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President's Message

Joan Vaughan



Dear Nevada Library Staff,

Many folks around the world couldn't wait to be done with 2009, and greeted 2010 with thoughts of starting again with a fresh outlook. Unfortunately, we Nevadans continue to face severe economic times. Falling property values and decreased discretionary spending are leaving our library budgets with even greater cuts than previously anticipated. Many of our systems have already faced hiring freezes, furloughs, and layoffs.

So, what do we do during these times? How do we cope? How do we keep our passion for our jobs? How do we remain focused on excellence when the future is so very uncertain? I cannot pretend to have a pat answer.

What I can share with you, however, is an insight into what helps me. My library district has recently started a mentoring program. My mentee and I recently visited a new branch of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District as part of our project.

The visit was amazing, and on the drive home, my colleague and I couldn't stop talking. We talked about their library district. We talked about what we're doing well and what we could improve on, and we talked



about our perception of what they were doing well. We were both energized for days.

Why all the energy? I believe it was because we'd gotten to meet with other colleagues and share ideas. We'd gotten to meet with colleagues we don't usually see in person to talk, construct, destruct, and sympathize. There's nothing like meeting someone new who can share a common work experience, is there?

Therein lies the beauty and potential power of the Nevada Library Association to me. It's the people I've met and the friendships and partnerships I've formed because of it. The librarians up North that have already been severely affected by the economic downturn are not nameless, faceless people to

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me. They are friends and colleagues, people who have offered me a room during a snowstorm, people who have bought me steak sandwiches at the Star. The library staff throughout the Vegas Valley who are now experiencing budget cuts are friends and collaborators.

There is no better way to meet the colleagues throughout the state than through involvement in the Nevada Library Association. There is no better way to share ideas outside your work, to work on projects together, and to gain energy from each other. And there is no more important time to keep this energy going than in these times when it is so easy to be discouraged.

I encourage you to get involved in the Nevada Library Association. In this newsletter there is a list of our new

officers who would be more than happy to have your help and ideas, as well as information regarding the upcoming National Library Legislative Day in Washington DC. The dates of our NLA Annual Conference are October 6-9, 2010, in Henderson, NV, and we encourage you to attend if at all possible. The renewed passion and new friendships I gain from sharing with my colleagues throughout the state keep me going when it seems pretty dreary out there, and I believe the same can be true for you.

If you want to get involved but are unsure how, please call me at 702.207.4282 or email at jevaughan@hdpl.org, or contact one of your NLA Officers. We will find a place for you.

Happy 2010, Nevada Library Staff.
We're in this together.

...Calendar of Events...



Upcoming Dates for ALA Meetings

- *2010 Annual Conference, Washington, DC: June 24–29, 2010*
- *2011 Midwinter Meeting, San Diego, CA: January 7–11, 2011*
- *2014 Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV: June 26-July 1, 2014*

Summary of Board of Trustees Meeting October 7th, 2009

The Board of Trustees of the Nevada Library Association met on October 7th, 2009, in Elko, Nevada, at the Red Lion Inn. Eleven advisors also attended. President Jeanette Hammons presided.

The board considered the following, but took no action:

1. Proposed changes to the association bylaws concerning audit of association finances
2. Changes to the criteria for awarding scholarships

The Board approved the following:

1. Sunset the position of Recording Secretary; move those duties to that of the Executive Secretary.

2. Create a Summer Reading Program Interest Group that will replace an appointed Summer Reading chairperson.
3. Association support for the "Nevada Statewide Continuing Education Plan for Libraries and Archives, 2009-2012"
4. ** Disband the REAL Interest Group for lack of any activity over the last three years.

The board heard reports on the following:

1. 2010 Conference Planning
2. 2009 Elections
3. Status of Capwiz software provided by the American Library Association for the use of the association.

****Addendum:** The REAL Interest Group was disbanded incorrectly since this was not an agenda item for the October 7, 2009 meeting. This error was addressed in the January 21, 2010 NLA Board meeting. Ian and Sharon Campbell are Chairing the REAL Interest Group, and it is still a viable NLA Interest Group.

