have input for this endeavor.

Most importantly, plan to attend the Focus Groups when they are scheduled in your area.
UNR Library Science Courses Utilizing Distance Education Technologies

By Reed Scull, Carson City Office
UNR Extended Studies - (775) 687-6406
Email: wrs@unr.edu

The University of Nevada, Reno’s Extended Studies unit is in its eleventh year of offering courses that help public and school librarians and library paraprofessionals meet their certification and other professional development requirements. In the Spring of 2005, three courses will be available.

The first course is EDS 473/673 Selection & Acquisition of Library Materials, which will be taught by Phyllis Sargent and Joyce Cox, both of the Nevada State Library & Archives. The course will include three Saturday meetings (on 2/5, 3/12, and 4/23) in the NSLA building in Carson City, with the remaining work done via the Internet. For more information, call or email Reed Scull at the number above.

Two other courses addressing public and school librarian certification needs are EDS 491/607 Book Selection for Children, and EDS 474/674 Cataloging & Organization of Library Materials. These two classes are being taught by Anne Aas of the Washoe County School District. These two Spring 2005 semester classes are taken entirely over the Internet, and can be registered for through UNR Extended Studies’ Independent Learning Office at (775) 784-4652 or 1 (800) 233-8928.

UNR Historic Preservation Course to Utilize NSLA Resources

By Reed Scull, Carson City Office
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Email: wrs@unr.edu

A one-credit course will be offered through UNR Extended Studies that will meet in Carson City at the Nevada State Library & Archives (NSLA) building on two Saturdays (March 19 and April 30). HP 499/699 Special Topics: Historical Treasures of Nevada—Nevada Political Leaders and Movements, will examine Nevada’s colorful political history through an examination of documents/artifacts in the Nevada State Archives. Each item examined will be discussed towards developing an appreciation for the preservation of historic documents and artifacts. Students will conduct their own research that will provide them with insights on how research in a government archives can be done. The instructor is Jeff Kintop, the State Archives Manager at the NSLA.

This course could be of interest to a variety of students of the liberal arts, as well as K-12 teachers seeking to enliven their social studies curricula and persons generally interested in Nevada’s rich heritage. Pre-registration and prepayment of tuition is required. Classes in the “Historical Treasures of Nevada” series have filled up early in the past, so please call to pre-register or obtain more information soon.

UNLV SELECTS NEW DEAN OF LIBRARIES

Patricia Iannuzzi, Associate University Librarian at the University of California, Berkeley, has been named Dean of Libraries at UNLV, effective February 7. Iannuzzi currently serves as the director of the Doe and Moffitt Libraries and interim director of collections at the University of California, Berkeley, where she has been since 2000. She has served on the Presidential Committee on Information Literacy Partnerships for the American Library Association, and has presented papers on various topics pertaining to the library's role in undergraduate education. In addition, she co-designed and co-facilitated two evaluation workshops, sponsored by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

"Patricia understands the central role of information literacy in the learning environment and how to mobilize faculty and staff to enhance the educational experience," said UNLV Executive Vice President and Provost Ray Alden. "Clearly, she will advance UNLV's model of a student-focused, research university."

Iannuzzi earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Yale University in 1976, and later went on to receive a master's degree from the Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science in 1981.

"I am looking forward to being part of another dynamic and innovative organization that is committed to the balance between teaching and research," said Iannuzzi, who brings 20 years of experience to the position. "UNLV shows that it is eager to explore innovations and embrace change to meet the challenges of a contemporary urban university."

The Dean of Libraries at UNLV oversees all libraries on campus, including the Lied, Curriculum Materials, Music, and Architecture Studies libraries.
Book Repair Workshops

Three Book Repair Workshops will be offered in the new Conservation Laboratory at NSLA in mid-February, March and April, 2005. They will be provided through NSLA’s Continuing Education program, at no cost to participants.

Nevada’s membership in the Bibliographical Center for Research (BCR) qualifies us for this superior training being presented by Amigos Library Services.

**Basic Book Repair (2 day)** February 15 -16
This two-day course is designed to provide information and hands-on experience in basic book and paper repair for general (non-rare) library collections. Participants learn about treatment decisions, repair options, and supplies. They will practice a variety of repair techniques in the supervised, hands-on portions of the workshop. Topics and techniques covered include surface cleaning and paper repair, attaching loose pages, book structure, paperback reinforcement, endsheet replacement, enclosures, workflow, and selecting supplies and equipment.

**Intermediate Book Repair** March 15-16
Formerly "Advanced Book Repair"
This two-day course was developed as a follow-up to Basic Book Repair and covers more complex repairs to books and paper. Participants should have completed Basic Book Repair before enrolling in this course. Techniques and topics covered include complex paper repair, spine replacement, corner repair, enclosures, sewing in loose signatures, recasing a book in its original cover, plus a review of decision-making, workflow, and how to set up a repair unit. How to identify items requiring the expertise of a conservator and how to make decisions for special collection items are also discussed.

**Advanced Book Repair (2-day)** April 12-13
This two-day workshop covers advanced repairs to books. Participants should have completed both Basic Book Repair and Intermediate Book Repair before enrolling in this course, and be confident in their hand skills. Topics and techniques covered include the history of papermaking and bookbinding, sewing an endsheet, re-sewing a broken textblock, how to repair foldouts in books, flattening rolled or folded items, spine replacement (a different technique from that covered in Intermediate Book Repair), enclosures, and identification of materials appropriate for a trained conservator. The course will conclude with a final review of book repair options, decision-making, and summarization of topics covered in all three workshops.

