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President's Message

John Crockett

A wonderful mental game is to think about what a library will look like in 30 or 50 years. Let your mind run free to transform what we know today as a library. Think about what it will contain—or not contain—and what new technology will come and go. The conclusion I often come to is I have no idea what libraries will look like, and that is both awesome and scary.

I wonder, if we all shared our thoughts about the near future library, what would be the commonalities?

Even with new and upcoming technology the library is still a space, right? The space is open, safe, and welcoming. The structure has a feeling unlike other buildings; it is a sanctuary.

There are people. The people have information needs or seek inspiration or tranquility or entertainment. There is fewer staff, maybe just a handful in a large library or even a virtual reference librarian hologram at a small library. But there is always an interaction between the people and the library. The people search and/or browse for stuff. Is the searching physical, digital, or something else?

There are resources. Again, they may be physical, digital, or something else. The people enjoy or want to explore the resources: collections, archives, and databases. The resources are

available, accessible, displayed, and organized.

So now what does the library of the future look like? Easy. It is people, space, and resources.

There were two statements from our NLA'13 keynotes Maureen Sullivan and Jamie LaRue that resonated with me. Ms. Sullivan cited a turning point in e-book lending negotiations with publishers where the mood changed from combative to cooperative. It was when the ALA team offered new business models for publishers that incorporated library e-book lending.

Who would have thought that librarians could walk into a New York City Board room and offer ideas to executives on a new business model? In a similar vein Mr. LaRue, in discussing the library as publisher, stated that "pioneers get to frame the debate."

We're in a Wild West time in libraries and with uncertainty comes opportunity. The future library will be much more than space, people, and resources, although those will be the cornerstones. The rest is an open debate that librarians with our unique skill set of service, innovation, and storytelling will help frame.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season! Thank you for being a member of NLA, and for the opportunity to serve as your President.



...Upcoming Conferences and Events...

- [ALA 2014 Midwinter, Philadelphia, PA,](#) [January 24-28](#)
- [PLA 2014 Conference, Indianapolis, IN](#) [March 11-15](#)
- [ALA 2014 Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV](#) [June 26 - July 2](#)

Scholarships Available for NLA Members seeking MLIS

James S. McPhee Memorial Scholarships for Library Science Education

The James S. McPhee Memorial Scholarship fund was created to provide financial support for members in good standing of the Nevada Library Association who are seeking educational opportunities in library science. Persons selected to receive an award from this fund must show potential for emulating James S. McPhee's contribution to Nevada libraries. Jim spearheaded the Instruction Program at UNLV during the late 1980s and was an advocate for school library programs in southern Nevada. He had a passion for intellectual freedom and kept this ideal at the forefront of Nevada Library Association activities through his position as chair of the NLA Intellectual Freedom Committee. James S. McPhee passed away in 1995.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must:

- be a member in good standing of the Nevada Library Association;
- be eligible for admission to an American Library Association accredited graduate library science program;
- have a complete application on file as of the final date indicated on the application form.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Nevada Library Association (NLA) scholarships are awarded annually. Applicants are eligible for one NLA scholarship per year, with a maximum of two awards.

The NLA Scholarship award grants up to \$5000 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. The Scholarships Committee may, at its discretion, divide the awards among several worthy applicants. Scholarship funds available include \$5000 provided by the membership of the Nevada Library Association through their membership dues. Additional scholarship monies may be provided through the generosity of our vendor colleagues and by supporters of the Nevada Library Association.

Scholarship monies in this round of awards must be used to pay tuition and course-related textbook expenses for course work taken in the summer 2014, fall 2014 and spring 2015 academic years only. Reimbursement information and procedures will be provided to recipients with their scholarship notification letter. A reimbursement check payable to the awardee will be sent upon verification of tuition and textbook purchases. In addition to completing the attached application form, the applicant agrees to be interviewed, if required, by the Nevada Library Association Scholarships Committee. Any interviews will be conducted in person or via telephone conference call. The applicant is responsible for ensuring her/his application file is complete by the deadline indicated on the Application Form. A complete file includes the NLA Scholarship Application, applicant's Personal Statement, and three Confidential Evaluations.

The applicant understands that, upon completion of the library science program, persons awarded NLA scholarships are strongly encouraged to pursue full-time employment in a Nevada library. Scholarship recipients will be notified in early fall 2014. Non-recipients will be notified simultaneously. Please contact Steve T. Dimoulas-Chair NLA Scholarships Committee with any questions on the application process at: dimoulas@lvccld.org or ph. 702-507-3954

2013-14 James S. McPhee Memorial Scholarships Awards

The James S. McPhee Memorial Scholarship fund was created to provide financial support for members of the Nevada Library Association and who are seeking educational opportunities in library science. For the fiscal year 2013-14 the following selected individuals showed potential for emulating James S. McPhee's contribution to Nevada Libraries and advocacy for school library programs in Nevada.