LIBRARY ADVOCACY DAY

For one year only, Library Advocacy Day will replace National Library Legislative Day (NLLD). On June 29, 2010, library advocates from all 50 states and Washington, D.C. will meet at Upper Senate Park on the U.S. Capitol grounds. The event, which will begin at 11 a.m., will feature guest speakers, photo ops, and a chance to cheer on libraries! After the rally, participants will meet with their elected officials and their staffs.

Your NLLD coordinator will be running point for your state, so please get in touch with them if you plan to attend. To find out whom your NLLD coordinator is, please click [here](#).

The states with the most people will be featured front and center, which means they are the ones that will be in the majority of pictures. Make sure your state is the most represented so your group can be in the most pictures!

NLA Membership Committee Report January 21, 2010

**Submitted by the Membership Committee Co-chairs
Hope Williams and Kathy Rush**

Membership numbers:

Categories	2007	2008	2009
Members	308	299	287
Lifetime Members	3	7	8
Expired members	n/a	n/a	27
Total members	311	306	314

There was an overall gain of 8 members over last year. We began using the expired member category after Membership co-chairs and the then Webmaster Joan Vaughan decided to move members with expired memberships into the expired category. This was done so that they would remain in the database for a grace period thereby allowing them to renew their membership without reapplying.

Payment methods:

There has been a steady decline in members paying by check over the past 3 years:

2007: 163

2008: 143

2009: 83

Membership form:

The print membership application form was recently revised to present information in a clearer, more streamlined way. The online form was updated for 2010.

General business:

The Membership co-chairs worked together to input membership data for all membership applications not done online and addressed a number of questions posed by applicants. The mailing of the Nevada Libraries newsletter was facilitated throughout the year by the list of active members made available each quarter via the Membership Committee.



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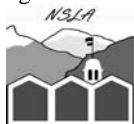
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What's It Worth to You?

How to Do a Return on Investment Study for Your Library

Join Keith Curry Lance in this day-long workshop on how to complete a return on investment study for your library. Included in the workshop will be confidence-building, hands-on training in how to collect and analyze local data on several aspects of contingent valuation. This would include:

- Cost to use alternatives
- Value of lost use
- Direct local expenditures
- Compensation of library staff
- Halo spending

You will be introduced to an online toolkit, and will be guided in how to assemble required library data and how to begin customizing an ROI patron survey to your own local needs and clientele. Recommended strategies for sampling library users and administering the patron survey will also be shared.

When & Where:

Tuesday, May 11 9am-4pm	Thursday, May 13 9am-4pm
Redfield Campus, UNR, Room 111 18600 Wedge Parkway Reno	Nevada State College, Room 102 311 South Water Street Henderson

Cost: Free. Sponsored by Nevada State Library and Archives with funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services through Library Services and Technology Act.



To Register: <http://nevadaculture.org/nsla/>

Click on: Development Services
CE Calendar
May 11 (or 13)

Presenter: Keith Curry Lance is an independent consultant based in Denver, Colorado.



He was the founding Director of the Library Research Service of the Colorado State Library and the University of Denver Library and Information Science Program. For more than 20 years, he has conducted internationally-recognized research on the impact and value of library services; advised state and federal agencies on library data collection; and taught LIS courses, conference sessions, and continuing education workshops on research and statistics-related topics.

Questions?

Meeting logistics : Holly Van Valkenburgh (hvanvalkenburgh@nevadaculture.org)

Travel to Training information and forms: <http://nevadaculture.org/nsla/>

Click on Development Services
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NSLA, in cooperation with BCR, is pleased to offer

Your Patrons and the First Amendment: Intellectual Freedom at Your Library

What we will cover:

- Review of the laws and statutes that provide the legal basis for intellectual freedom, including free expression, free access to information, and privacy
- Discussion of how these concepts are applied in the library
- An overview of the latest trends in intellectual freedom, including promoting the educational roles of all types of libraries related to intellectual freedom, the importance of internet interactivity for minors, the intellectual freedom aspects of serving people with disabilities, and more.

Come together with other Nevada Librarians for engaging discussions of intellectual freedom scenarios and explore new concepts.

When & Where:

Thursday, April 22 9am-12pm	Friday, April 23 9am-12pm
Sierra View Library 4001 South Virginia St. Reno	Green Valley Library 2797 South Green Valley Parkway Henderson

Cost: Sponsored by the Nevada State Library & Archives with funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library Services and Technology Act.



