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President's Message

Ann-Marie White

Spring has sprung and NLA is bringing you, our members, plenty of activities and programs.

We successfully finished Snapshot Day. Thank you, to all the participants. We had more contribute than we had in the past. Many said you had a lot of fun doing it, and that is exactly what it should be. Links to the photos, comments, statistics, and videos you took are on our Website.

The Snapshot Day brochure compiled with much of this information will be made available, too. Did you know that on any given day we have over 50,000 people go through our doors? Use this information to substantiate how important libraries are to Nevadans.

In April, the Southern District of NLA presented The Ultimate Library Interview and Résumé Workshop. HR Specialist and dynamic speaker, London Porter, will allow NLA to post the recorded program for all to see. He also gave out a link to his book to attendees who requested a copy. Our next program will be a workshop for cataloging. It will be announced once all the details are firm.

From the membership survey conducted in late 2012, advocacy training, networking opportunities, and professional development are the things you want NLA to offer. Let your District Chair know what programming/events you would like to have - we rely on your input to bring you relevant and meaningful benefits to your membership.

Onward to Washington, D.C. With no legislature in session this year, NLA sent an entourage to ALA's National Library Legislation Day to speak to our government officials. The weather was beautiful in our nation's capital as we trekked to and from the Hart Senate Office Building, the Cannon House Office Building, the Longworth House Office Building, and the US Capitol. Our feet were sore but our message was clear; libraries are increasingly integral to the success of our communities. We gave many examples of our transformational efforts throughout the state. Read more about it in an article by Joan Dalusung, the Government Relations Chair, in this issue.

As we get ready for the ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas be sure to read the article inside about surviving Las Vegas. It is full of helpful information to make your trip a more comfortable one. It is not too late to register for the conference with our discount. There will be no Virtual Conference following ALA Annual. Come by NLA's booth (1813) to show your support and ask any questions you may have.

Ann-Marie White, NLA President



Happening in Vegas: ALA 2014

NLA members get a discount to the ALA annual conference! Just email Ann-Marie White at twamwhite@gmail.com for the discount code to use when you register for the 2014 ALA Annual Conference. Make sure your membership is up to date, or join at: <http://www.nevadalibraries.org/about/membership.html>

Registration offer still available for Nevada Librarians: Save up to \$135!

It's getting close, and we're excited to see you on your home turf in June! To thank Nevada Library Association members for the warm welcome, we're offering you a special registration discount. **You pay only \$215 when you register before June 20--** saving you up to \$135 from regular registration costs.

So for this low registration price, not only do you get to show off your state and city, but you'll also get . . .

- **500+ programs, discussions, sessions**
- **Dozens of thought leaders on ebooks, digital content, innovation, community engagement, transformation, emerging trends, leadership, policy updates and more**
- **World-class speakers including Jane McGonigal, B. J. Novak, Azar Nafisi, Alexander McCall Smith, Jane Fonda, Jennifer Kahnweiler, Stan Lee, Lois Lowry, Ilyasah Shabazz, and Philippe Petit, and many more**
- **700+ exhibitors highlighting new and favorite titles, products, technology and services**
- **400+ authors and illustrators on live exhibit hall stages and in pavilions**
- **150+ poster sessions on the latest hot topics and trends**
- **Unlimited networking, conversations, social opportunities--facilitated and informal, planned and impromptu**
- **30+ preconferences**
- **ALA JobLIST Placement Center**
- **Leading library and publishing awards and celebrations**
- **And a whole lot more!**

[Register and book housing now!](#) [Use ALANLA14 when you see the option to enter a coupon code.]

Ways to stay in touch and get updates and ongoing information include the [Annual Conference Website](#); Twitter @alaannual and #alaac14; [Facebook](#); [Pinterest](#); [Google +](#); and [Tumblr](#) (from ALA promo)

Survival Guide to Las Vegas for ALA visitors

It does not take a librarian to tell you that Las Vegas is hot in the summer. The average temperature will be 100 degrees or more. Yes, it's a dry heat, but it will affect your body. Even the Convention Center will be dry due to the air conditioning. On the good side, the evenings are warm and wonderful for venturing out. The following are some suggestions to help you enjoy your stay.

