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Fall has settled in and another school year is well under way. Libraries are busier than ever. Many libraries across the state helped to celebrate our Nevada Day. I found many people did not know Nevada celebrated 150 years. I don't even want to mention the quizzical looks I got when I mentioned sesquicentennial! The only organizations participating in this monumental occasion were the state government, schools, and, of course, our libraries.

Our libraries continue to be a place where communities can learn about our rich history and culture. Even more amazing, our libraries are not only a link to the past; libraries remain relevant today and are a portal for the future. No other organization can claim the diversity and exponential rewards libraries give. I would like to think NLA has something to do with that. After all, NLA strives to better the lives of our patrons and communities through our libraries and staff.

Talking to a young server at a restaurant one morning I discussed with her what I did for a living. When she found out I was a librarian, said she used to go to a local branch where I once worked. It was a time when she "used to read books." My natural librarian instinct was to inform her immediately that libraries are so much more - but I held back and asked her what she did at the library.

As she continued to reminisce, she divulged she used the computers, went to programs and story times, met with friends after school, and received homework help. She admitted her library was used for much more. At that point, I told her of the services we have for adults, children, and our communities. She thought about this and said, "I guess there isn't any place like the library. There really is something for everyone."

I know of many new students entered in an MLIS or certification program this year and those who have finally graduated. Those students, no doubt, will hear the same 'I used to go' story as this young lady told me. It will be a continuing battle to inform our communities just what libraries can do for them today and for their future - even if it is one person at a time.

The best thing any member of NLA can do is participate. Participate in attending programs; participate in your section, division, committees, or interest group. Get involved in our advocacy efforts. Together, as a group, our voice will be strong. Any time spent does pay off in the end.

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Another way to participate in NLA is to go for a position in the organization. It has truly been an honor and a pleasure to serve NLA as President. It has been an unusual year with the Annual ALA Conference in Nevada and no NLA Conference. It has been a year of internal restructuring of the organization to improve service to our members today, and for our future. The personal lesson I learned is patience. I want to do so much that is needed. Good things take time. What I will take away from my experience is admiration. For an all-voluntary association, we have so many good people who donated their advice, time, talents, and ideas. Incoming President Carol Lloyd will be blessed to have such a resource. Thank you!

Ann-Marie White, President

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>

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>

***Join or renew your NLA membership online at
<http://www.nevadalibraries.org/about/membership.html>***

NLA Officer Election Results

Congratulations to our new NLA officers and thank you to those of you who took the time to vote. Bethany Lafferty will be our new Treasurer and our President-Elect post will be filled by Scott Clonan.

Jana MacMillan, NLA, Elections Chair

New Director for Douglas County Library

The Douglas County Library Board of Trustees has named Amy Dodson as the next Library Director for Douglas County. Amy has a Master of Library Science degree from the University of Kentucky and a Bachelor's degree in English and Women's Studies from the University of Louisville. She will be moving to Northern Nevada this fall and plans to start work for Douglas County on December 1.

She will be relocating from Bayfield, Colorado, where she has been the Library Director for the Pine River Public Library District. While Library Director at Pine River Public Library, Amy and her staff received the Library Journal and Gates Foundation Award for Best Small Library in America 2014. She has previously worked for the Riverside County Library in California where she was the administrator for the Mead Valley Library and the City Librarian for Cathedral City.

Linda Deacy, Douglas County Public Library

NLA Librarian of the Year

Ted Chodock was selected as the Nevada Librarian of the Year by the Nevada Library Association. This is a very prestigious award within the NV librarian community and is awarded to one librarian in Nevada who has shown the following efforts:

NLA Librarian of the Year/ Trustee of the Year

The Librarian of the Year is awarded for the librarian/trustee that has shown effort in the following:

- For constructive accomplishments toward the advancement and extension of library service and the development of sound library policies; creative and effective interpretation of the library on a regional, local or national level.
- For notable activity in library legislation, recruitment, statewide planning, published writings, outstanding participation in NLA, ALA, MPLA, Friends of the Library etc.
- For broadened scope of service to the community; specialized services to children, young adults, senior citizens, the handicapped etc.
- For an outstanding contribution to library education; library techniques, library building, library management, establishment or organization of a new library or library system, or expansion or revitalization of an established library system or library.
- For a substantial financial assistance or endowment.