To Register: <http://nevadaculture.org/nsla/>

Click on: Development Services
CE Calendar
April 22 (or April 23)



Presenter: Anne Marie Lyons is a training consultant with BCR, where her talents range from digitization and metadata, to reference and public service. Anne Marie is committed to helping libraries attain the skills and tools they need to better meet the growing expectations of the populations they serve.

Questions?

Course content: Anne Marie Lyons (amlyons@bcr.org)

Meeting logistics: Holly Van Valkenburgh (hvanvalkenburgh@nevadaculture.org)

Travel to Training information and forms: <http://nevadaculture.org/nsla/>

Click on Development Services
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Washoe County News and Resources



Washoe County Library System has launched two new online resources. Both are funded by grants from the Nevada State Library and Archives under the Library Services and Technology Act, P.L. 108-81, as amended through the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The Institute of Museum and Library Services, an independent federal agency, grows and sustains a “nation of learners,” because lifelong learning is critical to success.

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A NEW WAY TO LEARN A LANGUAGE

Washoe County Library System is proud to announce the addition of the **Mango Languages** online language-learning system to its available resources. Mango is free of charge to patrons, and offers a fun, fast and convenient solution to our community’s growing language learning needs. It’s the easiest way to learn to speak a foreign language and is available on the WCLS website, www.washoecountylibrary.us.

Mango’s online language learning system focuses on teaching actual conversation skills for a wide variety of languages. Each lesson combines real-life situations and audio from native speakers with an easy-to-follow interface and simple, clear instructions. Because it's completely web based, library patrons can learn anywhere they have an internet connection — at the library, a coffee shop, or even at home in bed. It’s so effective and easy to use, you’ll be speaking a new language after just one lesson!

Mango Languages currently offers 12 language courses — Brazilian Portuguese, Spanish, Japanese, French, German, Italian, Greek, Russian, Mandarin Chinese, ESL for Polish speakers, ESL for Spanish speakers, and ESL for Brazilian Portuguese speakers — with many more on the way.

Mango Languages recently took second place in the Education category of the “Web 2.0 Awards” by SEOmoz and has been recommended by Education World for foreign language learning. Learn more about Mango Languages at www.mangolanguages.com.

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Help for Adults Writing Resumes, Job Searching or Going Back to School**Live, Online Tutoring for Students of All Ages**

Washoe County Library System has launched a new program that offers students of all ages live, one-to-one help from certified tutors online. Any community member with a Washoe County library card can access the new online services at the library or right from home.

The K-12 Student Center, College Center and Adult Career

Center from **Tutor.com** include live, one-to-one tutoring, a real-time writing center and 24/7 access to worksheets, videos and tutorials on just about any subject. The live, online tutoring and resume writing service is available **seven days a week from 3-11 p.m.** The service is completely free for our community and can be used by anyone, regardless of age or where they go to school. To access the service please visit the library's website at www.washoecountylibrary.us.

Tutoring is available in Spanish as well as English, seven days a week from 3-11 p.m. Spanish tutoring is offered in Math, Science and English.

Help for K-12 Students, College Students and Adults

Students of all ages and job seekers can find the help they need by simply visiting the library's website and looking for the Tutor.com graphic. Tutor.com has a network of over 2,000 certified tutors as well as career specialists who are ready to help with just about any question you may have. Here's the type of help you can get in each center.

K-12 Student Center: Students can get help with homework, test preparation, skills and concepts they are learning in class and standardized test preparation and college entrance exams. Subjects include math, science, social studies and English.

College Center: Besides subject-specific help, students can prepare for the GED and get resume help or prepare for graduate school entrance exams.

Adult Career Center: Adults going back to school can get subject-specific help, prepare for the GED, get resume help or prepare for the citizenship exam. Each center also includes real-time writing assistance from English tutors or career specialists for adults working on resumes. Students and job seekers get immediate feedback, writing tips and strategies as well as proofreading.

Need help at midnight? No problem. Each center includes 24/7 access to thousands of resources including study guides, worksheets, videos and more in math, science, social studies, English, resume writing, GED prep, Citizenship exam prep and more.

