

# Nevada Libraries



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## President's Message

*Robbie Debuff*

Hello fellow NLA members!

**Fun Fact:** According to the American Library Association's, *Quotable Facts About American Libraries, 2010*: There are more public libraries than McDonald's in the US = a total of 16,604 including branches.

As summer approaches we are nearing ALA's 2012 Annual Conference in Anaheim, CA. I hope to see many of you there. ALA recently sponsored its annual National Library Legislative Day; please take note of the information in the article on the event, appearing in this issue.

Some of the topics discussed were the Library Services and Technologies Act (LSTA); funding for Library of Congress, Government Printing Office, National Archives, and Record Administration; and E-Government Services and Government Information. These are all very important issues that I hope to see more members take note of and become active advocates for.

As a tool for advocacy, NLA is asking for the participation of every library in the state in the



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Snap Shot Day, ***Faces: One Day In the Life of Nevada Libraries.***

From October 24<sup>th</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>, NLA will be asking libraries across the state to collect statistics on programs that provide literacy support and other vital information to their communities. We will also ask for photos of patrons using and enjoying their libraries, engaged in activities such as attending programs or story-times or using computers. These pictures and statistics will be used to provide an image of how vital libraries are, and assist in advocating continued support from legislators in our state. The board is dedicated to supporting advocacy and bringing Nevada libraries together in this common goal.

In our efforts to give more to our members, NLA recently announced the Leadership and Mentoring Program.

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## ...Upcoming Conferences and Events...

- [ALA 2012 Annual Conference, Anaheim, CA](#) **June 21-26**
  - [SLA 2012 Annual Conference, Chicago, IL](#) **July 15-18**
  - [NLA 2012 Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV](#) **October 4-6**
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The Special Libraries Association (SLA) is a nonprofit global organization for innovative information professionals and their strategic partners. SLA serves more than 10,000 members in 75 countries in the information profession, including corporate, academic and government information specialists. Their Annual Conference & INFO-EXPO will be held July 15-18 at the McCormick Place in Chicago, Illinois.



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## Continuing Ed...

### **Nevada State Library and Archives**

NSLA provides access to continuing education, including webinars, on a variety of topics. Check out the webpage often, as new information is added and the calendar gets updated regularly, under Development Services at: <http://nsla.nevadaculture.org/> or on the event calendar at <http://206.194.194.122/evanced/lpd/eventcalendar.asp>

### **WebJunction**

WebJunction provides monthly webinars on a variety of topics. Webinars will be archived for several months following an event.

<http://www.webjunction.org/>

### **OPAL**

Online Programming for All Libraries (OPAL) provides a wide variety of programming topics.

<http://www.opal-online.org/>

### **Infopeople**

Infopeople provides training for the California State Library. Although the training they provide is for California libraries, they do allow free access to their archived webinars.

<http://infopeople.org/>

*(Presidents message continued)*

This program will establish dialog between seasoned professionals and those new to the profession. Initiated by chairpersons Mario Aguilar (Assistant Branch Manager, West Las Vegas Library) and Sasha Baugess (Children's Services Assistant, Rainbow Library) it will improve professional development and provide members more opportunities to become involved, by either mentoring or being mentored.

This year's NLA conference will be held on October 4-5 at the Sahara West Library in Las Vegas. The 2012 Annual Conference committee is working hard to produce a great conference for you, bringing not only professional development programming, but also Trustee programming. This is another opportunity for you to get involved: consider bringing your own program to the conference. There is more information on the NLA website, but please remember that Proposals for Programs are due June 30<sup>th</sup>. We encourage and look forward to your ideas and creativity.

## **Southern District**

For 2012 Southern District is presenting a range of programs throughout the year:

- June 15 – Social Event at the Paseo Verde Library from 7-9 pm. This event will be similar to last year. Video and board games will be available, and entrance to the event is a bottle of soda or bag of chips.
- June 20—Information Resources for Front Line Staff. Overview of the CALL literacy program, Nevada Talking Books, and Nevada 211 services. Las Vegas Library, 10:30 am-12:45 pm.
- September 18 – Spanish for Library Workers at the Clark County Library from 2-4pm. This will be presented by Sal Avila.