Congratulations to Ted on this achievement!

Beth Anderson Schuck, CSN Libraries

Apply for a Grant to Support STEM Programming at Your Library

The federal [Corporation for National and Community Service](#) (CNCS) has recently announced a funding opportunity for STEM-related programming, which is open to state and local governments, non-profits and institutions of higher education, among others. Visit the [CNCS website](#) for [application instructions](#) and additional information. New applicants are encouraged to apply. Submission of a Notice of Intent to Apply is required to be eligible for this competition and is due **Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at 5:00pm, eastern**. Applications are due **Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time** to CNCS.

For state-level applicants only: do not provide information directly to CNCS, but rather to the commission in the state the applicant intends to operate the program. State Commissions and Territory deadlines are earlier than the CNCS deadlines, so prospective state applicants are encouraged to contact the commission in the state or territory where they intend to apply as soon as possible.

<http://www.nationalservice.gov/build-your-capacity/grants/funding-opportunities/2015/ameri-corps-state-and-national-grants-fy-2015#fundglossappinst>

2015 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards Applications Now Open!

The President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services, is accepting applications for the 2015 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards. The twelve award-winning programs this year will each receive \$10,000 and an invitation to accept their award from the President's Committee's Honorary Chairman, First Lady Michelle Obama, at a ceremony at the White House.

After-school and out-of-school time arts and humanities programs are encouraged to apply. Please click the following link to access the online National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards Application: <http://www.nahyp.org/how-to-apply/>

Completed applications will only be accepted via the online process.

Monday, February 2, 2015, 5:00 PM PST is the application deadline.

2015 Legislative Days—Save the Dates

Nevada Libraries Legislative Day – Monday, April 13, 2015

Attention all Nevada library staff and supporters! The Nevada Library Association will host its Nevada Libraries Legislative Day on Monday, April 13, in Carson City, Nevada. We welcome all library staff, as well as library trustees, friends, and anyone who loves and supports our libraries. Positive library messages to legislators from non-library employees are especially powerful! We encourage you to travel to Carson City to speak directly with our state legislators about how Nevada's libraries change lives in big and small ways. Stay tuned for more information through the NLAList and on the NLA Facebook page.

National Library Legislative Day – Monday and Tuesday, May 4 and 5, 2015

Quick on the heels of Nevada Libraries Legislative Day, we have another opportunity to speak directly to our federal legislators about the amazing libraries in Nevada. Again, library staff, trustees, friends, and general library supporters are welcome to attend. We will travel to Washington, D.C., and receive a full day of training from American Library Association staff on Monday, May 4. Then it's off to meetings with our legislators on May 5! It's an exciting time for us to communicate directly with our federal legislators or their staff about the great things we're doing back home in Nevada.

The American Library Association provides many useful resources to prepare for this day, including the 2013 ALA Legislative Scorecard, from their website at www.ala.org/nlld. I also encourage you to subscribe to the ALA District Dispatch, a weekly newsletter sent to your email that will keep you informed about federal issues affecting libraries. You can sign up at: <http://cqrcengage.com/ala/app/register?0&m=20147>.

Nevada Library Association's Grassroots Advocacy Efforts

This year, the Nevada Library Association Board decided not to hire a lobbyist for the upcoming legislative session. Instead, we will focus our efforts on organizing ourselves at a grassroots level. Our primary goal with year will be to establish connections with our legislators. You will hear from the NLA Government Relations Team soon about ways you can help NLA become a voice in the ears of our elected officials!

I encourage you to go to <http://capwiz.com/ala/nv/home/> and find your state and federal legislators for the library where you work or your home. Invite them to a special event at your library, or let them know how your library has improved someone's life. It is vital to make these connections so that when the time comes for our libraries to ask for funding or support on an issue, they will know our faces, our names, and our stories. Libraries change lives daily, and our legislators need to know that!

If you have any questions or want to know how you can be involved in Nevada library advocacy, please contact me at jdalusung@hdpl.org or 702-207-4282.

Submitted by Joan Dalusung, Government Relations Chair

Updates and Thanks from Storey County Library...

