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President's Message

This is an exciting time for libraries; here we are, well into the 21st century and we are faced with compelling questions regarding our profession. Legal and ethical questions dealing with the Patriot Act and censorship, questions of access that look at labeling and policy issues, and the most vital and hardest to answer questions of all....Who are we and what does our community need us to be?

15 years ago everyone was predicting the demise of libraries.

With the internet and the advent of the cheap and ubiquitous pc no-one would need libraries anymore—we'd all take an electronic tablet to the beach, look up our own answers to thorny questions, and live in the golden age of free information. 60 years ago people predicted we'd all be driving flying cars—and that hasn't happened, either.

Libraries are still vital to our community, people still want the traditional library services, books to read, children's story hour, a place to find answers—but, there is no question that libraries do need to adapt to the changing needs of our users.

Libraries have changed greatly over the past few years; it is hard to imagine a modern library functioning without computers for both the staff and public, and while some information is free, there is an increasing trend toward membership databases. We are a nation of capitalists, there is money to be made by providing information, and it was only a matter of time before someone realized it.

Modern libraries provide people with a place to meet, both formally with our meeting rooms, auditoriums and theaters, and informally. We can be that place where friends gather, where you can bump into your neighbor, make new friends. We can take a more active role in education, we can become a cultural center, we can create community. Our communities have changed, are changing, and we must change with them.

We are not driving flying automobiles, and a mechanic from 1950 could take one look at today's car and know that it is, indeed, a car; but if he opened the hood of a hybrid vehicle he wouldn't recognize much. The challenge ahead for libraries is to keep pace with the times, to stay relevant to our users. Unlike the Edsel, we need to keep up.

For more information on library trends and user expectation I recommend the following OCLC reports:

<http://www.oclc.org/reports/2005perceptions.htm>

<http://www.oclc.org/reports/2005perceptions.htm>

<http://www.oclc.org/reports/2003format.htm>



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2007 Library Leadership Institute

The 2007 Library Leadership Institute will be held in southern Nevada in August of 2007. The Site and Presenters are currently in the process of being identified.

Twenty-five Nevada Library participants will be provided an introduction or continuation of previous training in an Institute addressing facilitation and collaborative problem solving for library leaders, skill levels in those roles, and specific competencies necessary to support each role in today's changing workplace.

Participants will commit to participation from Monday evening through Friday noon of the selected week. Pre- and post-evaluations will be included.

Further information when available will be on the [Continuing Education](#) website, the [CE Calendar](#), *Nevada Libraries* and the NLA listserve.

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Henderson Libraries Unique Reading Program Reaches Out to Kids in Need

By Florica Hagendorn Henderson Libraries

Henderson Libraries have embraced the revolutionary concept of Animal Assisted Therapy with a new but growing approach. *Reading with Rover* pairs trained, certified therapy dogs with children who are uncomfortable reading aloud. In this one-on-one setting, the dogs provide their attention while children read aloud without fear of criticism or interruption. Henderson Libraries Canine Reading Specialists give their unconditional acceptance, love and emotional support to struggling readers grades first through fifth. Children experiencing reading difficulties meet with their assigned canine reading companion weekly for 45 minutes of private reading practice. Since struggling readers are often shy and suffer low self esteem, they may be uncomfortable reading with other children or adults, but are willing to interact with an animal. Therapy dogs range in size from tiny dachshunds to massive mastiffs, all highly trained and possessing wonderful gentle demeanors. The *Reading with Rover* program began in 2002; at that time one of only two Animal Assisted Literacy programs in the nation. The program has been endorsed by Governor Kenny Guinn and has received a special Commendation from United States Senator Harry Reid. Parents, teachers and caregivers can nominate a child for the program. Selected children meet once a week for six consecutive weeks. Children needing additional reading practice remain in the program for continued assistance. Reading materials are carefully selected for each participant and weekly evaluations monitor progress. The *Reading with Rover* literacy program has proven beneficial to all struggling readers, even children learning English as a second language. Studies have shown children participating in similar programs improve reading and social skills dramatically. Since children are inclined to forget about their limitations in this positive environment, self-confidence is renewed. For more information contact Henderson Libraries 492-6581; nomination forms available on-line at MYPUBLICLIBRARY.ORG.

