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Editor's Message

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Nevada Libraries, the NLA newsletter, has been in print in one form or another since the 1950's. Its purpose was to share information between and about libraries in the state, and to distribute information about **NLA** activities to its members.

Before the advent of the personal computer, it was a labor of intense, well... labor. Imagine typewriters and correction sheets, printing presses and binding, bundles and stacks of newsletters hauled to the post office. Visualize the writers and editors and proofreaders in a long line back through the years, all the way back to those first issues, all with the determination to deliver a publication that would bring useful information to library workers across the state.

In recent years, **Nevada Libraries** has become an electronic publication. No longer printed, it is now emailed to members and housed on the **NLA** website. The purpose is still the same: to share information between and about libraries in the state, and to distribute information about **NLA** activities to its members.

If you are receiving this, it means you are a member of **NLA**, actively supporting the organization. It means you have an interest in the state of libraries in Nevada, and in your profession. It means you have an interest in improving the state of libraries, and by extension, your community. Let's take it one step further.

Please consider this a plea to help make **Nevada Libraries** better and more valuable to libraries and library staff. Libraries exist in, by and for their communities. So does this newsletter. Please grow your library community by contributing ideas, articles, information, photos, feedback, and, most importantly, your voice to the conversation.

Yours,
the editor

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/>
Check for upcoming classes on the CE calendar at: <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> and see what you can learn—for free!

Nevada Libraries Snapshot Day

Nevada Libraries Snapshot Day will take place during National Library Week, April 9-15, 2017. As you may know, this is an initiative where libraries of all types across the state compile statistics of similar type in order to give a glimpse of the impact that our libraries have on our respective communities on any given day. We have then used these statistics to create advocacy pieces for various projects. We've also used this information for more formal library advocacy with our legislators at all levels. If you would like to participate, please let me or Joy Gunn know! The name of your library or system will appear on the Snapshot Day website. You can contact either of us here:

- Joan Dalusung – jdalusung@washoecounty.us/ 775-327-8345
- Joy Gunn – jgunn@hendersonlibraries.com

I'm pleased to report that we now have statistics forms for public, academic, and school libraries. You can take a look at the forms here: <http://www.nevadalibraries.org/snapshot/libraries.html>
While you're there, please take a look at the Results page to see our 2015 statistics, and click through the pictures we received from so many of you in 2015.

Here's a quick rundown of how it will work:

1. Your library system is welcome to choose any day during the week of April 9-15, 2017, to take statistics. Days where you have special programming work especially well.
2. Keep track of our designated statistics for that day.
3. If you are part of a system or district, please have one person tally all statistics for your district or system, and report them to me (Joan).
4. You are also encouraged to take pictures or videos. We have provided Photo Release forms for your use on the Snapshot Day site. Please submit those to Joy Gunn.

You'll be hearing from me again, but the very first thing you can do is let me or Joy know that you would like to participate! The more participating libraries we have, the greater impact we can show. Let's have 100% participation!

submitted by Joan Dalusung, Co-Chair, Government Relations Committee

Nevada Libraries Legislative Day

NLLD is being planned for Wednesday, April 12, 2017. Please save the date! This is an opportunity for you, your Board members, your Friends of the Library, and any interested constituent to meet with your legislators to discuss local library items of importance. Stay tuned for more information on the NLAListserv!

Thank you for your support of Nevada's Libraries; in the present political climate, it is more important than ever that we voice our opinions and support for our libraries of all kinds.

submitted by Joan Dalusung, Co-Chair, Government Relations Committee

NLA Government Relations Update

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As of this writing, the 79th Session of the Nevada Legislature has been in session for two and a half weeks, and there are several bill draft requests and budget items that will directly affect our libraries.

Items Affecting Our Libraries and Tools for the Legislative Session

1. SB143 (BDR 34-59) requires each public school in a school district to establish and maintain a school library. This bill was sponsored by Senator Becky Harris (R, Las Vegas). The complete text of the proposed bill can be found here:

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Reports/history.cfm?BillName=SB143>

2. SB115 (BDR 15-279) revises provisions concerning the prohibition against carrying or possessing certain weapons while on certain property. This bill was sponsored by Senator Moises Denis (D, Las Vegas), and Assemblywoman Shannon Billbray-Axelrod (D, Las Vegas). The complete text of the proposed bill can be found here:

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Reports/history.cfm?BillName=SB115>

3. The budget for the Nevada State Library, Archives, and Public Records will be initially reviewed by Senators Aaron Ford, David Parks, and Becky Harris, and Assemblypersons Heidi Swank, Teresa Benitez-Thompson, Olivia Diaz, Ellen Spiegel, Chris Edwards, and John Hambrick. This budget includes statewide funding for databases, collection development, and bookmobiles. The budget for the NSLA-PR can be found here:

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/79th2017/Budget/5937/Overview>

By the time you read this, progress may have been made on all these issues. There are several tools that are available for you in order to track, comment, and testify on these issues.