It's been a very active year for the Storey County Library. The year began with Community Chest of Nevada, the local non-profit that took up the task of rebuilding the Storey County Public Library after its closure in 2012, working to recruit staff with freshly raised funds, a small but devoted group of volunteers keeping the doors open, and a small portion of the old collection occupying an equally small part of an upstairs room with no elevator. We end the year with a thirty hour a week staff member, a fledgling Friends of the Library group, a new downstairs library space in the old HAWC clinic that is in the process of becoming joint use with medical and mental health offices, possibly one of the few set ups of its kind, and patron access to the entire collection.

In addition, a permanent, dedicated space is being planned for the next expansion of the community center in Virginia City where the library now resides. The library will have its own room, but will likely still have a presence throughout the building. This year, we were again approved for client status with CLAN, and continue to offer digital resources to the county's residents. Storytime is our main ongoing program, in addition to several additional programming activities over the course of the year, and there's an exciting 2015 programming, event, and outreach schedule to look forward to.

We continue to be open twenty hours a week at the Virginia City library. We offer six hours weekly mobile library services to Storey County's outlying areas including services and collection items at two dedicated rooms in the community center in Mark Twain (Dayton area). Modest satellite services to Lockwood have begun for two hours a week in the Storey County Sheriff's substation conference room. Efforts are underway to provide computer and internet service in Lockwood, and the Mark Twain Community Center board has set up a computer room with internet and computers and made it available during library satellite hours. A small selection of the Nevada and electronic collections are brought to Mark Twain and Lockwood each week.

Throughout this year, what's been especially inspiring has been the public support we've received. While much of this assistance has come in the way in the form of everything from book & furniture donations to additional volunteering, it's also manifested in the results of our fundraising efforts. We're very pleased to be receiving additional and increased funding from Storey County in the form of \$25,000 for FY14-15, approved in June, and we're tremendously grateful for Barrick Gold Corporation's donation in the amount of \$15,000.

This last amount came at our annual fundraiser held November 1, 2014 at Piper's Opera House presenting the show *Home Means Nevada*. *Home Means Nevada* was performed by Mark Twain (McAvoy Layne) and Shiloh (Julie Machado & Tim Gorelangton) with preshow entertainment by Le Cirque Vagabond out of Reno. The turnout for the show was excellent despite an unfounded forecast for bad weather that night. On behalf of everyone in Storey County, the Storey County Library, and Community Chest of Nevada, we would like to thank everyone who has stepped up and supported us. We wouldn't be here without you.

Submitted by Kris Klug, Storey County Library Director

Dog-gone Fun at the Library

When classes leave students feeling beat, the College of Southern Nevada (CSN) library has always been there to help—each semester they offer both useful resources to make assignments easier and student appreciation events to make stressful weeks more tolerable. But on Thursday, Nov. 20, it was the first time the library offered these dog-tired students...actual dogs.

This year CSN libraries partnered with the non-profit, volunteer group called Love Dog Adventures to provide in-person therapy dogs for students to visit, pet, and relax with right inside the West Charleston campus library.

“Just having a short break, even ten or twenty minutes of thinking about something else, can make a big difference,” said library director Beth Schuck, who sees how much the library fills with studying students each semester and how hectic they can get during the final weeks. One student, Emily Thompson, managed to squeeze in a trip to the library between classes in order to see the dogs in person. “I’m so happy,” she proclaimed while visiting each of the animals.

A total of five certified therapy dogs arrived at the library that afternoon: an Italian greyhound named Dash, a golden retriever named Boise, a yellow lab named Ginger, and two poodle mixes—Benny and Petey. The poodles belonged to Sue Grundfest, founder of Love Dog Adventures and professional dog trainer. She had worked with both UNLV and Nevada State College before, since it’s become a growing trend in academic libraries to offer similar programs for their students. But this was her first time partnering with CSN.

“Everyone at CSN was so warm and welcoming,” said Grundfest. “The dogs thoroughly enjoyed every hug and kiss.”

But it wasn’t just the dogs that had fun. Students shared their appreciation of the event by writing comments on a whiteboard near the entrance to the library.

“They made the stress before the exam decrease,” wrote one.