- October 18 – Best of the Best at the Rainbow Library from 2-4pm. This event will be a show and tell sampler of programs for both adult and youth services.

## **2012 National Library Legislative Day**

This year several members of NLA attended the American Library Association hosted National Library Legislative Day, April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. The event encourages state associations and advocates to journey to our nation's capitol to speak with legislators regarding key issues that affect libraries all over the country.

This year the more than 300 librarians, trustees, friends and advocates joined together in Washington, D.C. to campaign our cause. Among the issues discussed were funding, privacy, e-government services, open access and school library programs. For a complete list of issues and detailed information please visit the ALA website for NLLD at <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/advleg/nlld>.



From left to right: Robbie DeBuff, NLA President; Sara Jones, NLA ALA Delegate; Daphne DeLeon, Administrator, Nevada State Library and Archives; Tammy Westergard, Carson City Library, Deputy Director.

Submitted by R. DeBuff

## Day of the Child/Day of the Book @ the Elko County Library

“Bow to your Pharaoh!” and “Hey, it’s my turn to talk now, I’ve got the stick!” were just a few of the comments heard at the Elko County Library as children made Egyptian Pharaoh Headdresses, Native American Talking Sticks, African Trade Bead Necklaces, and South American Rain Sticks. They designed Nazca Lines, learned origami, how their name would look and sound in Japanese, and danced to multi-cultural music all to celebrate “Day of the Child/Day of the Book.”

The goal of the event was to highlight the importance of every child and reading, the diversity of the people everywhere, and the services the library provides.



Decorating a Talking Stick  
Submitted by Mary Jo King, Elko County Library

## Professional Boost From MPLA

One of the distinct advantages of belonging to the Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) is that grants are available for professional development, and that includes attendance at professional conferences, either as a presenter or as a participant. It's even possible to apply for a grant for a library-related research project.

For more information, and for application forms, see <http://www.mpla.us/committees/profdev/grants.html>

Grant applications can be submitted often, with deadlines falling at six different dates during the year. Check it out right away!

And if you're a Facebook member, check our MPLA's Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/MPLALibraries>  
Contributed by Ellen Fockler

## Nevada Book for National Book Festival

Do you have a favorite picture book, children's book, or YA title about Nevada, by a Nevada author, or one that represents Nevada's literary heritage?

We would appreciate your suggestions for Nevada's title for the Festival of the States at the National Book Festival in September in Washington, DC. The titles are also featured on the National Book Festival page on the Library of Congress website: <http://www.loc.gov/bookfest/kids-teachers/educators/greatreads.html>

Diane Hudson, NSLA (via Googlegroups)

## 2012 NYRA Winners

Picture Book: *I Need My Monster* by Amanda Noll and Howard McWilliam, illustrator

Young Reader: *Stolen Children* by Peg Kehret  
Intermediate: *Skeleton Creek* by Patrick Carman

Young Adult: *The Chronicles of Vladimir Todd: Ninth Grade Slays #2* by Heather Brewer

A big “THANK YOU” to librarians, teachers, and parents for encouraging Nevada students to read! 58,664 votes were submitted from all over the state of Nevada!

Sent by Debra McCracken

## NLA Scholarships

**James S. McPhee Memorial Scholarships for Library Science Education** grant up to \$5,000 in support of graduate course work in an American Library Association accredited library science programs (MLS or MLIS) and for the certification of school librarians.

Course work may be taken via on-site or distance education programs. Deadline August 31, 2012. See the [NLA website](#) for details.