Things to bring:

- * Umbrella (You'll be thankful to be shielded from the direct sun)
- * Nasal Saline solution/gel (Nasal passages will be dry)
- * Eye drops (Eyes may feel scratchy)
- * Throat lozenges (To keep the saliva going)
- * Sunscreen (The odds are it will be sunny and clear)
- * Comfortable walking shoes (Any conventioneer can tell you why and the Strip is huge)
- * Layered clothes (Going from inside air conditioning to the outside heat is drastic)

Things to do:

- * Drink plenty of water (Dehydration can happen quickly)
- * Take advantage of the convention center's shuttle bus at the official hotels (Hotel parking is usually free and parking at the convention center will be \$10 a day)
- * The Las Vegas Visitors Authority is a wonderful resource for local information (and it's connected to the convention center)
- * Use your Nevada ID to get discounts (Always worth asking)

As in all of Nevada, distance is deceiving. The Las Vegas valley is 600 square miles. The Las Vegas Strip is longer than it seems (fortunately, air conditioning is everywhere). Our beautiful Mount Charleston and scenic Red Rock Canyon will be at least an hour away although you can see them from where you'll be staying. Make plenty of stops and plan your Las Vegas adventures carefully.

They say, "It's a desert out there." Be prepared to have a great time in Las Vegas.

Ann-Marie White, NLA President

Not to be missed: ALA Conference speakers:

Lois Lowry
Sunday, June 29
3:30pm - 5:30pm

B.J. Novak
Tuesday, July 1
9:30-11:00 am

Stan Lee
Saturday, June 28th
12:00pm-1:00pm

Philippe Petit
Monday, June 30
8:30am - 9:30am

Jane Fonda
Saturday, June 28th
8:30am - 9:30am

Alexander McCall Smith
Saturday, June 28th
3:30pm-4:30pm

Jane McGonigal
Friday, June 27th
4:00pm - 5:15pm

Azar Nafisi
Saturday, June 28th
10:30am-11:30am

Ilyasah Shabazz
Sunday, June 29th
10:30am - 11:30am



When ALA last visited Nevada...

Remembrances of Things Past:

The year was 1972. I was the Young People's Services Librarian at the brand new Clark County Library on Flamingo Road in Las Vegas. My boss, Library Director Charles Hunsberger, took me to my first ever ALA Conference in Chicago, where I also attended my first ever Newbery-Caldecott dinner.

ALA was coming to Las Vegas the following year. Since I was the head of the Young People's Library I was considered the logical point person for the Children's Services Division (now known as ALSC) to take care of local arrangements for their meetings and events, including the Newbery-Caldecott dinner. I was invited to meet with the members of the NC dinner committee. I learned they had 26 librarians working on several committees to plan the dinner. They told me I should have at least 25 people. This was no small feat for me since just four of us made up the YPL staff for the Clark County Library System at the time!

When I got back home, I was able to get seven people together as my core group including my staff and a couple of school librarians. This group made up "The Committee."

Our committee began working on arrangements for the dinner as well as several events including a special reception for members of the Division. As if we didn't have enough to do, we decided the Conference was an opportune time to create an event emphasizing the issues of racism and sexism in children's literature. We decided to have a luncheon. It was scheduled at the community center in West Las Vegas, the African American part of town. Minority authors and illustrators were honored at the luncheon. As we munched on collard greens, ham and corn bread, the issues were debated. We called it the Newcott-Caldebury Luncheon, what we thought was a gentle parody on the Newbery-Caldecott Dinner. Needless to say this raised more than one eyebrow amongst the CSD leadership group, and I took a bit of criticism for it.

Just about the time the luncheon was ending, I had a frantic phone call from the Conference hotel. It seemed that the banquet crew did not have the guest list with all the table assignments for the Newbery-Caldecott dinner. Nobody could find the list. Did I have a copy? Well, I did, and I was rushed back to the hotel. What with all the famous authors, illustrators, publishers, etc., we had to get those table assignments right. Somehow we managed to get everything done just two hours before the dinner. It was a wild time!

We planned a special procession at the start of the dinner which included everyone seated at the head table. Leading the group was one of my staff members wearing a huge paper mache "wicked Oni" head. This was in honor of the Caldecott Award winner, *The Funny Little Woman* illustrated by Blair Lent. Our staff artist had done a beautiful life-size stuffed animal rendering of a wolf in honor of the Newbery winner, *Julie of the Wolves* by Jean Craighead George. It was prominently displayed at the front of the room.