“Brings happiness to students!” wrote another.

Even Thompson took time to add her thoughts, calling the experience, “the dog-gone best time I’ve had at CSN!”



After two hours and over 100 students, faculty, and staff stopping by, the dogs left the library at last. While they didn’t check out any books, they each brought home a goody bag of thank you gifts from the librarians and an invitation to return in the spring. Now that the contacts have been made, logistics have been worked out, and the success of the event has been evident, the library plans to expand the event to all three CSN campuses. Their hope is to reach as many students as possible and show how much the library cares about making their college experience just a bit easier.

The CSN libraries provide a variety of social and academic events throughout the year that support student success and engagement with the college.

Stephanie Espinoza, CSN Libraries

AZLA/MPLA Conference: Best of the West

“It really is all about the people.” Outgoing MPLA President Wendy Wendt’s comment perfectly described the warm and social spirit at the joint Arizona Library Association/Mountain Plains Library Association Conference, held November 12-14 in Scottsdale, Arizona. Over 300 attendees gathered from around Arizona and the 12-state MPLA region to share what makes libraries the best of the west.

A positive tone was set by opening keynote Lee Rainie, Director of the Pew Research Center, who presented the “fact tank’s” latest research on libraries and implications for the future. Benefiting from a position of trust and value in their communities, libraries will continue to thrive as community resource platforms, by serving and connecting people, and by providing reconfigured and repurposed places to foster these connections.

Another conference highlight was the *One Conference, One Book* Luncheon featuring Kevin Fedarko, author of *The Emerald Mile: The Epic Story of the Fastest Ride in History Through the Heart of the Grand Canyon*. This program allowed attendees to become truly engaged in the conference by reading an exciting story of the west and its characters then participating in a spirited discussion with the author and sharing thoughts with other librarians during the luncheon.

Science fiction author Connie Willis opened the second day of the conference with an inspiring talk about the enduring power of books. Despite the technological changes and shifting landscape surrounding books, the stories and characters that filled her world and became her closest friends are timeless and with books “the magic will never end.” [Connie Willis Reading List - A Little Magic](#)



MPLA Members at AZLA/MPLA wearing their red bandanas

As a first time attendee I found AZLA/MPLA to be a Goldilocks conference: it was *just* right. The highlight of the conference really was the people; everyone was so friendly and approachable and the conference schedule allowed ample opportunities for social learning and informal discussion. Because of the similarities between the 12 states in MPLA, I found many librarians with similar problems, opportunities, and situations willing to share ideas and information with me. And what other conference offers a Hot Tub Round Table? Link to the AZLA/MPLA Conference Schedule and Materials at <http://www.azla.org/default.asp?page=2014confmaterials>.

MPLA partners with a different state each year to offer a joint conference. Upcoming conferences include Wyoming (September 23 - 25, 2015), Colorado (2016), and here in Nevada in 2017. For more information, check out the website at <http://www.mpla.us/>.

John Crockett, NLA MPLA Delegate

Churchill County Library Repurpose Project

The Churchill County Library Repurpose Project is underway. This project is designed to repurpose the existing building to enhance and improve function and efficiency in both the public and staff areas of the library. Improvements include windows, stacks, electrical, lighting, carpet and other finishes. Infrastructure for RFID is also part of the plan.



Donated Shelving: Soon to be filled



At the Annex: Service with a smile

Library services have relocated to the Library Annex at the north end of the property. Available are selected backlist titles, dvds, books on cd, new material, and internet access. Additionally, our CLAN neighbors are continuing to loan their material to Churchill County patrons.

The project will be complete in early March. Watch the progress on our website at www.churchillcountylibrary.org.

Submitted by Carol Lloyd, Churchill County Library

Food for Fines in Elko

Elko-Lander-Eureka System is offering a food for fines exchange. Elko County Library's "Food for Fines" will take place from November 1 through December 31, and allows patrons to bring in non-perishable food items to the library to pay for overdue fines up to \$10.00. Food items with an expired "best if used by..." date will not be accepted. Fees for lost or damaged items are not included in "Food for Fines."



The Elko County Library will be partnered with F.I.S.H. (Friends in Service Helping, a local service organization). All food items will be distributed to those in need for the holidays.

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