**Send news!** Share your library successes with your Nevada peers. Email stories and photos to: [nla\\_news@yahoo.com](mailto:nla_news@yahoo.com)

## MPLA Leadership Institute

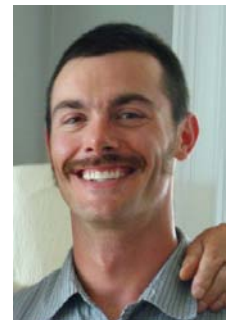
The week-long MPLA Leadership Institute, May 6<sup>th</sup> through May 11<sup>th</sup>, will take place in beautiful Estes Park, Colorado, at the YMCA of the Sierra, with thirty participants and five mentors. The Institute is sponsored by the Mountain Plains Library Association with support from the Gerald M. Kline Family Foundation. This year's Institute will be facilitated by organizational development consultant Maureen Sullivan, 2012-2013 President of ALA, who will lead all thirty men and women through six days of intense activities, discussion, and reflection built around principles of leadership, communication, project management, commitment, and personal planning.

Nevada's two candidates for leadership are Arlene Caruso, Assistant Branch Manager/Head of Adult Services, Paseo Verde Library, Henderson Libraries, Henderson, NV; and John Crockett, Internet Services Librarian, Washoe County Library System, Reno, NV.



Arlene Caruso actually laid the foundation for her career in libraries as a high school student, although it wasn't entirely voluntary, as she found it a way to pay off some accumulated library fines. Years later, with a degree in Information Systems and an MLIS, she moved to Las Vegas. During her years as Head of Adult Services in Henderson, she's instituted and coordinated a number of original programs; a monthly Foreign Film series and the monthly READ Local Authors series are only two examples. Arlene has been active in NLA, too, serving as RAISON chair, Conference Chair, Programming Chair (several times), and currently, as the Exhibits Chair for the upcoming Nevada Library Association Conference.

John Crockett never expected to become a librarian, much less the Internet Services librarian for Washoe County Libraries. With a degree in environmental science and a much greater interest in skiing, John moved west to Lake Tahoe, where one year followed another, filled with a variety of jobs. When the new library opened at Incline Village, he applied for a job... and the doors opened on a new career. He went from temporary worker to part-time aide to full-time children's librarian within a year, meanwhile maintaining his life on the ski slopes (and even skiing to work). After completing the coursework for an MLIS through the University of Texas, John moved to Reno and was promoted to his current position. He is also president-elect of the Nevada Library Association.



Nevada can be proud of its two candidates to the 2012 Leadership Institute, and I have every confidence that they will return to Nevada and to their respective positions with a wealth of knowledge, understanding, and expertise, enriching not only their own experience but that of everyone around them.

Submitted by Ellen Fockler



# Distance Education Is Closer Than You Think

**E**merging technology has transformed our lives, including how and where we learn. No longer do we have to leave jobs and relocate our families to pursue our educational dreams. Now, from the comfort of our homes, we can participate in online courses and even earn a degree without ever setting foot on campus.

Graduate students at the San José State University School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) live across North America, and most never visit the campus located in the heart of Silicon Valley. SLIS offers a fully online Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) degree, with a convenient approach to learning and an ALA-accredited program rich in choices.

Early on, SLIS recognized the benefits of delivering its courses online, including introducing students to the emerging technology they'll encounter when working in the rapidly changing LIS field. As they interact with peers and faculty from a distance, SLIS students

are immersed in sophisticated technology, preparing them to serve clients and collaborate with colleagues who live across town or around the globe.



"We know that tomorrow's information professionals will need to interact with virtual teams and use emerging technology to serve clients," said Debbie Faires, SLIS assistant director for distance learning.

***"We're excited about providing students with skills that will make them more employable in today's challenging economic climate."***

Technology has opened up a world of opportunities for SLIS students. They present at virtual conferences and participate in research projects, all without leaving their homes. They gain hands-on experience as virtual interns, interacting with host institutions that may be located anywhere on the continent. For example, a student who lives in Nevada may intern at a high-tech Silicon Valley company without traveling to California.

The San José State University School of Library and Information Science offers two fully online master's degrees, a fully online certificate program, and a doctoral program: Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS), Master of Archives and Records Administration (MARA), Post-Master's Certificate in Library and Information Science, and the San José Gateway PhD Program.



Let the learning begin:  
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