Last week, AwesomeStories - the subscription-based web site <http://www.awesomestories.com> (with 125,000 links to primary sources at national archives, libraries, government and academic websites world-wide) and freely used in 25,000 schools and libraries - announced a holiday gift for students:

"As our holiday gift to students, their parents and the general public, we are waiving the \$9.95 annual site subscription fee. There will be no 'group access' for these memberships, but students (and their parents, if they wish) can receive free individual access to the site by simply requesting it with this form.

https://www.awesomestories.com/signup.php?ua=individual_signup We recognize that many students, and their families, cannot afford 'extras' like on-line subscription fees. In an effort to encourage children, and others, to read - and to assist them as they use the Internet to re-search topics and locate primary sources - we are saying 'Happy Holidays!'"

With their individual password, people can access the database from any computer connected to the Internet. A story about the science of spiders

http://www.awesomestories.com/movies/charlottes_web/charlottes_web_ch1.htm was recently released to coincide with the above announcement and the opening of "Charlotte's Web." It is anticipated that stories behind the films "Apocalypto" and "Eragon" will be on the site this week. A privacy policy

<http://www.awesomestories.com/content/privacy.shtml> is strictly enforced.

Free academic-group status - for educators, schools and libraries - remains available, without restrictions, by submitting this form.

https://www.awesomestories.com/signup.php?ua=group_signup

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NEVADA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS INTEREST GROUP

BY STEPHEN M. PLATT, GODIG CHAIR

I've heard Nevada described as the "last of the wild West" on more than one occasion. For me, this phrase always conjures up classic images of those wild and woolly days of gunslingers at opposite ends of a dirt street, facing off at high noon with six shooters. But in this sprawling modern city of thousands of people we've seemingly left the wild West behind us faster than the fleeing bad guy riding out of town when he realized the sheriff's posse after him. Our dusty byways of old have given way to ribbons of endless paved expanse, spreading far wider and longer into the dusty valleys and craggy mountains than ever before. However, has the state kept pace with this growth in terms of its business practices? In a state that supports the interests of big business, gambling, and high interest moneylenders, has consumer protection gone by the wayside? In some respects, it's as if the sheriff of the old west is still sleeping at his post. Nevada's consumer protection laws are ineffective or in some cases, non-existent.

First, Nevada has no usury law. Meaning that if you get a mortgage or any other type of loan in Nevada, there are no statutory limits on any fees you may incur as long as the signature on the dotted line is valid, regardless of whether the consumer was aware or even informed of the terms in the fine print. And a plague that continues to trouble Nevada is the proliferation and legal operation of high fee, high rate loan establishments.

In 2005, the Nevada State Legislature tried to remedy the payday loans situation by passing a bill that capped the amount of interest payday loan institutions could charge for a loan. However, there are loopholes, and many of these loans continue to bear interest rates of 400 to 500 percent. This, according to a recent article in the Las Vegas Review Journal which mentioned Assembly Speaker's Barbara Buckley's ongoing battle with the Nevada Department of Business and Industry's Financial Institutions Division, which she believes is actually trying to help payday lenders evade consumer protection laws in Nevada (1).

The article goes on to mention that the head of this Division resigned under the pressure of these accusations, and there is currently talk in the Legislature of reassigning the Division's workload, which includes the regulation and oversight of State chartered banks, credit unions, thrifts, and check cashing companies to the Nevada Mortgage Lending Division whose existing job it is enforce state regulations and resolve consumer disputes relating to the Mortgage Lending Industry.

Second, fraudsters have had a field day with the Nevada public. The latest Federal Trade Commission statistics show that Las Vegas Metro area ranked 2nd in the nation for the number of Identity Theft related complaints per capita, and the city 12th in the nation for reports of Consumer Fraud. Couple this with the figures ranking the entire state at number two in the nation for reports of Identity Theft, and number six for reports of consumer fraud, and the flawed picture of the new West comes into focus (2).