Tutor.com is an award-winning online homework help and learning service that connects students to a certified tutor for one-to-one help. Tutor.com is offered at over 1,800 public libraries across the country and is available statewide in Alaska, Alabama, Kansas and Rhode Island. Its network of over 2,000 expert tutors have conducted over 4.5 million sessions.

Washoe County Library System Discontinues Mobile Library Services

Mobile Library Services, including the bookmobile and on-site assisted-living library services, have been discontinued as of January 4, 2010. The Washoe County Library Board of Trustees made this decision in response to continuing budget challenges facing the library system.

Due to severe budget cuts that took effect July 2009, the Mobile Library service route was reduced from 16 sites to the six most popular sites, delivering library service to families and school-aged children once every three weeks. Prior to the end of 2007, the Mobile Library visited 36 sites every two weeks. The minimal level of staff hours the library is able to devote to this service has resulted in steeply declining use figures; the decrease in customers from July 2008 to July 2009 was 72 percent. The on-site program has delivered library service to residents and staff at six assisted-living facilities since June 2008.



Pictured, left to right: Shelley Brant, Ann Ebner, Phyllis Beverly

"Unfortunately, the staff time required to maintain the collections, vehicles and patron services has remained at the same level as before the service reduction," said Library Director Arnie Maurins. "By necessity, Mobile Library staff members are also working in other County libraries, and there isn't enough time to devote to labor-intensive mobile services. The vehicle itself, now 10 years old, is deteriorating mechanically and the Library System does not have funds to make needed repairs."

Maurins added that staff has been working on other methods of outreach to serve the most vulnerable citizens in our community. "We have deposit collections at several agencies ranging from the Homeless Resource Center to Boys and Girls Club to Sun Valley Neighborhood Center. We are also exploring ways to use technology to reach out to the underserved as well as to the many people in our community who are suffering from the economic downturn."

He continued, "The good news is that in the nine-plus years we have been serving the community with mobile services, we have introduced libraries to thousands of people. Many of these people now have library cards, and most will continue to use libraries and enjoy the many services we offer." The three Mobile Library employees will be assigned to other library branches and services to fill in for staff shortages.

Continuing Education

ALCTS 2010 Web Course Schedule

Fundamentals of Acquisitions

The Fundamentals of Acquisitions (FOA) web course focuses on the basics of acquiring monographs and serials: goals and methods, financial management of library collections budgets, and relationships among acquisitions librarians, library booksellers, subscription agents, and publishers. In this course, you will receive a broad overview of the operations involved in acquiring materials after the selection decision is made. Note that in FOA, we distinguish between collection development, which involves the selection of materials for the library; and acquisitions, which orders, receives, and pays for those materials.

Sessions: March 29th – April 23rd
May 3rd – May 28th
September 6th – October 1st
October 11th – November 5th

Fundamentals of Collection Development and Management

The Fundamentals of Collection Development and Management addresses the basic components of these important areas of responsibility in libraries. Components include complete definition of collection development and collection management; collections policies and budgets as part of library planning; collection development (selecting for and building collections); collection management (e.g., making decisions after materials are selected, including decisions about withdrawal, transfer, preservation); collection analysis—why and how to do it; outreach, liaison, and marketing; and some suggestions about the future for collection development and management.

Sessions: March 15th – April 9th
May 3rd – May 28th
August 9th – September 3rd
October 4th – October 29th
November 15th – December 17th

Fundamentals of Electronic Resources Acquisitions

The Fundamentals of Electronic Resources Acquisitions (FERA) Web course will provide an overview of acquiring, providing access to, administering, supporting, and monitoring access to electronic resources. It will provide a basic background in electronic resource acquisitions including product trials, licensing, purchasing methods, and pricing models and will provide an overview of the sometimes complex relationships between vendors, publishers, platform providers, and libraries. Harrassowitz sponsors this course.

Sessions: March 15th – April 9th
April 19th – May 14th
August 16th – September 10th
October 4th – October 29th

Registration Fees & Details

Registration fees per session: \$109 ALCTS Members; \$129 Non-members

Registration is now open for sessions 1 and 2

The sessions are limited to 20 people.

Sign up for 1 session per course.