Congratulations to the 2013-14 James S. McPhee's Scholarship Awardees:

*Kevin Bowman, Mayara Corn, Gloria Jertberg,
Rochell Schriener, and Tammy Westergard*

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Application Guidelines are available on the NLA website, at
<http://www.nevadalibraries.org/resources/scholarships.html>

**Submitted by Steve T. Dimoulas – Chair
NLA Scholarships Committee**

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/events/webjunction.html>

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/>

PLA/ALA

Online courses, webinars, workbooks, forums and more available (for members) at

<http://www.ala.org/onlinelearning/> or <http://www.ala.org/pla/onlinelearning>

Post NLA Program Note

As a panel member for the recent NLA program “Conquering Setbacks and Rebuilding Our Libraries”, I was heartened by the large audience we had which stayed very much intact even though we went over our time limit.

Talking about libraries in crisis is a formidable subject to cover in 50 minutes. Panelist Shaun Griffin, the director of the Community Chest in Virginia City, is also a gifted poet and writer (in 1995 he received the Governor’s Award for Excellence in the Arts). He had written a poem for the occasion. Unfortunately time ran out and he was unable to share it with the audience.

With his permission, I am submitting it in hopes that it will be printed in the next NLA Newsletter for all to enjoy and appreciate, even those who did not attend the program. It reads as follows:

The Unread Books

Flying home yesterday,
 a man confides
 he has never
 read a book,
not one,
 as if it were a reason
 to stay alive. My death
 will be the voices
 of librarians
 chanting the names
 of the unread books.

Submitted by Nancy Cummings
 Retired Washoe County Library Director

NYRA

The **Nevada Young Readers’ Award** was first established in the fall of 1987 by the Nevada Department of Education with generous support of librarians and teachers. In its first year, only 4,104 students from 16 schools voted. As of 1990, Nevada Library Association and the Nevada Department of Education sponsor the

Award jointly. By 2004, there were 30,423 voters from 243 schools and public libraries, and it just keeps growing.

This year’s winning titles were:
Memoirs of a Goldfish by Devin Scillian
Out of My Mind by Shanon Draper
Michael Vey: The Prisoner of Cell 25
 by Richard Paul Evans
Divergent by Veronica Roth

NYRA @ NLA

The **NYRA** luncheon is always a fun highlight of the annual conference. This year the Nevada Young Readers’ Award ceremony was enlivened by authors Devin Scillian and Sharon Draper.



The class with Devin Scillian is Ms. Rivara’s 2nd grade class from Our Lady of the Snows school.

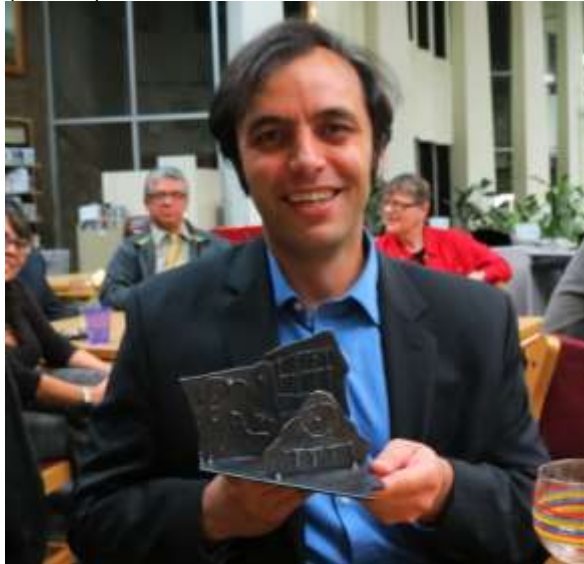


The two young ladies with Sharon Draper are (from left to right) Skyler deLongchamps and Carrie DeBarger. Submitted by Kristen Stathes

NLA Honors Awarded

At NLA's Conference, several members received recognition for their effort and dedication.

Cyrus Ford was honored for his efforts in the field of cataloging. Recognizing how important it is that we meet the new RDA standard, he moved forward to help bring training to staff in Nevada's libraries. He is also very active in NLA, is Chair of the CAPTAIN interest group, and is active in the On Line Audio-Visual Cataloguers Organization (OLAC).



Cyrus Ford, NLA Special Citation Award

Hope Williams was honored for her contributions to NLA. She has dedicated the last five years in NLA working to bring new members to our roster, and keeping our membership vital, growing and organized. Her many hours of patient, dedicated volunteer time are greatly appreciated.



NLA Pres. John Crockett, Awardee Hope Williams

Library Director Jeanne Goodrich of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District was honored as NLA's Librarian of the Year for bringing great institutional change to her library district, and building successful outcomes despite the very challenging financial climate of the last few years.



John Crockett, Jeanne Goodrich

Finally, Robbie DeBuff was honored with the Past President's Award for her tireless service, the innovative thinking that led to a very successful conference last year, and the constant striving for perfection that is such an integral part of her personality.