Incidentally, an email query concerning identity theft and loan and consumer fraud, sent three months before the 2006 elections to more than 10 different elected governing officials who represented my district, netted only 3 responses - one from a Representative in the Nevada Legislature, and two from Nevada Congressmen, who were able to provide some of the information mentioned below.

Here are just a few of the things that are, and could be in the works, as we move towards a more secure marketplace and stronger consumer protection laws. Keep in mind that many of these bills may never make it out the committees where they are assigned for consideration:

Nevada Identity Theft Passport Program In January of 2006, the Nevada Attorney General's Office launched an Identity Theft Passport program, making it easier for victims of identity theft to report and alert creditors and authorities when an identity has been stolen (3).

Nevada Senate Bill 80 In 2005, the State Legislature enacted Senate Bill No. 80 which amends the Nevada Revised Statutes with a provision that allows any Nevada consumer to place a "security freeze" on a credit report via one of the 3 major credit reporting agencies and thus effect unauthorized "sharing" of private information.

Fair Credit Transactions Act of 2004- The Fair Credit Transactions Act which became law in 2004, ensures the accuracy of credit reports, and provides more protection for consumer medical information.

Comprehensive Identity Theft Prevention Act Introduced in 2005, it would set limits on the sale or transfer of sensitive

personal information, and induces stiffer penalties for violations. Creates an office of Identity Theft within the Federal Trade Commission, and a CyberSecurity Office within the Department of Homeland Security. Requires data merchants to register with the FTC.

Identity Theft Prevention Act of 2005 Would protect an individual's Social Security Number by prohibiting the Social Security Administration from sharing an individual's number with any government agency, both local and Federal.

Identity Theft Relief Act of 2005 Would provide 100% tax deduction for losses incurred due to identity theft.

Personal Data Privacy and Security Act of 2005 Would ensure stiffer criminal penalties for identity thieves.

Identity Theft Protection Act of 2006 Similar to the Nevada Senate Bill 80 in that permits a consumer to put a freeze on a credit report, whereby the consumer's information cannot be shared by a third party without the consumer's express authorization.

Surely, some progress is being made, but in the words of State Senator Dr. Joe Heck, "there is always more that can be done." (4), and as Congressman Harry Reid, states, "...we must go further to protect Americans from the theft of their private information." (5)

So, to whom can the Nevadan consumer turn in these times of transition? First and foremost, libraries, the community centers of information. Library professionals can put consumers in contact with government agencies and officials, and here a just a few examples.

By using online tools such as the FirstGov Elected Officials lookup website (6), to find a Legislator's contact information, consumers can voice their everyday concerns to all levels of government, and urge action on pending bills. Librarians can refer consumers to an appropriate agency based on their individual need, such as the Federal Trade Commission's Consumer Affairs Bureau (7) or the FTC's Identity Theft website (8), the General Service Administration's Consumer Action website (9), the Department of Health and Human Services Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (10) where they may lodge a complaint online or with a regional office, get breaking consumer news, and research consumer issues.

An excellent resource for locating the appropriate Federal Agency for a particular issue is FirstGov's Consumer Information Page (11), which is organized by consumer topic with referring URLs. Additionally, libraries can and do make referrals to many state and local government websites that have tools available for citizenry to easily and quickly find the contact information for their government representatives, and the State agencies and bureaus that exist to help consumer.