To Register or to go to the ALCTS Web site (www.ala.org/alcts)

Letter of Appreciation

Submitted by Steve Escobedo

Hello, I'm Steve Escobedo, and as the Government Documents Interest Group (GoDIG) Chairman--Elect, I would like to extend my appreciation to Laura Sare, Assistant Professor, Government Information Librarian, at Texas A&M University. Laura's untiring support and outstanding contribution as an NLA presenter for Government Documents has been remarkably invaluable. She selflessly donated her time, efforts, experience, and professionalism at this year's 2009 Government Documents presentation "Weeding a Selective Depository Library." Laura highly recommends that all Nevada Federal Depository librarians should:



- ❖ Exercise Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) rules for "weeding" and managing depository collections by following <http://www.fdlp.gov/collections> handbook, Chapter 5 and
- ❖ By following Nevada rules – Nevada State Plan, <http://www.knowledgecenter.unr.edu/subjects/guides/government/deselect.html>

Ms. Laura Sare suggests inclusively weeding the following: revised editions; duplicated information (i.e. handbooks of recent laws, journal articles); time sensitive materials that have expired (i.e. calendars, order forms); ephemeral materials (i.e. bookmarks); and manuals for internal agency use such as items from the 60's and 70's.

Current Position: Government Information Librarian

Education: MS, University of Illinois - Champaign-Urbana, 2003, Major -- Library and Information Science

MA, West Texas A&M University, 1997, Major -- History

Thesis: Western Allied Public Opinion on German Rearmament after World War II

BA, Texas Tech University, 1993, Major -- Art History

Affiliations: American Library Association (ALA) – Government Documents Round Table (GODORT).

Seeking Submissions From Practicing Librarians

Library Management Tips That Work

Book publisher: American Library Association

Editor: Carol Smallwood, MLS. Writing and Publishing: The Librarian's Handbook, American Library Association 2010 <http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2646>

Librarians as Community Partners: An Outreach Handbook, American Library Association, 2010 <http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2774>

Afterword: James Lund, Director, Red Wing Public Library, Red Wing Minnesota

Chapters sought for an anthology by practicing academic, public, school, special librarians sharing their experiences about librarians as managers. Be concise, how-to case studies, using bullets, headings, sidebars by librarians based on successful management employing innovation.

No previously published, simultaneously submitted material. One-chapter 2400-2500 words; or two chapters (preferred) divided to total 2400-2500 words. Chapters welcomed by one librarian, or if co-authored by the same two librarians.

Possible topics: staff flex hours, financial planning, administration skills, public relations, time management, library boards, partnering, library manuals, professional ethics, innovative technology, handling employees, volunteers.

To receive a "go-ahead", please e-mail 1-4 topics each described in 2-4 sentences by February 7, 2010 along with a 85-90 word bio with: your name, library of employment, city/state location, employment title, where you got your degree, awards, publications, memberships, and career highlights. If co-authored, each of the two librarian-writers will need a separate bio.

You will be contacted as soon as possible telling you which of your topics are not duplications, inviting you to e-mail your submission; an invitation doesn't guarantee acceptance. Successful contributors receive complimentary anthologies. Please place MANAGEMENT/your name on the subject line to: smallwood@tm.net

Surviving and Thriving in the Recession: A How-To-Do-It Manual for Librarians

Book publisher: Neal-Schuman

Editor: Carol Smallwood, MLS. Writing and Publishing: The Librarian's Handbook, American Library Association 2010 <http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2646>

Librarians as Community Partners: An Outreach Handbook, American Library Association, 2010 <http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2774>

Thinking Outside the Book, McFarland 2008
<http://www.mcfarlandpub.com/book-2.php?id=978-0-7864-3575-3>.

Afterword: Dr. Lorie Roy, Professor in the School of Information, the University of Texas at Austin, Past President of the American Library Association.

Chapters sought for an anthology by practicing academic, public, school, special librarians sharing their experiences on handling the recession. Be concise, how-to case studies, using bullets, headings. A sample will be supplied illustrating desired style.

No previously published, simultaneously submitted material. One-chapter 2100-2300 words; or two chapters divided into 2100-2300 words. Only 2100-2300 words (include sidebars in word count) from each contributor. Chapters welcomed by one librarian, or if co-authored by the same two librarians.