Since I was Chair of Local Arrangements, I was part of the head table procession. And there I sat at the very end of the table in a bit of a haze from all the excitement, thinking to myself—"We did it, and I'm not even a member of ALA!"

That was rectified soon after. I became a bona fide ALA member, actively involved in the Children's Services Division. One of the results of that involvement was being elected to the Newbery-Caldecott Committee, and I was honored to be part of the group that selected the winners in 1979.

Submitted by Nancy Cummings, Retired Washoe County Library Director

American Library Association Delegate Report National Library Legislative Day May 5–6, 2014

At meetings in Washington D.C., our team of delegates, (NLA President Ann-Marie White, Washoe County trustee Judy Simon, ALA Delegate Steve Dimoulas, Government Relations Chair Joan Dalusung and Carson City Library Director Sena Loyd) met personally with Nevada's Congressional Representatives Rep. Mark Amodei and Sen. Harry Reid. During the twenty-to-thirty minute sessions we discussed issues facing Nevada libraries, and highlighted some success stories. The major national issues that were discussed vis-à-vis ALA's position included:

Early Childhood Education

ALA's Position: The American Library Association (ALA) asks the U.S. President and the U.S. Congress to recognize library contributions to the development of early learning initiatives by specifically including libraries as eligible entities and/or allowable partners as part of any federal early childhood education programs or initiatives.

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)

ALA's Position: The American Library Association (ALA) urges that when Congress reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), it include effective school library programs by incorporating the following provisions: Maintain dedicated federal funding for school libraries; Include provisions under Title I state and local plans and the Race to the Top Fund to establish a state goal of having a school library staffed by a state-licensed school librarian in each public school; and allow state and local professional development funds to be used to recruit and train school librarians.

School Library Federal Funding

ALA's Position: The American Library Association (ALA) asks the President and Congress for level funding of the *Innovative Approaches to Literacy* (IAL) program at \$25 million for FY 2015.

Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)

ALA's Position: The American Library Association (ALA) asks the U.S. President and the U.S. Congress for funding of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) to be level funded at \$180.9 million for FY 2015.

Support Public Access to Tax-Payer Funded Research

S.350/H.R.708 Fair Access to Science and Technology Research Act of 2013 (FASTR)

ALA's Position: The American Library Association encourages members of Congress to demonstrate support of open access to taxpayer funded research by co-sponsoring the Fair Access to Science and Technology Research Act of 2013 (FASTR).

PRIVACY AND SURVEILLANCE: ECPA & USA FREEDOM ACT

The Email Privacy Act/Electronic Communications Privacy Act (ECPA): S.607/H.R. 1852

ALA's Position: Senators: Support S. 607, the Electronic Communications Privacy Amendments Act of 2013; Representatives: Support H.R. 1852, the Email Privacy Act.

ALA's Position: The ALA asks the U.S. Senate to move forward on reauthorizing the Workforce Investment Act (WIA)

ALA's Position: The ALA asks the U.S. Senate to move forward on reauthorizing the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and: Authorize public libraries that carry out employment, training, and literacy services as additional one-stop partners; and, Require inclusion of public libraries in state plans as well as descriptions of the actions that will be taken by the state to foster communication, coordination, and partnerships with non-profit organizations. Require inclusion of public libraries in local and state plans as well as descriptions of the strategies and services that will be used in the local area to better coordinate workforce development programs with employment, training, and literacy services carried out by non-profit organizations.

Steve T. Dimoulas – Nevada Chapter Councilor

National Libraries Legislative Day 2014 #nlld14

May 5-6, 2014

Each year, the American Library Association (ALA) coordinates National Library Legislative Day (NLLD). NLLD gives library staff and supporters a chance to meet with our elected officials in person to advocate for federal support for our libraries. Five delegates representing Nevada's libraries travelled to Washington, D.C. on May 5-6 for a day of review and training on key issues facing libraries nationally, followed by a day of meetings with Nevada's six legislators. This year, we were represented by Joan Dalusung, NLA Government Relations Chair, Steve Dimoulas, NLA's Delegate to ALA, Sena Lloyd, Director, Carson City Library, Judy Simon, Chair, Nevada Council on Libraries and Literacy, and Ann-Marie White, Nevada Library Association (NLA) President.