For example, the average consumer may not be aware that there are divisions in State Government such as the Nevada Real Estate Division (12) that mediate Mortgage loan and Realtor issues, or that insurance related complaints may be made to the Nevada Division of Insurance (13). For this reason, the State of Nevada has established the Nevada Consumer Help Desk (14), an online presence designed to direct consumer complaints to the appropriate state office. In many cases, a local office may be reached by telephone, and assistance may be given via a live person. Such is the case in Clark County, with the Nevada Consumer Affairs Division (15), and the Nevada Attorney General's Office of Consumer Protection. (16)

It is important to note that many resources also exist at the county and local level. In Clark County, for example, the Public Communications Department (17) frequently issues public notices in relation to current local scams and common fraudulent practices. The Las Vegas Metro Police Department has a Fraud Detail Bureau (18) that provides tips online as well as contact info for victims of all varieties of fraud, and the City of Las Vegas also provides tips on its website for victims of Identity theft. (19)

In addition, many government approved non-profits operate to educate the public when it comes to applying for a loan or dealing with finances. Examples include the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Southern Nevada (20), a HUD approved agency that offers a variety of free counseling and consumer financial management workshops, as well as the Better Business Bureau of Southern Nevada (21) which exists to promote positive relationships between businesses and the consumer, and also Housing For Nevada (22), a non-profit that gives people free advice on getting decent home loans.

There are also legitimate free and low cost legal services that consumers can take advantage of such as area law libraries and the courts. The Clark County Law Library (23) has a door that is open to the public, and Clark County's Eighth Judicial Court operates an Alternative Dispute Resolution Program (ADR) (24) where civil disputes can be resolved quickly and at relatively low cost. A list of Pro Bono services, funded by localities in Nevada (25) is also available online.

Perhaps one of the best ways that libraries can make consumers aware of these resources is to invite members of these various agencies to come and present information about what it is they can do for the consumer. By just giving an overview of their services, agencies can educate both the public and members of other agencies as to the services they can offer. This past year, the Paseo Verde Library in Henderson provided such classes with Home Loans and Identity Theft as topics.

Nevada may be the last of the Wild West, but the fact is every state faces mounting consumer issues. Libraries can make a difference, because as centers of information in the community they are usually the first places people turn to when looking for government information if they are facing a crisis or other issue. For many people, the word "government" is synonymous with "user un-friendly." By making the public aware of what programs and assistance are available, and finding simple, effective means of helping individuals with consumer issues, the library gains standing within the community, and ultimately, comes to the aid of consumers in Nevada.

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Attention School Librarians

The Task Force is preparing a SECOND DRAFT for the 2007 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Seattle. AASL will hold an open forum where the SECOND draft will be presented:

AASL Open Forum on New Learning Standards
Friday, January 19, 2007
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Westin Hotel

Keep an eye on the AASL website for more information about the new learning standards at:
www.ala.org/ala/aasl/aaslproftools

TWO COLLEGE OF DUPAGE TELECONFERENCE SERIES IN 2007

NSLA has utilized LSTA funding to provide these two teleconference series for any Nevada library staff member at no charge to the viewer through our Bibliographical Center for Research membership. Broadcasts may be viewed by satellite downlink at eight sites throughout the State or via Webcast on a personal computer. Register online for the [satellite downlink](#) or the [webcast](#) by completing BCR's online [registration form](#). Consult the [Continuing Education Calendar](#) or [Holly Van Valkenburgh](#) for further details.

SOARING TO EXCELLENCE 2007: LIBRARY 2.0 AND BEYOND

9:00 to 10:30 p.m. Pacific Time for Library Staff

Next Gen Librarianship: Where Do We Go from Here?

Speaker: [Rachel Singer Gordon](#)

Broadcast Date: Friday, February 9, 2007

Today's multigenerational library workforce faces a number of both internal and external challenges. To meet these challenges, we need to learn how to work together effectively, keep connected and current, and draw on individuals' unique strengths. In a greying profession, we also need to pay attention to succession planning, passing on institutional wisdom, and recruiting, retaining, and mentoring the next generation.