Possible topics: creative staffing, financial planning, sharing facilities, cooperative buying, maximizing the media, innovative technology, creative public relations.

To receive a "go-ahead" before completing writing, please e-mail in an attached Word File, 1-3 topics each clearly proposed in 2-4 sentences by February 1, 2010 along with a 80-90 word bio beginning with: your name, library of employment, city/state location, employment title, where you got your degree, awards, publications, memberships, and career highlights. If co-authored, each of the two librarian-writers will need to send a separate bio.

You will be contacted as soon as possible telling you which of your topics will work, inviting you to e-mail your submission; an invitation doesn't guarantee acceptance. Successful contributors receive complimentary anthologies. Please place RECESSION/your name on the subject line to: smallwood@tm.net.

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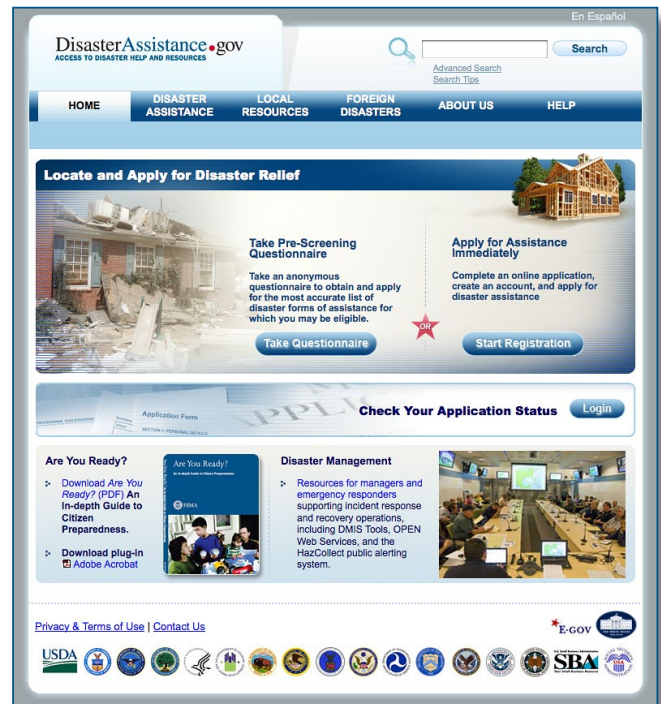
DisasterAssistance.gov is a user-friendly U.S. Government Web portal that consolidates disaster assistance information in one place. If you are a disaster survivor who needs assistance following a presidentially declared disaster—which has been designated for individual assistance—you can now go to **DisasterAssistance.gov** to register online. Local resource information to help keep you safe during an emergency is also available. Currently, 17 U.S. Government agencies, which sponsor almost 60 forms of assistance, contribute to the portal.

Through DisasterAssistance.gov you can:

- Determine the number and types of forms of assistance you may be eligible to receive by answering a brief series of questions or start the individual assistance registration process immediately
- Apply for FEMA assistance and be referred to the Small Business Administration for loans through online applications
- Check the progress and status of your applications online
- Choose to have your Social Security benefits directed to a new address
- Access your federal student loan account information
- Receive referral information on forms of assistance that do not yet have online applications
- Identify resources and services for individuals, families and businesses needing disaster assistance during all phases of an emergency situation
- Identify resources to help locate family members and pets
- Access assistance from the Department of State if you are affected by a disaster while traveling abroad
- Find information on disaster preparedness and response

Benefits

- Increases your access to disaster relief by creating a continually updated information clearinghouse and providing access to immediate emergency services such as clean water, food, shelter, and medical attention
- Reduces the time it takes to apply for aid and check the status of claims
- Reduces redundancy in application forms and processes
- Offers information in English and Spanish on benefits such as housing, food and employment aid
- Provides access to a call center in the event you do not have Internet access ensuring you can still register for assistance
- Ensures that if you are displaced or otherwise out of contact, you can continue to receive benefits from non-disaster related assistance programs



BCR and LYRASIS Explore Closer Relationship

Submitted by Kelcey Wetzel, BCR Event Coordinator

Aurora, Colorado, February 2, 2010 - BCR and LYRASIS are pleased to announce that they are exploring the potential for a closer relationship that would better serve members of both organizations. Building on their previous cooperative efforts to offer digital and preservation services, the Boards of the two organizations are discussing a variety of options that would allow both BCR and LYRASIS members to take advantage of the unique offerings of each organization.