ALA presents a thorough slate of talking points for those issues which affect libraries nationwide. A complete list of these topics can be found on ALA's website at <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/advleg/nlld>. Because time is of the essence and typical meetings usually last about 15 minutes, we focused on two key issues that have particular relevancy to Nevada's libraries. We advocated for level funding of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) at \$180.9 million for FY 2015. President Obama has currently recommended that LSTA be funded at \$178.6 million for FY 2015, a reduction of \$2.3 million from the FY14 funding level. Ms. Simon was able to give a complete background on Nevada's LSTA funding process, and the rest of our delegation provided relevant examples of how LSTA funding has been used in the past, as well as details for upcoming projects. We also asked our legislators to reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

Happily enough, we were able to meet directly with Senator Harry Reid and Representative Mark Amodei. We also had meetings with staffers from the offices of Senator Dean Heller, Representative Joe Heck, Representative Steven Horsford, and Representative Dina Titus. All legislators and their staffers asked relevant questions concerning the state of Nevada's libraries. They do not expect the LSTA Appropriation to come up until later in June, if at all. All legislators and their staffers indicated support for the Workforce Investment Act. ALA provides a copy of the 2013 Legislative Scorecard at <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/advleg/federallegislation/legscard>, if you are curious to see how our legislators have voted in the past on issues affecting libraries.

We also attended the Congressional Reception in the Hart Building on the evening of May 6. Senator Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) and Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.) received the 2014 Public Service Award, given by United for Libraries, for their introductions of the USA FREEDOM Acts through S. 1599 and H.R. 3361. United for Libraries, the Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations, gives Public Service Awards annually to legislators who have been especially supportive of libraries.

We were then treated to a few minutes of whimsy! The North Carolina delegation led a flash mob practice to Pharrell Williams song, "Happy," and invited us all to participate. Our own Judy Simon joined in the practice on Monday night in the Hart building. The North Carolina delegation staged the official flash mob on the steps of the Capitol on May 6. Footage of the official flash mob can be found here: <http://nclibraryadvocacy.wordpress.com/nc-libraries/north-carolina-happy-dances-for-libraries/>. What an appropriate and innovative way to get our message out about how "Happy" patrons are to have access to library resources!

Submitted by Joan Dalusung

Scholarships

Calling all Library School students!

The deadline for the James S. McPhee Memorial Scholarships is fast approaching. All applications must be completed by August 31, 2014 including three letters of recommendation. So don't put it off any longer. The scholarship is open to any member of NLA in good standing that is attending or will be attending an ALA-accredited school next academic year. Past recipients are encouraged to apply again. The application forms can be found on the NLA website under resources or just follow this link:

<http://www.nevadalibraries.org/resources/scholarships.html>, or contact Scott Clonan at clonans@lvccld.org for more information.

Please help spread the word, and let the students on your staff know about this opportunity.

Washoe County Library Honors Volunteers

In honor of National Volunteer Appreciation Week from April 6-13, the Washoe County Library System acknowledges the 446 volunteers who donated over 13,000 hours in 2013. As a certifying organization for the Presidential Volunteer Service Awards (PVSA), the Library Board of Trustees and Library Director, Arnie Maurins will get the distinct honor of handing out awards to the 39 PVSA awardees for 2013 during the annual Award Reception and Ceremony. This event is held in conjunction with the monthly Library Board of Trustees meeting and in 2014 was at the Northwest Reno Library on April 16th.



Volunteers of all ages appeared for Washoe County Library System's Presidential Volunteer Service Award Reception and Ceremony on April 16, 2014.

Event Coordinator Jennifer Oliver says this event is her favorite day of the year. "The opportunity to do something for those dedicated individuals who give of themselves so generously to our organization is special," says Oliver. "It also provides them a chance to visit and share their stories with each other." The Washoe County Library System is so grateful for all the dedication and efforts of each and every volunteer.

Out of 39 awardees, 11 were able to attend with their families and friends.