The Best from the Web

Presenters: [Kelly Watson](#) and a panel of experts

Broadcast Date: Friday, April 13, 2007

Love it or hate it, the Internet is often a librarian's best friend – assisting us in serving our patrons and many times helping us do our jobs better. However, as the World Wide Web continues to grow at an exponential rate (blogs and wikis and RSS feeds – oh my!), many of us feel overwhelmed. Have you ever wished that everything could be simpler? Do you sometimes long for a list of web sites that would get you through the most challenging of workdays? If you answered yes to either of these questions, then **The Best From the Web** is for you. Kelly Watson and a panel of experts have compiled a toolkit of the best the web has to offer library workers. Learn about web resources that will assist you in your everyday job, whether you work at a public desk or behind the scenes in tech services. Leave this session with your "best of the web" toolkit and make your job of providing the best information for your patrons easier.

LIBRARY CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES 2007

9:00 to 10:30 p.m. Pacific Time (for library professionals)

Library Transformation: Making it Happen

Friday, March 23, 2007

Speakers

Leslie Burger , **Lucy Hansen** , **Chandra McKenzie** ,and **Josie Parker**

Richard M. Dougherty of Dougherty and Associates welcomes Leslie Burger, Director of the Princeton Public Library in Princeton, New Jersey. As President of ALA, she is well-versed in library issues in an era of change. They will be joined by noted librarians to discuss library transformation, not as an abstraction or buzz word, but as something real with hard, practical things necessary to make it happen. They will spell out what needs to happen in facilities, budgets staffing management and leadership to make transformation a reality.

The Relevance of Libraries in a Digital Age

Friday, May 11, 2007

James G. Neal, the Vice President for Information Services and University Librarian at Columbia University, will assemble a panel to discuss the future relevance of libraries as we know them. The digital age has been with us long enough to make some practical predictions of how traditional roles of libraries will change in information selection, acquisition, synthesis, navigation, dissemination, interpretation and archiving. New responsibilities in information aggregation, publishing education, research and development and policy advocacy will be explored. It promises to be a lively and provocative session.

Henderson Libraries Collaborates on the Veterans History Project

By Edward Feldman

Recently, the historical preservation department of Henderson Libraries has been collaborating with the Library of Congress ' American Folklife Center on the Veteran History Project.

The Veteran History Project was created in 2000 with the specific purpose of collecting first-hand accounts of wartime service from the 20th century conflicts. The program was designed for the Library of Congress to accumulate oral histories from veterans across the country as well as civilians who supported the war effort.. Due to the labor intensive nature of the project and the limited manpower at the Library of Congress, they rely on people and organizations that are willing to volunteer to handle the job of locating, contacting and interviewing veterans and civilians in their area. The interviews are recorded in both audio and video formats and sent to the Library of Congress to maintain in its collection. The interviews can also be copied and kept at the institution that is recording them.

Upon learning about this project, Henderson Libraries decided to participate. This collaborative effort was taken on in conjunction with the creation of the Henderson Libraries ' Historical Preservation and Archives Department. The department, which currently is operated by Michelle Mazzanti, Shannon Berndt and Ed Feldman, is charged with collecting historical materials in various formats in order to preserve them and make them available to the community. The library received grant funds from the State of Nevada to acquire the needed recording equipment as well as to pay for transcription services of the interviews. In addition, designated interviewers also received valuable advice on conducting the interviews from Claytee White of the University of Nevada-Las Vegas and Tom King of the University of Nevada-Reno.

Once the preparations were complete, the library was able to develop several useful contacts with local veterans ' organizations and civic organizations that were willing to notify their membership about the project and help put them in contact with the library. These contacts allowed the library to conduct a total of twenty interviews in the span of three months.

The interviews conducted allowed for insight into the human side of military service and war. The topics that were covered did not focus on the specifics of battles or combat but more on what life was like for these veterans before, during and after their military service. It also allowed for the veterans to describe how their service affected their lives and their personalities, both good and bad. A large portion of the veterans were in World War II but there were also veterans from the Korean War and the Vietnam War. A wide range of stories were told that ranged from combat in Vietnam, Korea, China, Italy and the Pacific to a man that witnessed the start of World War II for the United States at Pearl Harbor. Several interviews also allowed for insight on the impact of war on those who did not fight but contributed to the war effort on the home front.