1. Personalized Legislative Tracking allows you receive emails on changes for bills you specify:

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/79th2017/Plt>

2. To comment on a specific bill, please go to the Opinion Poll portion of the Nevada Legislature site at: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Opinions/79th2017/A/>

3. For anyone wishing to testify, the Senate has prepared a brochure entitled How to Testify Before a Senate Committee, available online in English

[http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Senate/documents/Homepage/How_To_Testify_English.pdf] and

Spanish [http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Senate/documents/Homepage/How_To_Testify_Spanih.pdf].

If you have questions related to the legislative process or how to follow a bill's progress, please feel free to contact Teresa Wilt, Legislative Librarian at the Research Library at the Legislative Counsel Bureau at 775-684-6827 <http://leg.state.nv.us/Division/Research/library/>

I encourage you to comment through the legislative website if you are unable to attend the hearings. Please encourage your Library Boards, Friends of the Libraries and patrons to weigh in as well.

Washoe Community Gives the Gift of Reading

In late 2016, Washoe County Library System launched “Give the Gift of Reading,” a fundraising campaign in support of children’s literacy. In conjunction with the library’s 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten initiative, the goal was to raise \$20,000 in order to purchase 1,000 new children’s books for the library’s collection. Over \$34,000 was donated online and in branches from November 15, 2016 through December 31, 2016 – far exceeding the original goal and providing funding for over 1,700 new items.



Research shows that the most reliable predictor of school success is being read to during early childhood. Reading to children from an early age can help prepare children to enter kindergarten with the skills necessary for success. Most importantly, sharing books with children promotes a lifelong love of books and reading.

Library Director Jeff Scott stated, “Our initial goal was to raise \$20,000, but with the community’s help we exceeded that amount and could not be happier with the outpouring of support. Because of the generosity of the community, the Washoe County Library

System will be able to buy over 1,700 new children’s books in support of early literacy.”

Scott continued, “Sponsoring at least one book helps prepare children in our community for an early start in reading and learning. One new children’s book will be enjoyed by 100 children in our community which will help children learn important pre-reading skills that are essential for school readiness.”

Library Director Jeff Scott emphasizes the importance of books and reading in our children’s success, and states “Washoe County Library System is dedicated to helping children succeed by providing a variety of early literacy opportunities for parents and young children. We encourage parents to read to their children every day, and are looking for the community’s help with this project.”

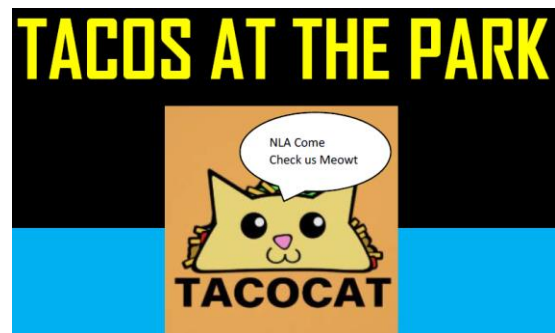
*from WCLS website/
Andrea Tavener, WCLS Development Officer*

Southern District Meetup

NLA’s Southern District Committee is hosting a meetup on Saturday April 8th at Sunset Park. Show up, get acquainted and eat tacos.

RSVP by Fri. Mar 31 on NLA’s Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/Nevada-Library-Association-358232999735/>

or by email: baileys@lvccld.org



Friends of Washoe County Library Donate \$125,000

The Washoe County Library Board of Trustees acknowledged a \$125,000 donation from the **Friends of Washoe County Library** and expressed that the generous donation demonstrates the continued support of Washoe County libraries, literacy, the arts and cultural enrichment throughout the community.



Library Director Jeff Scott with members of the Library Board of Trustees and the Friends of Washoe County Library Board of Directors.

Founded in 1980, the **Friends of Washoe County Library** is a member-supported 501(c)(3) Nevada non-profit organization dedicated to advocating, fundraising, and providing support for **Washoe County Library System**. They offer the community a chance to invest in the success of the Library by donating funds or volunteering. They raise money and their voices to ensure a first-class public library for all Washoe County residents. They are what the name implies: a collection of committed and caring **friends**, committed to a shared vision of a free public library that will remain accessible to all for generations to come.

from the WCLS website, with permission of Andrea Tavener, WCLS Development Officer

CSN Libraries Spread the Word

CSN Libraries are hosting a book drive to benefit **Spread the Word Nevada**, a group whose mission is “to serve at-risk children in Nevada and change lives, one book at a time” by providing those kids with a book of their own.