Registration will be limited to ten participants. For specific dates and registration information, contact Holly Van Valkenburgh hvanvalk@clan.lib.nv.us and watch NLAlist for specific dates.

More BCR Workshops in Nevada

**Henderson Library District**

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All workshops are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

If you see a particular workshop you would like to attend that is not scheduled in your geographical area, please let us know. If enough people can be found to participate in any of our workshops, BCR is happy to schedule an extra session in your area. (See the Workshop Descriptions section of the BCR Web site for a list of workshops currently being offered by BCR.)

You might also want to take advantage of BCR's distance learning offerings. See a current list of BCR's classes in the Online Workshops section of the BCR Web site.
New Libraries!

Washoe County:
Currently there are two new libraries under construction in Washoe County.

Incline Village
The new Incline Village Library will be adjacent to the existing facility. It is tentatively scheduled to open in May 2005

Conceptual Drawings

Construction Photos
**Truckee Meadows – Spanish Springs:**
The Spanish Springs Library is located in one of the fastest-growing areas of the Truckee Meadows. It is also tentatively due to open in May 2005.

**Conceptual Drawings**

**Construction Photos**
Attendees at 2005 Pre-Midwinter Institute will build advocacy skills, develop public awareness strategies

CHICAGO - Register today for the American Library Association's (ALA) 2005 Advocacy Institute planned for January 14 during the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston. Attendees at the daylong Institute will build advocacy skills and develop new strategies for raising awareness of the value of libraries in today's society.

"Ensuring that everyone understands the value of libraries in our society is critical to the very survival of libraries," said Carol Brey-Casiano, president, ALA. "This Institute will build new coalitions of library advocates who have a plan for communicating the important role of libraries in a democracy and the skills for putting it into action."

The 2005 Advocacy Institute opens an ALA Midwinter Meeting that is focused on issues of library advocacy, including the President's Program Speech by Malcolm Gladwell, author of "The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference." Gladwell's book examines why major societal changes often happen suddenly and unexpectedly.

Institute attendees will form teams of library staff members, trustees and friends and leave the workshop with a draft of an advocacy action plan for their library community. Following the Institute, participants will receive information and support through email listservs and a new Web site devoted to library advocacy issues, materials and success stories.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. with a keynote address from Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor and library advocate Kerry Healey scheduled for 9:45 am. A member of the Friends of the Library in her local community of Beverly, Mass., Healey successfully co-chaired the campaign to rebuild her city's library, raising more than $1 million in private funds and grants.

Attendees will learn about strategies for message development and available resources for developing action plans for their communities. Working in teams, attendees will develop their advocacy plans supported by presentations from library advocacy leaders such as ALA Public Awareness Committee Chair and Friends of Libraries USA (FOLUSA) Executive Director Sally Reed and Glenn Miller, executive director, Pennsylvania Library Association.

While all types of libraries struggle with similar issues, the first Institute is designed to develop public library advocates. Future institutes will address the unique needs and issues of school and academic libraries as well as other specialized groups.

Registration for the 2005 Advocacy Institute is $10 for ALA members and non-members and includes lunch. To register, visit www.ala.org/midwinter and click on Registration Page, then click on Pre-Midwinter Institutes. Registration is free for FOLUSA members. Friends can contact FOLUSA at 1-800-9FOLUSA to register. Online registration ends Dec. 31, 2004.

For more information about the 2005 Advocacy Institutes, please contact advocacy@ala.org. The Institute is the recipient of the 2004 World Book Goal Award.
FUNDS FOR TRAVEL TO TRAINING

Training opportunities in the state of Nevada are usually held in Washoe County or Clark County, because that is where the largest number of public library staff is located. Occasionally they are held in the rural areas.

This LSTA travel stipend is for public library staff and staff from other types of libraries also dealing with providing service to the public and public libraries to attend training events that are more than 100 miles from their library and in Nevada.

The training must be appropriate to the participant's work assignment. Applications must be approved at least one week in advance of the event and payment will be on a reimbursement basis. Only one vehicle per library will be considered.

An informal evaluation of the training event will be required, which will be distributed with the application form.

For an application form or further information, please contact Holly Van Valkenburgh, hvanvalk@clan.lib.nv.us or 775-684-3322, fax 775-684-3311.

“For libraries without backup personnel, Substitute Pay at a maximum of $90 per day is available to cover staffing the Library to allow attendance at Training events. The application form requires certification by the Director that attendance at the Training event would not be possible without the Substitute Pay proviso.”

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LAWYER IN THE LIBRARY PROGRAM BEGINS IN CARSON CITY

Carson City, NV, September 2, 2004 —

The Nevada Supreme Court Law Library and Volunteer Attorneys for Rural Nevadans (VARN) have developed a “Lawyer in the Library” program, to help inform and educate the public at large on a variety of legal issues, including divorce, child custody/child support, consumer law, bankruptcy, probate, wills and more. The goal of the “Lawyer in the Library” program is to educate and equip lay people to address common legal issues and/or function within our legal system.

Licensed Nevada attorneys have volunteered to help members of this community effectively address certain legal issues and/or participate in our legal system. The volunteer will try to provide you with background on your legal issue, help you identify what you might do to address that issue and may point out materials that specifically discuss and explain your issue. The volunteer can also provide you with references to a number of legal services that may be able to offer more detailed assistance.

Initially, the Lawyer in the Library program will be held once a month at the Nevada Supreme Court Law Library, 201 S. Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The next Lawyer in the Library program is scheduled for January 19, 2005. Appointments will be scheduled for interested participants to meet with a volunteer attorney for approximately 10-15 minutes.

To schedule an appointment, or if you have any questions, please call Kathy Harrington, Law Librarian, at 775-684-1640.
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