President’s Message
Scott Clonan
September 2016

Well time flies when you’re having fun—or when you’re completely stressed out because the NLA Conference is less than two months away. Registration is open and the early registration deadline is fast approaching. Hope to see many of you there!

It is hard to believe another year has flown by. They seem to go faster every year. Schools are starting up again—hopefully our summer reading programs have prevented summer slide. I must say that it was amazing to see how many kids took part in the free lunch program offered at my branch in conjunction with Three Square.

Before we know it, the conference will be in the rear view mirror and we will all be preparing for the holiday season. During the holidays, many of us will be attending parties with family and friends and the inevitable small talk will occur, and then the dreaded statements: “Really, you’re a librarian? I didn’t know that libraries still existed!” or “Doesn’t everyone just use Goggle?” There are so many misconceptions about our profession. I usually try to explain politely that libraries and librarians still perform a vital function in our communities, that we are not just about books any longer. We have become community centers, where people come for information, entertainment, or just to get a respite from their hectic lives.

I think that we are the best marketing tools for our libraries. We know how great libraries are, we just need to step out of our comfort zones and let everyone else know. One of the ways I am trying to promote libraries and their resources is by writing a monthly article for a local magazine, featuring reviews of books and DVDs. If you have a review you would like us to put up on Facebook, please send it to me at Clonan.NLA@gmail.com.

Thank you all for your support.
Scott Clonan
NLA President
Upcoming Conferences and Events…

- **NLA Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV**   October 17-19, 2016
- **CALCON/MPLA Conference, Loveland, CO**   October 20-22, 2016

**NLA Annual Conference**
Libraries Transform
October 18-19, 2016
Southpoint Casino
9777 S Las Vegas Blvd
Las Vegas, NV 89183

**Conference Sneak Peek**
October 18th
Keynote by **Stacie Ledden**, *Director of Innovations & Brand Strategy, Anythink Libraries*
From Babytimes to STEAM, from Three Square partnerships to Library Advocacy, and from Digital Collections to Workforce Connections, **Day 1** has sessions for every interest.

October 19th
Keynote by **Felton Thomas**, *PLA President*
Day 2 brings sessions on NSHE (Nevada System of Higher Ed.) assessments, CSN websites, and school librarians, as well as Diversity, Creativity, the Media, and more.

Whatever your role in the library, whatever your library’s role in the community, this conference has tools to help bring about **transformation** in every library and every community.

**CALCON-MPLA**
CALCON-MPLA, the joint conference of the Colorado Association of Libraries and the Mountain Plains Library Association, is just around the corner and will be held October 20 - 22 in Loveland, CO at the Embassy Suites.

With a theme of Innovate, Inspire, Connect, this year’s keynotes include Nicolle Davies of Arapahoe Libraries, Steven Bell from Temple University, and Donna Scheeder of the International Federation of Library Associations. More information, the conference schedule at a glance, and registration information is available at [http://cal-webs.wix.com/calcon16](http://cal-webs.wix.com/calcon16)
MPLA Professional Development Individual Grants Available, Application Deadline is 9/28/16

The Mountain Plains Library Association awards Professional Development Grants to members in amounts ranging from $150 to $600. Grants are awarded to support formal coursework in library science, attendance at workshops and conferences, visits to another library to gain experience and training, and library-related research projects. Find more information and the online application visit the MPLA website here: http://mpla.us/about/professional-development-grants.html

Library 2.016: Libraries of the Future

SJSU announces the third of three Library 2.016 online mini-conferences: "Libraries of the Future," October 6th, 2016, from 12:00 - 3:00pm US-Pacific Time. As libraries shape their futures – and adapt to the future needs of their communities – what are the near- and long-term trends that point to our brightest opportunities. What can we learn from library innovators and innovators from other sectors and industries that will help us shape the future we want and that our communities aspire towards?

Explore with us some of the key trends that point toward specific futures for libraries, and engage in conversations with civic, social, and education innovators to learn more about what they think about the future, and how libraries can become an integral part of their future visions. Libraries and librarians are well-positioned to envision the future – at the intersection of information, education, technology, and community – and this dialogue will help bring our best thinking together with the exciting visions of our collaborators, allies, and partners. Sponsored with ALA’s Center for the Future of Libraries.

LSTA Grant Cycle 2017

Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records (NSLAPR) is pleased to announce that the 2017 Federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant Year is underway! NSLAPR has posted the Grant Calendar and Proposal Information on our website at: http://nsla.nv.gov/LSTA

Please note that there are two Grant categories, Mini-Grants (under $5000.00) and Competitive Grants ($5001.00 – $100,000.00) and each institution or jurisdiction can apply for only one of each category. This year we have also added an LSTA Grants Toolkit link to help applicants navigate the application process. Please visit http://nsla.nv.gov/Development/LSTA/LSTA_Grants_toolkit/LSTA_Grants_Toolkit/

More information, including the 2017 Grants Manual, Application Forms and Instructions, will be posted as those deadlines grow nearer. For more information, contact:

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**NSLA Travel to Training Opportunities**

Travel to Training applications now being accepted for the following conferences:

**Nevada Library Association Conference,**
October 18-19, 2016, Las Vegas. Applications due no later than September 26, 2016

**Association of Small and Rural Libraries Conference,**
October 27-29, 2016, Fargo, ND. Applications due no later than October 5, 2016

Applications and other information regarding the instructions, evaluation and forms can be found here: [http://nsla.nv.gov/Development/TraveltoTraining/](http://nsla.nv.gov/Development/TraveltoTraining/)

Registration Fees Reimbursement: [http://nsla.nv.gov/Development/CE_Registration_Fee_Funding/](http://nsla.nv.gov/Development/CE_Registration_Fee_Funding/)

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**Online Learning…**

**Nevada State Library and Archives (NSLA)** provides access to continuing education, including webinars, on a variety of topics.

Continuing Education on the NSLAPR website: [http://nsla.nv.gov/Development/ContinuingEducation/](http://nsla.nv.gov/Development/ContinuingEducation/)

Check for upcoming classes on the CE calendar at: [http://nsla.evanced.info/signup/calendar](http://nsla.evanced.info/signup/calendar)

**NSLAPR** also provides access for NV professionals to **WebJunction** and **Skillsoft** courses.

Pop on over to [https://webjunction.skillport.com/skillportfe/login.action](https://webjunction.skillport.com/skillportfe/login.action) and see what you can learn—for free!

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**2016 NLA Joel McPhee Scholarship Recipients**

Congratulations to the James S. McPhee Memorial Scholarship Award Recipients for 2016-2017:

- Carla Bywaters
- Huston Green
- Wynne Prindle
- Chelsea Snead

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**Books still alive and well**

According to a recent Pew Research Center Study, the number of Americans who have read a book in the last 12 months is 73%—about the same rate since 2012—and a surprising 65% have read a print book. The best news of all? 80% of young adults (age 18 to 29) have read a book in the last year.

Check out this study and more at [http://www.pewinternet.org](http://www.pewinternet.org)—and happy reading.