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President's Message

Carol ELloyd

"The most important asset of any library goes home at night-the staff."

Timothy Healy

Truer words were never spoken. I applaud each of you for doing what you do to make a difference in your communities. Without hard-working, dedicated staff Nevada libraries would not provide the valuable services our patrons have come to depend on.

Libraries represent education, literacy, recreational reading, lifelong learning, and a space to come together. You and your libraries provide all this in some fashion every day. You bring the energy necessary to make your libraries a vibrant and engaging experience for all your patrons.

Your participation in Nevada Library Association is appreciated. By bringing your skills, knowledge, and experience to the table we all benefit. Your support of NLA allows for your sphere of influence to reach beyond your community and to positively impact all Nevada libraries. With your involvement 2015 is sure to be a great year. Thank you!

Carol Lloyd, NLA President

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Our communities need you!
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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>

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

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NLA Scholarship Opportunity

NLA is now accepting applications for the 2015 James S. McPhee Memorial Scholarship! The James S. McPhee Memorial Scholarship fund was created to provide financial support to those 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.

An eligible applicant must:

- Be a member in good standing of the Nevada Library Association
- Be eligible for admission to an ALA-accredited graduate library science program
- Have a complete application file postmarked no later than **May 1, 2015**

More information and application forms can be found on the NLA website or by following this link: <http://www.nevadalibraries.org/resources/scholarships.html>

Please help share the word about this opportunity with any interested and eligible students. Feel free to contact Joanna Taylor, the NLA Scholarships Committee Chair, with any questions at taylorj@lvccld.org or (702) 507-6041.

Save the Date: NLA 2015 Conference

October 13-14, 2015

NLA 69th Annual Conference

Fallon, Nevada

Nevada Libraries Advocacy Opportunities – 2015

Greetings, Nevada library staff and supporters! We have two great advocacy events that are scheduled for National Library Week 2015, which is Sunday, April 12 – Saturday, April 18. We'd love to have ALL Nevada libraries participate in one or both of these events! Calling all academic, public, school, and special libraries – we want to hear your voice!

Nevada Libraries Snapshot Day: April 12 – 18, 2015

The Nevada Library Association would like to invite all Nevada libraries to participate in the 2015 Annual Snap Shot Day. Snapshot Day is intended to assist in providing trustees, friends, patrons, and library staff with information about Nevada libraries for the purpose of advocacy on both state and federal levels. We ask libraries to **choose one day during National Library Week** between the **dates of April 12 through April 18, 2015**, and provide photographs, videos clips and statistics for your chosen date. Programs and activities would be appropriate for this program. To see Snapshot Day Results from previous years, visit our website at www.nevadalibraries.org/snapshot .

Many of you have already signed up to participate, and I'll be contacting you all again soon! It's fun and easy to do. Join us! If you have questions or you'd like to participate, please contact **Joan Dalusung, NLA Government Relations Chair**, at jdalusung@hdpl.org, or **Joy Gunn, NLA Webmaster**, at jgunn@hdpl.org .

Nevada Libraries Legislative Day: Monday, April 13, 2015

Nevada Libraries Legislative Day is Monday, April 13, 2015, and we invite all library supporters to attend! This can include library staff, Friends of the library, trustees, or anyone else you know who loves libraries. This is an opportunity for you to meet with the legislators from your specific area and tell them about the great events and services that your library offers daily. We have often had the opportunity to sit with the legislators on the Assembly and Senate Floors.

Individual library representatives are encouraged to make their own appointments with their legislators or their staff as part of the day. Please feel free to create an informational one-sheet to leave with your legislator. We can only leave behind items that are worth, in total, \$4.00 or less, so please keep tchotchkes to a minimum.

Lunch will be provided by the Nevada Library Association in Room 3100 of the Legislative Building. It's going to be scrumptious! We will invite all legislators and their staff to the lunch as well. This is a great opportunity for informal meetings. You will need to make arrangements for your own transportation and any other costs.

If you are interested in going, please contact Joan Dalusung, jdalusung@hdpl.org so that our Government Relations Committee can coordinate potential Floor Seating.

Submitted by Joan Dalusung, Government Relations Chair

Library gives back through “Food for Fines”

Once again, the Elko County Library was looking out for members of the community during this sometimes difficult time of year. The annual “Food for Fines” program runs through the months of November and December, and this year the library donated **almost a half-ton** of non-perishable food items! The items benefit the food pantry of the local F.I.S.H. (Friends In Service Helping) group.

Through the “Food for Fines” program, library patrons could get up to \$10 worth of overdue fines (late fees) waived when non-perishable food items were brought in. Fines waived ranged from .10 up to the \$10 maximum, and some patrons donated food items even though they didn’t have any overdue fines! “This shows how caring the members of our community are”, says Library Director Jeanette Hammons. “Community members are always there to help others in need,” she adds.

Submitted by Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library System

Gingerbread House Contest a Favorite

The Elko County Library’s Family Gingerbread House Contest continues to be a popular event for families during the holiday season. In its 16th year, the contest encourages families to spend time together during a busy time of year. Since it is difficult to make a gingerbread house in just a few minutes, families must spend time together creating and then building their houses.

This year we had 22 houses in the contest. The families entered their houses in one of three categories—small, large, or storybook theme. After garnering sponsorships from local businesses, we gave prizes for first and second place winners in each category and an overall “best in show.” Voting was open to everyone and was very close, with a tie for second place in the “small” category.

