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## President's Message

*Robbie Debuff*

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Hello NLA members!

It's time for my last President's message. It has been a wonderful year for me as President. I have learned a lot and have gotten a chance to know many of you a lot better.

We have made some strides this year, with our new Leadership and Mentoring committee and with a successful annual Conference. I would like to thank Mario Aguilar and Nikki Winslow for all their efforts and hard work on the Leadership and Mentoring Committee. Many of you are already taking advantage of this by becoming mentors and mentees. This is a wonderful way to grow professionally and network with fellow colleagues in the state. I am proud of the work that has already been done and confident that we will continue to encourage our leaders of the future.

I would especially like to thank this year's fabulous Conference Committee: first of all, to Conference Committee chairperson, Lexi McEwen, who worked very hard as we organized the event; to Tanya Brown-Wirth and Ann-Marie White, who brought a wealth of excellent speakers to our members; to Arlene Caruso and Kim Clanton-Green, who brought an amazing number of exhibitors to our conference; Sasha Baugess, the queen of registration, whose talent and skill made our attendees feel



welcome and taken care of; Anthony Weitz, our very own technological liaison/genius, who worked with our presenters to make sure their technology needs were met; and lastly, Joy Gunn, whose skill and talent helped to create a simple online registration experience for exhibitors and attendees alike. You ALL made this such a rewarding experience for me.

My heartfelt appreciation also goes to Barbara Mathews, Joan Dalusung, and Jeanette Hammond, all Past Presidents, who encouraged me and gave me inspiration this past year.

Lastly, I want to wish John Crockett and his team the best possible successes for 2013. I know you will do the organization proud and continue the fine tradition of leadership.

Thanks everyone! Let's remember that our most powerful tool is our voice, and we need to continue to use this voice to encourage boards, legislators and government to support libraries.



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

- [ALA 2013 Midwinter Meeting, Seattle, WA](#) [January 25-29](#)
  - [ACRL 2013 Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN](#) [April 10-13](#)
  - [ALA 2013 Annual Conference, Chicago, IL](#) [June 27-July 2](#)
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## Membership Survey

The Nevada Library Association Membership Co-Chairs, Kathy Rush and Hope Williams, are seeking your feedback about NLA membership: why you join, what you like or do not like about NLA, what you might like NLA to offer, what might prevent you from joining and/or renewing. The results of this survey will provide useful information about our membership and possibly suggest ways to improve it.

Your participation is **vital** to the success of our endeavor to determine ways to improve the benefits of NLA membership. Please take a moment to answer the 12 quick questions regarding NLA membership as we try to improve your NLA experience.

We will be sending you a link to the survey via e-mail, or you can login to **Memberclicks** for access (<http://nla.memberclicks.net>).

The survey will be available December 1 through December 31.

Thank you for your input and your time.

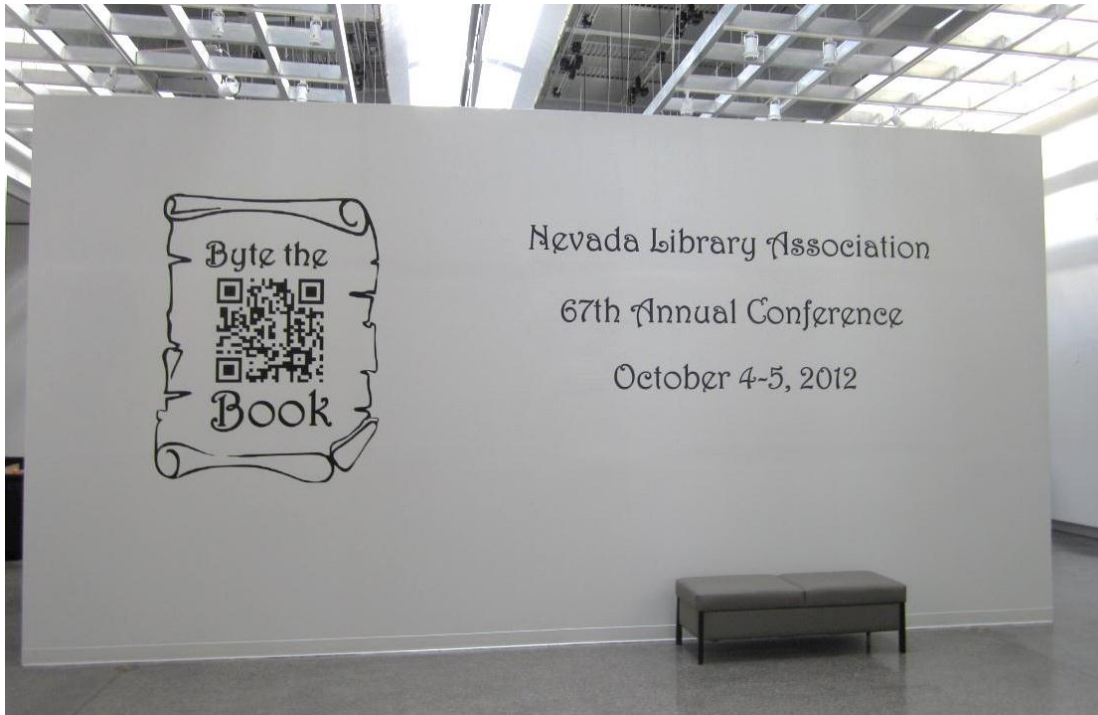
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## 2012 NLA Conference Thanks and Recognition