Submitted by Jennifer Oliver, Washoe County Library System

ESL Transitions Project Sees Success

The Las Vegas-Clark County Library District was awarded a federal incentive grant for the 2013-2014 program year to support the ESL Transitions Project. Through this project, advisors work with students to create individual action plans, identify relevant postsecondary education and training opportunities, refer students to resources to meet their basic needs, and assist teachers in customizing vocabulary instruction to meet the work and life goals of individual students.

Rhonda Tipton is an advisor for the intermediate level ESL class held in the evening at the Las Vegas Library on Las

Vegas Blvd North. Several of Rhonda's students have achieved successful outcomes related to their employment and job training goals, testament to the program's focus on identifying students' objectives and skills at the initial meeting and connecting them with community resources.



Olivia Portillo with advisor Rhonda Tipton

During Rhonda's initial survey appointment with student Olivia Portillo, Olivia said her boss wanted her to take a test to get certified as a food handler so she could get promoted, but that she had been putting it off because the test was in English and she was afraid that she would not pass it. Rhonda and Olivia discussed items that she thought would be on the test, and because Olivia could explain it with great detail, Rhonda encouraged her to take the test. A week later Olivia reported that she took the test and passed. Now she is not only a certified food handler, but also in charge of the kitchen for an Adult Day Healthcare Center.

During Rhonda's initial survey with student Karina Franco, Karina stated that she was looking for a job. Although she has legal documentation from her country to be a nurse, she had been told that she must pass three tests to be certified in the U.S. But Katrina needed money to pay for the tests. They talked about job options and within a

week, Rhonda had a job at Deseret Industries. "The class not only helped my English," said Katrina. "It's given me encouragement and confidence."

Submitted by Tim McDonald LVCCCL/CALL

Celebrations Get Students Engaged

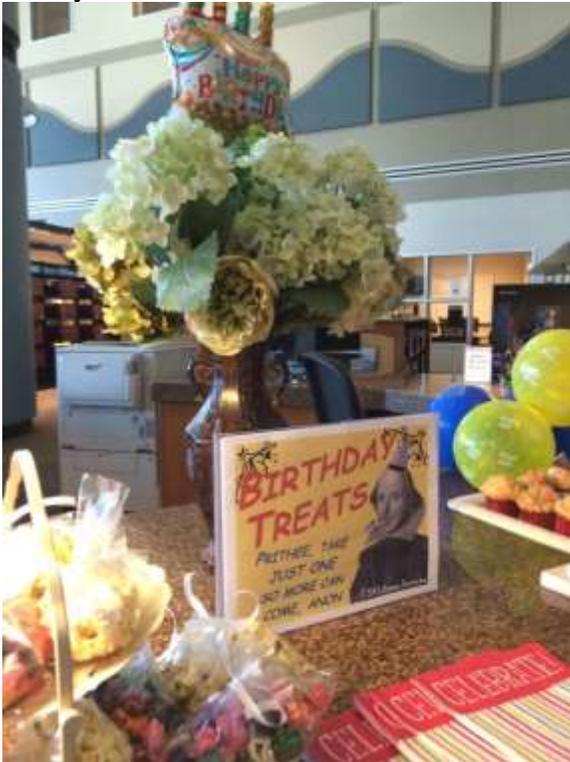
The month of April is a busy time for students. Research projects are due. Final exams are around the corner. To help students relax during stressful times, the College of Southern Nevada's West Charleston campus library hosted a couple of April events to get students engaged in the library and have a little fun.

The week before Easter, CSN libraries gathered plastic eggs and stuffed them with candy (no chocolate or nuts in case of allergies) to hide throughout the West Charleston library's large facility. Eggs were soon discovered anywhere from library stacks to inside copy machines. Advertised as a simple "hunt" rather than an Easter activity, students of all backgrounds were soon searching through the library for more than just books and information.

The twist was that all found eggs contained a number and a message: "Help us track the eggs that are left & be entered in our prize drawing! Message the egg # & your email to Facebook.com/CSNLibraryServices."

Of the 50 eggs that were hidden, over half were reported on Facebook (the rest may have been found by students who don't use Facebook). The reported numbers were then entered into a grand prize drawing for a gift card to the college bookstore.