Brenda Bailey-Hainer, President & CEO of BCR, says of the new development, "I am very excited about the opportunities that these discussions offer. BCR members would not only continue to have the outstanding services that BCR has always provided, but would also benefit from the rich array of additional services and resources from LYRASIS."

"BCR has many innovative programs and services. LYRASIS members have asked how we can partner with BCR and bring these programs to our region. We are very excited about what this potentially can mean to our members and how it will complement our programs and services," says Kate Nevins, Chief Executive Officer of LYRASIS.

As discussions evolve, the Boards of both BCR and LYRASIS will evaluate available options and determine a path for action. Both Boards are committed to ensuring continued high levels of service and expanded programs for all members, while at the same time gaining the efficiencies offered through economy of scale.

About BCR

BCR brings libraries together for greater success by expanding their knowledge, reach and power. They offer a broad range of solutions and their hands-on, personal attention to each member enables them to deliver effective and timely solutions that help libraries keep pace with new developments in technology and services. BCR is the nation's oldest and most established multistate library cooperative. Since 1935, the BCR team has helped libraries learn new skills, reach patrons, increase productivity and save money. BCR (Bibliographical Center for Research) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit headquartered in Aurora, Colorado. For more information, visit www.BCR.org or email info@BCR.org.

About LYRASIS

Created in April, 2009 by the merger of PALINET and SOLINET and joined shortly thereafter by NELINET, LYRASIS is the nation's largest regional membership organization serving libraries and information professionals. The primary service area is the Mid-Atlantic, Southeastern, and New England regions, but LYRASIS has members in many US states and in other countries. Though large in scale, LYRASIS is known for its local touch - fostering collaboration and cooperation among members and facilitating their success through networking and programming, innovative solutions, and significant cost savings through group purchasing for products and services. For more information, please visit www.lyrasis.org.

Library Journal Names 258 Star Libraries in its Second Round of the LJ Index of Public Library Service 2009

Full article at <http://www.LibraryJournal.com/ljindex2009x>

New York, NY, November 16, 2009— *Library Journal* has identified the new group of America's Star Libraries, as rated by the *LJ* Index of Public Library Service, a national rating of public libraries. The *LJ* Index, sponsored by Baker & Taylor's Bibliostat, offers an overall indication of how a library's performance stacks up to peer libraries and provides guidance on how all public libraries can better assess and improve what they provide to their users.

Media attention in recent months has focused on the key role libraries are playing during the current economic crisis. America's Star Libraries identifies 258 libraries nationwide that are delivering exceptional service. Overall, the *LJ* Index scores not just the Star Libraries but 7,268 **public libraries** with total expenditures of \$10,000 or more that serve populations of at least 1,000 according to four per capita output measures that indicate public service—circulation, visits, program attendance, and public Internet use. The top libraries in each category, organized by ranges of operating expenditures, are assigned five, four, or three Michelin guide-like stars.

Fifty-eight libraries received their first star library ratings this round, including Central Rappahannock Regional, VA; Ela Area PL, IL; Jacksonville PL, FL; Lopez Island Library District, WA; Malvern PL, IA; Mattituck-Laurel, NY; National City PL, CA; and Parker PL, AZ. Star libraries come from across the United States, but New York leads the state by state line-up with 37 star libraries, with Ohio close behind boasting 33 star libraries.

LJ released the first round of the *LJ* Index in February 15, 2009 as a cover story and online. This second round, less than nine months later, is based on 2007 data from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The publication of two rounds of the *LJ* Index in 2009 is due to a dramatic improvement in data timeliness achieved by the IMLS in its annual census of U.S. public libraries. Planned as an annual event, the *LJ* Index will continue to be published as soon as possible after each year's data become available.

For more on how the stars realigned, what makes star libraries tick, and how public libraries across the United States are using the *LJ* Index to improve their services, access full coverage of the new round of America's Star Libraries and the entire *LJ* Index at www.LibraryJournal.com/ljindex2009x and in the November 15 issue of *LJ*.

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