There were so many great houses that I could not decide on a favorite. Most of all, however, I was in awe of the creativity and the variety of the building materials used by the families. One family used pretzel sticks for a fence and then put gumdrops on top of it. Another family used Oreo cookies for steps. Cereal, such as Shredded Wheat and Cinnamon Grahams, was popular for roofing materials. Sticks of gum became siding for houses and walkways, and ice cream cones turned upside down became trees and steeples for a castle and church. The Mario Brothers gingerbread castle even had a marshmallow punching bag hanging from fishing line strung on poles. Absolutely amazing!



Submitted by LaDonna Gunn, Elko County Library

Churchill County Library Project Update



As the photos below prove, sometimes less *is* more.

Churchill reimagined and repurposed their space, creating a beautiful, inviting and useable place for their community.

The Churchill County Library Repurpose Project Rededication Ceremony took place February 28, 2015.



Caching in @ the Elko County Library

The Elko County Library celebrated Library Lovers Month in February with a family day of geocaching on Saturday, February 7. The program attracted 11 families with a total of 40 participants. The Library invited families, or anyone who wanted to participate, to learn about geocaching, to enjoy some time together searching for geocaches in the Elko area, and to recognize that the public library is a great resource for fun technology programs.

Geocaching is like an outdoor scavenger or treasure hunt using technology. By using a GPS device, like a GPS-enabled mobile phone, library geocachers located hidden containers or “geocaches” outdoors and then shared their experiences online through a location-based gaming portal. The Library used Geocaching.com for its program.

After Youth Services Librarian LaDonna Gunn presented geocaching information and program instructions, the participants either selected their own geocaches to find or chose to find the caches the Library had pre-selected. Once the participants found five geocaches, they returned

to the Library, shared their experiences, and received a prize. Response was very positive, and the Library plans to offer another family geocaching program during Summer Reading Program.

Nevada Reads 2015

Nevada Reads is the state's "one read" program, with people from throughout Nevada reading a selected text and then coming together to discuss the work at lectures, book clubs, and various panel events.

The 2015 Nevada Reads novel is "We Are Called to Rise," by Laura McBride. This is a story about families—the ones we have and the ones we make. It's a story about America today, where so many cultures and points of view collide and coexist. "We Are Called to Rise" challenges us to think about our responsibilities to each other, and reminds us that no matter how cruel life can be in a given moment, it is ultimately beautiful to live, and live fully.

From NLA Googlegroups listserv

Elko Teen programming takes off

Youth Services Librarian LaDonna Gunn began a monthly Teen Book Club in September and a monthly Teen Scene program in January after obtaining feedback from local teens. These two programs represent what the teens communicated as the most important activities that they wanted the Library to offer.

Since last September, teens in the book club have read and discussed horror, fantasy, multicultural, steampunk, and other genres. Gunn moderates the teens' discussion time with the help of an adult volunteer and assists the teens in selecting the titles they want to read for the next month. Discussion has been lively and often goes well-beyond one hour.

The Teen Scene program is a time where teens hang out, take part in arts and crafts, play games, and just have fun. At the first Teen Scene in January, teens learned how to make balloon art from guest artist, Sandy Beeler, and in February, they learned the art of wood burning from Kassie Antonucci, the Library's assistant director. Teens either created a design or used a pre-selected pattern. Within a few minutes, they were getting the feel for the wood burning tips and looking forward to another session to learn more wood burning techniques and styles.



*Elko County Library teens learn the art of wood burning from Kassie Antonucci, Assistant Library Director.
Submitted by LaDonna Gunn, Elko County Library*

Washoe County Library System Facility Master Plan

The Final Report of the Washoe County Library System facilities study was presented to the Library Board and the Board of County Commissioners at their joint meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 2015. The report includes recommendations for each of the library's locations as Washoe County Library System plans for the next 20 years of library service in Washoe County.

In Memoriam

Longtime Fallon Librarian Yvonne Saddler died at home in Poulsbo, Washington on December 19, 2014.

Born Yvonne Mary Gregory in Vancouver, BC in 1927, Yvonne grew up in Seattle, Leavenworth, and Peshastin. After the war, she met and married Harry Joseph Saddler of Manson, Washington. They moved to Wenatchee and raised a family of five: Nancy, Cindy, Penny, Pam and Harry, Jr.

After moving to Fallon, Nevada, Yvonne took a job as night librarian in the Fallon Public Library, beginning what was to become her lifelong career. Recommended to the Douglas County Public Library in Minden, Nevada, she became its first library director — opening the county's first-ever library to the public even before the bookshelves had arrived. From this beginning, Yvonne and her staff steadily expanded the library's size, resources, and reach, eventually establishing an additional branch at Lake Tahoe (and adopting the famous 'library cats' Baker and Taylor).

Yvonne was also active in the Nevada professional library community, serving for a time as the president of the Nevada Library Association. At the same time, she was active in the Minden-Gardnerville community and pursued an ever-expanding range of personal interests — history, theater, politics, archaeology, and travel. Yvonne was a dedicated Anglophile with an encyclopedic knowledge of English history and Shakespeare, and made over twenty trips to England over twenty-five years with friends and family. Above all, Yvonne was a lover of books; she read continually, voraciously, and eclectically throughout her life, and passed on her love of books to her children.

After her retirement, Yvonne moved first to Seattle and then to Poulsbo, where she was active in the Kitsap County Friends of the Library, joined the staff of a Poulsbo bookstore, and devoted her considerable intellect and energy to a variety of political, social, and cultural causes. In retirement as throughout her life, she continually pursued and deepened her commitment to free thought, free speech, and the Democratic Party. Yvonne passed away quietly at home, surrounded by her books and by the family that she raised, sustained, inspired and loved. She will be very greatly missed. In Yvonne's memory, donations can be made to the Poulsbo Friends of the Library, P.O. Box 484, Poulsbo, WA 98370.

Submitted by Linda Wilson, Douglas County Public Library

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