John Crockett, Robbie DeBuff

Artist Greg Allred created a very special set of sculptures for these awards. Rising from steel base in the shape of Nevada are upright panels

with depictions of petroglyphs taken from the northern, central, and southern areas of Nevada—images very appropriate, as they represent the earliest forms of written communication in the state.

We are fortunate as an organization, and as a profession, to have such dedicated, passionate people in our midst. *(Thanks to Kim Clanton-Green)*

Honors Academy of Literature Receives Books

Through the efforts of the Washoe County School District Volunteer Services Book Drives, approximately 300 books were distributed to scholars at the Honors Academy of Literature, to students representing grades K-8.



This book drive was in observance of International Literacy Day.

For more information on ‘International Literacy Day’ (established by UNESCO in 1946) please follow the link below:

<http://www.uis.unesco.org/literacy/Documents/Intl-literacy-day/literacy-infographic-2013-en.pdf>

ALA Launches Policy Initiative

The American Library Association (ALA) Office for Information Technology Policy (OITP) will immediately begin work on a national public policy agenda and action plan for U.S. libraries with support from a new grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Nearly \$1 million in funding over three years will enable the ALA to increase library visibility and build capacity for sustained action on the national level.

In recent years, OITP has led library efforts to expand federal E-rate support for libraries, coordinated successful engagement with publishing stakeholders to expand library e-book lending, advocated for fair use, coordinated national digital literacy efforts with federal agencies, and worked to maximize library participation in the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program.

Small and Rural Libraries face double whammy

The Institute of Museum and Library Services has recently released its report "The State of Small and Rural Libraries in the United States"

This report can be accessed at http://www.ims.gov/assets/1/AssetManager/Brief2013_05.pdf.

Most of this won't be news to Nevada libraries, but it does describe some familiar terrain.

Highlights (directly from the web page)

- Small and rural libraries make up the majority of public library systems in the United States (80.5%).
- Although most rural libraries are small, only half of small libraries are located in rural areas.
- States have varying levels of challenges when meeting the needs of rural residents. The percentage of rural public libraries in a given state varies widely – from 3.6% to 83.3%.
- Small and rural libraries continue to provide substantial electronic and digital resources for patrons through access to e-books and publicly accessible computer terminals.
- **Although per capita revenue has decreased over the past three years, visitation and circulation have increased** for both small and rural libraries.

Shakespeare in the Sparks (Library)

For Halloween at the Sparks Library, staff members acted the parts of the three witches from Macbeth for story time. The kids loved it, and the parents were grateful we exposed the kids to Shakespeare in a fun way. It made our Halloween story time creepy.



Staff members in the picture are (from left to right) Kristen Stathes, Pam Larsen, and Sue Hobbs.
(Contributed by Kristen Stathes)

Kitty Blankets Knit With Love

Crochet and Knitting groups in libraries are commonplace not only in Washoe County, but across the country. These volunteer groups are always finding ways that their talents can benefit others. Many donate scarves, hats and gloves to people in need during the winter months.

In Sparks, Nevada, both the Spanish Springs Library's Knitting and Crochet groups combine their efforts to give some comfort to animals in need. This year, so far, they have donated 63 kitty blankets...all of them made with love for cats needing new homes.



Photo credit: Jana MacMillan

"I decided to help with the project because I love cats. My two cats are rescue pets," said Donna Stevens from the Crochet Connection. Stevens acknowledges that one of her rescue cats is exceedingly fond of his own personal fleecy blanket, which just gives her another reason to create little squares of comfort for homeless pets.

Knitter Annette Ballentine uses yarn she has inherited to make her kitty creations, "It feels good to know that homeless animals get some comfort. The people I inherited my yarn from would appreciate the way it is being used."

Both Stevens and Ballentine have been responsible for making the majority of the kitty comforters donated to the Humane Society by the Spanish Springs Library. Using scraps of yarn left over from other projects, the two have managed to make enough for a donation to be made every four months.

The Crochet and Knitting groups at Spanish Springs Library have also donated their handiwork to the Love Driven Lap Blanket program for local senior citizens, area veterans of foreign wars, Christmas on the Corridor, the Hot August Nights scarf drive for local at risk middle school students and the Committee to Aid Abused Women's baby blanket project.

Contributed by Jana MacMillan and Jennifer Oliver,
Washoe County Library System

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- PLATO (Public Libraries & Trustees Organization)

INTEREST GROUPS: (Free of charge, select groups you want to be involved in)

- ACTION (All Classifications Teamed in One Network)
- CAPTAIN (Collections, Automation, Preservation, Technical Services & Acquisitions in Nevada)
- GODIG (Government Documents Interest Group)
- INDEXING (Nevada Newspapers)
- LIBRARY INSTRUCTION
- NNAG (Nevada Networking & Automation Group)
- NYRA (Nevada Young Readers Award)
- RAISON (Reference & Information Searchers in Nevada)
- REAL (Retired Employees All Libraries)
- SSRP (Statewide Summer Reading Program)

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