The 2012 NLA Conference, held October 5-6 in Las Vegas, was a wonderful success. As President of the Nevada Library Association, I would like to express my gratitude for the support and professionalism of the Las Vegas Clark County Library District, and to offer my deepest appreciation to the participants from all over the country who pitched in to make this such a FABULOUS conference for NLA. This glorious adventure began one afternoon in a meeting with Danielle Milam and Jeanne Goodrich, to discuss the possibility of having the 2012 Conference at the Sahara West Library. Both Jeanne and Danielle were so gracious and welcoming, exploring my vision with me and setting this endeavor into motion, and only weeks later we were underway. This is thanks to everyone who assisted; I only hope I have left no one out.

Thanks to the committee members: Alexandra McEwen, Conference Chairperson; Tanya Brown-Wirth, Children's Programming Chair; Ann-Marie White, Adult Programming Chair; Sasha Baugess, Registration Chair; Kimberly Clanton-Green, Exhibits Co-Chair; and Anthony Weitz, Technology Chair. Additional thanks to those committee members from Henderson District Public Libraries, Arlene Caruso, Exhibits Co-Chair; and Joy Gunn, NLA Webmaster. These ladies and gentleman have truly been a joy and pleasure to work with, stepping up and giving of their time, effort and dedication to make this conference happen.

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Thanks to the support staff at LVCCLD, who truly understood the work that needed to be done and helped wherever and whenever needed. Jennifer Schember, Assistant Public Services Director, never failed, always getting back to me when I had a question or concern. Kimberly Clanton-Green, Branch Manager, and Marci Chiarandini, Sahara West Scheduling and Production Services, was instrumental in coordinating furniture needs and building issues, along with the assistance of Steve Lubic, Sahara West SPS. The crew from the Technical Production Services department, who stepped in always offering to help; Jerry Eadeh, Production Crew Leader; Noah Goddard, Production Technician I; Johannah Caley, Production Technician II; Brian Zawistowski, Production Technician II; Gina Mize, Production Technician I; and Michael Singleton, Production Technician I.

Thanks to the Information Technology department at LVCCLD, especially Anthony Weitz, Microcomputer Technician, liaison for the committee. Thank you to Jamesel Lighten, Microcomputer Technician; Kevin Colbert, Microcomputer & Network Analyst; and Al Prendergast, Information Technology Director, for his attention and support through staff.

A special thanks to Steve Rice, General Services Director, at LVCCLD, and his wonderful staff. Without them the building would not have been ready to receive all our attendees. A special mention to John Vino, Assistant General Services Director; Larry Thompson, Safety, Health and Security Coordinator; Nancy Marquez, General Services Office Manager; and John Filipazzo, Maintenance Technician II, for their extraordinary hard work.

A special mention to our volunteer staff who came in and assisted in everything from registration to refreshments: Ria Eufemio, Judy Fioti, Erik Lee, Kelli Massey, and Sue Wainscott. Thanks to everyone who helped in whatever fashion—I know I am forgetting to mention many who offered or provided assistance along the way. For me personally I could not ask for a better place to work or a better support mechanism for my professional growth and passion.