April also marks the birthday (or the day chosen to celebrate the birthday) of renowned playwright William Shakespeare—his 450th birthday to be exact. On April 23, the librarians and staff at West Charleston celebrated with free cupcakes for students, Shakespeare word search handouts, and famous Shakespeare quotes to decorate the library.



Bard's birthday treats...

Now that May has arrived, the library plans to help students on a larger scale as they prepare for their final exams by recreating last semester's "Stress Free Zone" event. Free cookies and coffee (generously donated by the CSN librarians and staff) will be available in the library for the first two days of Finals Week along with signs and words of encouragement to help students through the busiest time of year. It's another reminder

that "the library is here for you." And judging from the words of gratitude received after each event, the students appreciate these opportunities to get engaged, have some fun, and learn what the library is all about.

Submitted by Stephanie Espinoza, CSN Libraries

Downtown Reno Library is "Most Beautiful"

Given the Downtown Reno Library's exterior angled glass and copper panels, its internal space is a refreshing surprise. Green trees rise from floor to ceiling, offering patrons a peaceful reception into an atrium-like setting, filled with leafy plants and the gentle murmur of water from a fountain on the garden level.



Photo: Courtesy Marc Tiar

Because of its unique architecture and landscaping, Technology Services Librarian Marc Tiar felt inspired to enter the Downtown Reno Library into a national contest sponsored by Gale/Cengage for the "Most Beautiful Library." One of the categories was for "Coolest Internal Space" which seemed providential for the garden-like atmosphere.

After one week of voting, the Downtown Reno came away as the winner in its category. With that award came a prize of \$500, and Tiar was rewarded by determining how the winnings will be spent. Education is near and dear to his heart, specifically the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) initiative, so the \$500 award, paired with a \$500 dollar anonymous

cash donation, will be used to support STEM materials for the Washoe County Library System. *Submitted by Jennifer Oliver, Washoe County Library System*

Blind Date with a Book

Do you have a sense of adventure? The Elko County Library is offering Blind Date with a Book. This program was started in February of 2013 to see if patrons would read genres that they were not familiar with. It was a big success, and we decided to bring it back. Patrons have said things like: "I would never have read the book I read if I was choosing it from the shelf!" "This is one of the best programs I have ever taken part in." "The library should do this once a month."



Blind date prospects, with their barcodes written on the wrapper.

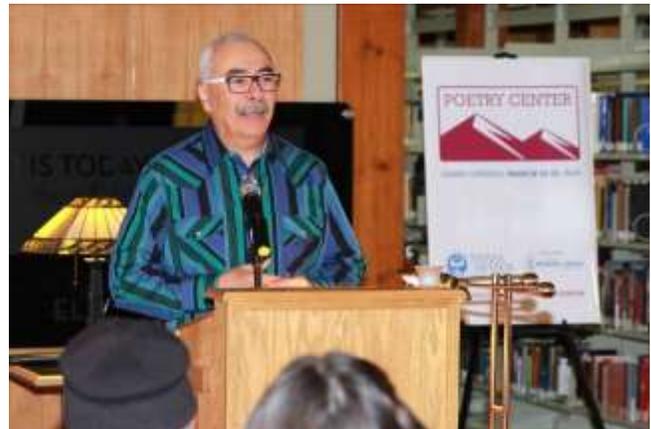
The program offers all genres-Fiction, Non-Fiction, Western, Mystery, Science Fiction, Biography, and Romance novels. The only catch is the books are wrapped in plain brown paper and the patron will not know what genre they have checked out until they get the book home and start reading! Try this in your library to see what your patrons think. *Submitted by Jeannette Hammons, Elko-Eureka-Lander Library System*

Poetry Center Opens at Sierra Nevada College

Through a grant awarded by the Nevada State Library and Archives and the Institute

for Museum and Library Studies, Sierra Nevada College has begun the process of developing a Poetry Center at the Prim Library in Incline Village. The goal of the Poetry Center is to foster an appreciation of poetry among SNC students and community members and provide support for current and emerging poets.

On March 28, the college was thrilled to welcome award-winning poet Jane Hirshfield and the Poet Laureate of California, Juan Felipe Herrera to celebrate the grand opening of the new Poetry Center. As Hirshfield read her work, she spoke about her inspiration from life, nature, science, love and solitude.