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The North Las Vegas Library District proudly opened the new Aliante Library on May 24, 2006. The new Library is nestled in the master planned Aliante community, a new development that will eventually encompass nearly 2000 acres and 40,000 homes along the 215 beltway corridor.

The one story, 15,900 square foot building houses a reference, circulation, young adult and a children's section with an outside patio, where story times can be held; public access computers, adult and children's programming and meeting rooms; as well as books, videos,

DVDs, magazines and newspapers. The Library also includes a special programs room, multi-purpose room, meeting rooms with kitchen, circulation and reference desks, book processing areas, and staff offices. The exterior building design complements the surrounding community, and the desert landscaping blends well with the adjacent Nature Discovery Park.

Community response has been overwhelming with an average of 500 new patrons a week and daily circulation well over the 1000 item mark. Aliante Library has also quickly become a central gathering place for the community with several organizations such as home owner's associations, PTA and Mother's groups, and educational entities using the meeting room frequently. Another area of intense activity is the youth services.

The youth services department at the Aliante library was designed with a strong commitment to the surrounding community as primary to the planning and building process. From the hand print column that greets library visitors to its child friendly surroundings and spacious "teen zone", the youth services areas were designed by Lucchesi Galati Architects to reflect the wishes of North Las Vegas residents. Weeks before the library opened its doors to the public, community residents were invited to bring their children into the branch to press their hand prints into the plaster of the central support column in the children's area. A popular feature at the branch, the hand print column continues to captivate and connect children with their neighborhood library. The Aliante library offers two distinct youth services areas for library patrons 18 and under. The children's area features a state of the art story time room, computers loaded with educational software, and over 20,000 of the best books for children. The children's area also features a specialized place designed to encourage parent/child interaction and is furnished with a variety of materials for "hands on" learning experiences. The children's



area is located adjacent to the Aliante Nature Discovery Park with windows that overlook the park and offer a panoramic view of the Sheep Mountain Range. The delightful teen area is conveniently located near the media wall and public access computers and is furnished with both study and relaxed seating. The library offers a wide range of programs and activities for all ages from lapsit/toddler time up through young adults. Community response to programming at the new branch has been tremendous with over 2,000 children, young adults, and parents attending programs throughout the month of June.

This workshop is appropriate for those who administer WorldCat Resource Sharing activities or FirstSearch reference activities.

Who Should Attend

Library staff who want to acquire the basic skills needed to do OCLC ILL using WorldCat Resource Sharing.

How to Get Started

The workshop is accessed from your own or your library's computer using a Web browser. Details will be included in your confirmation letter after registration.

BCR will provide a microphone to you free of charge to use during WebLive workshops if you don't already have one. Please indicate this on your registration form (comments box), and we will ship it to your attention.

Minimum requirements: Computer (minimum of 128 MB of RAM, although 256 MB is recommended); Internet Explorer 5.5 Web browser, Java enabled; speakers; and Internet access of 56k or above. A microphone connected to the computer is optional for the audio, which also is available by a long-distance phone bridge (not a toll-free number).

Dates - February 13-15, 2007

Fees

BCR members - \$40/module or \$110 for all three modules if taken sequentially
Nonmembers - \$60/module or \$165 for all three modules if taken sequentially

The presentation can be viewed and heard by a group of people at a single computer. If this is the case, please register only one attendee who will log in on behalf of the group (send a list of names for other participants).

Alternatively, the presentation can be viewed and heard by multiple people from the same institution at separate workstations. If this is the case, please register each individual attendee who needs to log in to the class.

NOTE: Regardless of whether you attend as an individual or as a group, the price for each online module is \$40 for each person who views the session.

BCR Registration Form: <http://bcr.org/training/workshops/register.html>

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Steve - I think information about this LISWiki would be very interesting and useful in Nevada Libraries. Holly
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The field of librarianship has already benefited from adopting innovative publishing and communication models, such as weblogs and open access archives. Wikis are quickly becoming the next big thing in the field of information. So please, have fun exploring the site. And consider contributing to the new project.

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