Lastly I want to thank all the presenters who took time to share their professional skills and abilities with attendees from across the state and nation:

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 Librarians  
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 Jersey Library Association  
 Tammy Westergard, Deputy Director, Carson  
 City Public Library  
 Hope Williams, Nevada Talking Book  
 Services, Nevada State Library and  
 Archives

*Robbie DeBuff, NLA President*



## Election Results

Congratulations to President Elect for 2013, Ann-Marie White, and to Tammy Westergard, the new Treasurer.

## Henderson Closures

With the failure of Question 1, a ballot initiative to increase property taxes to support the libraries, the Henderson Library District has been forced to close two of its branches. As of November 21<sup>th</sup>, the Galleria Branch was closed, and as of November 30<sup>th</sup> the Malcolm branch was closed.

The initiative would have raised property taxes by 2 cents per \$100 dollars in assessed value, but Henderson residents were unwilling to support the increase.

## Elko Pets Caught Again...

In September, the Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library System held its third annual **Pets Caught Reading** Photo Contest. There were a total of 28 entries, which were voted on by staff and public.

Winners received a "READ" poster of their photograph along with their pet's name displayed on a bookplate in an animal book about the winning animal's type.



Simon, the dachshund, was the winner in the youth (0-12 years) category.

## NYRA Goes to the Fair

The biggest literary affair in Southern Nevada, the Vegas Valley Book Festival, took place November 1-3, and NLA was there!

Recent NYRA co-chairs Debra McCracken, Mary Nakashima and Irene Frazier, along with volunteer helpers Karen Egger and Julie Jensen, hosted the first NYRA information table at the Children's Festival.



The booth displayed the 2012 NYRA book title winners and the 2013 nominated titles and passed out handouts explaining NYRA to interested passers-by. The table also gave out candy, and had die-cutting equipment and paper for children to make bookmarks, courtesy of the Curriculum Materials Library at UNLV. The bookmarks were a popular attraction.

The plan was to make NYRA more visible to the southern Nevada community. NYRA is the perfect tie-in to this festival that attracts thousands of Las Vegas families each year.

Other Festival events showcasing children's literature included panels throughout the day featuring 30+ YA authors, a storytelling workshop and a storytelling tent, along with performances on stage. This is a not-to-be missed event in Las Vegas each year.

*Submitted by Debra McCracken*

## Firefighters in the Library

The children at Elko County Library's story time were full of awe as city firefighters visited the library. They read stories, explained the importance of fire safety, and dressed in their full gear to show the children how they would look if the Fire Department came to their house.



Each child received a fire hat and had the opportunity to climb aboard the fire engine and ambulance to see all of the cool equipment firefighters use to help keep us safe. *Submitted by Athena Girard, Elko County Library*

## Thank You NLA!

I would like to thank the Nevada Library Association for the special recognition and life-time membership that I received at the 2012 Nevada Library Association Conference. It has indeed been an honor

and a privilege to be a member of NLA and work with such outstanding and dedicated people.

The Nevada Library Association is a value to all libraries in our state and it is refreshing to see new members. My wish is that it will continue to grow. Although I will not be a working member of a library, I will of course be very involved in advocacy for libraries. Libraries are so important to our communities and unfortunately we must continue to reinforce their value.

Thanks again for the honor of being a life-time member and for the knowledge and friendships that I have received through my participation in the Nevada Library Association. Where did the time go? You will all hold a special place in my heart. As I begin my new journey, I wish you all health, happiness and continued success.  
*Laura Oki, Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library System*

## Food for Fines



Washoe County Library System partnered again with the Food Bank of Northern Nevada and Project Mana for the annual "Food for Fines at the Library" event. Patrons could bring in one non-perishable food item for every overdue book or other item. (Washoe Web Site)

## Elko Library Halloween

Over 300 people filled the Elko County Library dressed as witches, princesses, superheroes, and every imaginable creature for the Library's annual Halloween Event. The carnival style event was designed especially for pre-school children with games like "Halloween Hopscotch," "Walk the Wiggly Rocks," and "Magical Music Makers," with everyone a winner.

# Nevada Library Association (NLA) Membership

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- LIBRARY INSTRUCTION
- NNAG (Nevada Networking & Automation Group)
- NYRA (Nevada Young Readers Award)
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