California Poet Laureate Juan Herrera

Herrera offered an entirely different perspective of poetry with crowd responses and personal experiences. He also spoke at a student assembly at Incline High School which is estimated to have an approximately 36% Latino population.

The weekend was rounded out with workshops led by Jane Hirshfield and SNC faculty Laura Wetherington, while poetry slam winning poet Patricia Smith hosted a workshop for high school students and led an Open Mic on Saturday night.

Plans for the future development of the Poetry Center include regularly scheduled poetry workshops and readings at SNC and at area K-12 schools. This center offers the

entire northern Nevada region the opportunity to connect with poetry in meaningful ways, all leading to enhanced appreciation and engagement in the art. We're just beginning to grow and we're looking forward to an exciting future filled with poetry. *Submitted by Betts Markle SNC*

Reader Kits Are a Hit

New "reader kits" at the Elko County Library are proving to be a huge hit with youth and parents. Even before the Library began its formal advertising campaign, children and parents were already checking out the kits. Through a Library Services and Technology Act grant, the Library purchased 255 titles, ranging in Accelerated Reader levels from 0.6 to 7.8.

Each kit comes with an audio book and companion paperback so that youth can listen and read at the same time. Most of the titles are fiction, with just a few nonfiction titles.



Hoping to meet the varying needs of reluctant readers, learning impaired students,

ESL students, and emergent or beginner readers, the Library wanted to provide a different reading format for youth. So far, the program is proving to be popular with the children, and parents believe their children are benefitting from the kits even though it is too early to detect a noticeable improvement in their child's reading skills.

Submitted by LaDonna Gunn, Elko

Board Gets Attention

The Elko County Library is hosting a bulletin board sponsored by Elko County Chapter of the Nevada Archaeological Association, displaying pictures of historical sites in Elko and the surrounding area.



The board's large scale and beautiful pictures get a lot of attention...

The pictures and captions have fascinating facts for those not familiar with this area, and fond memories for those who are, such as the First Presbyterian Church, which old timers can remember attending in their youth, and the Catlin Shale Plant, where many local school children go on field trips to look for fossils. This is a wonderful and educational display for all ages, sharing places to visit and subjects to explore close to home.

Submitted by Mildred Hart, Elko

Rights Affirmed

This April, the Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library System participated in the nationwide

library advocacy and awareness campaign called “Declaration for the Right to Libraries”. The cornerstone of ALA president Barbara Stripling’s **Libraries Change Lives** presidential initiative, the Declaration for the Right to Libraries is “designed to build the public will and sustained support for America’s right to libraries of all types – academic, special, school and public.”



Nine of our library branches, as well as the Northeastern Nevada Regional Bookmobile, held signing events and collected patron signatures to show support of libraries. Events were also held with Elko, Lander, and Eureka County Commissioners; West Wendover, Elko, Wells, and Carlin City Councils; and Jackpot and Crescent Valley Advisory Board members, of whom all showed monumental support for our right to libraries and were instrumental in making this campaign a success.

When all the declaration pages were collected, we had gathered a total of 865 signatures and were able to send these, along with photos of patrons signing, to ALA to be used during National Library Legislative Day. We will continue to display the “Declaration for the Right to Libraries” in our libraries; its message is one that will hold true for years to come.

Submitted By Kassie Antonucci, Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library System

Rescue My Library

As part of Henderson Libraries' 2012 election campaign the marketing firm Imagine Communications developed a Facebook page called Rescue My Library (<https://www.facebook.com/RescueMyLibrary>) which gained more than 900 followers.

The page is still operated (pro bono) by the team who created it. Although originally developed for that campaign, the message that libraries need support is ongoing and universal. Because the page isn't managed by any library, but by people who value libraries, it provides a perspective directly from people who live in the community. Our public leaders need to hear the voices of library users and community members added to those who are advocating from within the library.

You are welcome to share any local news articles, videos or topics that you feel would be relevant through this Facebook page by sending links or information to mneri@weareimagine.com. Also, if you currently have a Facebook following, encourage your fans/friends to follow our page. Thanks to all who participate!

Submitted by Gayle Hornaday HDPL

Walking For a Cause



Team Library stepped up for the 2014 AIDS walk in Las Vegas, with 14 walkers raising over \$1100 for the charity.

Got library news? Please send to nla_news@yahoo.com!