Drop a new-ish or gently used children’s book off at any CSN library through March 15th and help “Spread the Word” to at risk kids.

School Libraries and Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

The **Nevada School and Children Librarians' Section** (NSCLS) is an affiliate of the American Association of School Librarians (AASL). As an affiliate, we are required to have representation at the Affiliate Assembly, which is one of the governing bodies of AASL, at every ALA conference. Each member of the Assembly is a delegate for their state school librarians' group, and Susan Thurnbeck and I are the delegates for NSCLS this year.

At this year's ALA Midwinter Conference, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which replaced the No Child Left Behind Act, was the main topic that was discussed among Affiliate Assembly delegates. Why? This version includes school libraries. In other words, one of ESSA's goals is to create "effective school library programs." The Assembly discussed how this law would affect school librarians. Four major sections of ESSA explain how school libraries can play an integral role. Title 1, Part A, includes provisions that authorize, but do not require, that school districts create effective library programs that will help improve their student's information literacy skills and increase their academic achievement. Title 2, Part A, provides funds for states to increase academic achievement through professional development. This authorization can help school librarians pay for conferences and other trainings. Title 2, Part B, recognizes school librarians as experts. It also encourages them to collaborate with classroom teachers and other institutions, such as the public library. Lastly, Title 4 is about block grants. This part of the law affects how school districts can receive funding when they implement ESSA.

How is Nevada responding to ESSA? Currently, the Nevada Department of Education has created an ESSA Advisory Group to develop a plan on how to implement this act. They have already created an initial draft, which is available for public comment. They also created the Nevada ESSA Plan Stakeholder Survey, which will be used to gather public input. To support school librarians, NSCLS encourages all members of the library community to read the plan and fill out the survey.

For more information about ESSA, visit essa.aasl.org. To view Nevada's ESSA plan and fill out the Nevada ESSA Plan Stakeholder Survey, go to www.doe.nv.gov/Boards_Commissions_Councils/ESSA_Adv_Group/ESSA_Advisory_Group.

*Submitted by Larry Johnson, Jr.,
Co-Chair of the Nevada School and Children Librarians' Section (NSCLS)*

Online 'Library' Hopes to Digitize 4 Million Books

Internet Archive, an online archive, was named one of 8 semi-finalists in a global competition for a \$100 million grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. They intend to use the funds to digitize and make available free access to over 4 million of the most widely held and used books in libraries and classrooms. They estimate that the large scale of the project will reduce digitization costs by at least 50 percent. See what they have at <https://archive.org/index.php>

Nonprofit Information Centers in Nevada Libraries

Questions on how to start a nonprofit organization or finding grant money are often posed to library staff, and can be challenging to answer. Fortunately, there are resources to help.

The *Funding Information Network* (FIN) is a collaboration between the Foundation Center, a nonprofit organization in New York City, and local libraries, community foundations, and other nonprofit resource centers. There are four locations in Nevada: three in Northern Nevada and one in Southern Nevada.

Carson City Library - Business Resource Innovation Center (BRIC) [Carson City]

<http://www.carsoncitylibrary.org/use/bric/bric>

Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records [Carson City]

<http://www.clan.lib.nv.us/nslfc.htm>

Parasol Tahoe Community Foundation [Incline Village]

<https://www.parasol.org/index.php/resources/increasing-agency-capacity>

Clark County Library [Las Vegas] http://hottopics.lvccld.org/sonnpic_start

All the collections have free access to three Foundation Center databases (*Foundation Directory Online Professional*, *Foundation Grants to Individuals Online* and *Foundation Maps*), a selection of nonprofit reference directories and books, provide at least 24 hours per week of public access, and conduct at least two free public training programs per year.

Contributed by Shelly Weiner, Southern Nevada Nonprofit Information Center at the Clark County Library

Henderson District Libraries Currently Seeking Executive Director

Applications received by 3/31/17 will receive first consideration. Position will remain open until filled.

Small Improvements

Two Henderson District Libraries are getting some updates. They are creating a brand new teen area in the Gibson Branch, and renovating the restrooms in the Green Valley Branch.

Clearing Fines and Filling Plates

During the month of April, the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District will again host the annual Food for Thought food drive. Patrons can donate non-perishable food items and get up to \$2 in fines waived per food item. The food goes to benefit Three Square, filling their pantry during a time of year when donations can be sparse. It's a classic win-win-win, as the library gets many overdue items returned, the patrons get clear accounts and can use their cards again, and Three Square gets much needed supplies.