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President's Message

June 2017

Hello Everyone,
It's conference time! The joint NLA/MPLA conference is set for October 16-18. This conference will be at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Stateline (Douglas County). This joint gathering has not been in the Lake Tahoe area since 2003, so we are very excited to be hosting again!

The theme for the conference is "**Turn Up the Volume**", focusing on how Nevada libraries can "turn up the volume" in services, innovation, advocacy, and engagement. The programs are going to be exciting and informative, especially in this fun venue. You will have opportunities to network with other library professionals, share knowledge, gain new insights, and of course, enjoy the spectacular Lake Tahoe area. The conference and committee chairpersons are working hard to make this a memorable experience. Watch for more details and information on the NLA website at www.nevadalibraries.org.

On a larger scale, the ALA annual conference will be held in Chicago June 22-27. The conference will be exciting, and includes amazing authors and artists, countless vendors, and featured speakers including Bill Nye the Science Guy; Reshma Saujani, the Founder and CEO of Girls Who Code; and closing speaker Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Finally, a big thank-you to all of those who participated in Snapshot Day, Nevada Libraries Legislative Day, and to everyone who advocates for libraries and our patrons every day.

I'm of a fearsome mind to throw my arms around every living librarian who crosses my path, on behalf of the souls they never knew they saved. ~ Barbara Kingsolver

Amy Dodson
NLA President

NLA Government Relations

This session saw the inception of several bills that affect library funding and structure.

AB479 attempted to change the wording of **NRS 239.125, Section 2.**, which stated that the NSLA-PR *shall* adopt regulations to carry out a program to establish and approve minimum periods of retention for records of local governments. **AB479** sought to change *shall* to *may*, and was directly related to a proposed position cut in the NSLA-PR which dealt with public records. Luckily, strong support from libraries and city/county clerks statewide persuaded the legislature not to eliminate the position, and the wording of **NRS 239.125, Section 2**, will remain intact.

submitted by Joan Dalusung and Sena Loyd

NLA Government Relations Update—SB549

Just when we thought the legislative session was about to end, the Senate Finance Committee introduced SB549, which made an appropriation to the NSLA-PR for \$500,000 to go toward statewide collection development, databases, bookmobile, and emerging technologies funding. This bill was introduced on Friday, June 2, 2017. We are thrilled to report that this bill passed **unanimously out of the Senate and the House.**

This bill was brought about by the Senate Finance Committee. The budget was already closed for the session. I firmly believe that the work we did all session and most notably the very strong showing we had a Nevada Libraries Legislative Day showed our commitment to and the importance of our cause to our legislators, who took it upon themselves to propose and then support this bill. This was made possible because of funding from the NLA budget.

I will also say that our State legislators mentioned several times that they are aware of the potential funding crisis on the Federal level. This type of education across levels is vital for future funding efforts and considerations.

I want to thank you for supporting these efforts this year. I know that from a budgetary standpoint, Government Relations may seem like a huge expense, with no income. We haven't had any positive news on the legislative or statewide budgetary front for many years. This year, 1000 things came into place to bring us to this happy point today. Though this will not directly affect NLA's budget, our libraries will be positively affected. Also, hopefully more library staff will become aware of the value of joining NLA, which will have a positive effect on our budget. The membership funds, and hard work to make previous conferences profitable brought this about for all our libraries. We will be working in the next week to get the word out effectively about this, to illustrate another value of being a member of the Nevada Library Association.

Since **everyone** in both houses voted for this bill, feel free to thank each and every state legislator you see!

And now SB549 is on its way to the Governor's office. Stay tuned, and **THANK YOU AGAIN** for your support this year.

Sincerely,

Joan Dalusung

NLA Government Relations

Save the Date!

NLA - MPLA Joint Conference
October 16-18, 2017
Hard Rock Hotel & Casino
Lake Tahoe



Bringing Indexes Online

The **Cahlan Research Library** at the **Nevada State Museum** in Las Vegas is crowdsourcing the transcription of our newspaper indexes. The library's handwritten newspaper indexes span over 100 years of Las Vegas history and are one of our most valuable resources. We use them every day. Putting the indexes online will dramatically increase access to this resource and will save the time of both staff and researchers.

Using Omeka (<http://omeka.org/>) and the Scripto plugin (http://omeka.org/codex/Plugins/Scripto_2.0), we have launched a website that allows anyone to transcribe the scanned cards. The beauty of this project is that users don't have to make a significant time commitment. While many crowdsourced transcription projects involve long documents, our documents are individual index cards. This gives transcribers flexibility in choosing how long they plan to transcribe at any given time.

NSMLV volunteers scan and upload the cards, while museum curators and interns approve the transcriptions. In the month since we've launched the project, online volunteers have transcribed over 3,000 cards. Visit www.nsm.lv.org/volunteering for more information.

*Crystal R. Van Dee, Librarian & Curator of Manuscripts,
Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas*

Washoe County Library Celebrates Summer Reading

Washoe County Library System kicked off Summer Reading on June 1, with the theme "Build a Better World." The program has components for children, teens and adults, bringing the fun of summer reading to everyone.

WCLS also partnered with the Reno Aces to offer "Library Night" at the ballpark on August 21, 2017, and one of their lucky young program participants will have the opportunity to throw the first pitch of the game.

(from the WCLS website)

NLA Awards

The time has come to show your appreciation to the hardest working people you know!

The Nevada Library Association is accepting awards nominations for 2017. NLA award nominations are due by **Friday, August 25, 2017**. There are three categories you can nominate someone for:

Librarian of the Year/Trustee of the Year

- 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 and revitalization of an established library system or library;
- For a substantial financial assistance or endowment.

Special Citation

- For constructive accomplishments toward the advancement and extension of library service and the development of sound library policies or the creative and effective interpretation of the library on a local or state level;
- For praiseworthy 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 a praiseworthy contribution to library education, library techniques, library building, library management, establishment of a new library or library system or expansion and revitalization of an established library or library system;
- For a substantial financial assistance or endowment.

Dorothy McAlinden

- For outstanding service to, or on behalf of, the association which is rendered by a member who is not a professional library employee.

The **nomination form**, along with more information about the history of the awards can be found on the Nevada Library Association website at <http://www.nevadalibraries.org>.

Please send all nominations to chiarandinim@lvccld.org.