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Nevada Report to MPLA

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New Division Administrator for the Nevada State Library and Archives

The Nevada Department of Cultural Affairs Director, Michael Fischer, recently announced the appointment of Daphne Arnaiz-DeLeon as the new Division Administrator for the Nevada State Library and Archives. State Archivist, Guy Rocha has been serving as Interim Administrator, and will return to his position as Assistant Administrator for Archives and Records. Prior to her Nevada appointment, Daphne Arnaiz-DeLeon served as the Division Director of Archives and Historical Services for the New Mexico State Records Center and Archives. She received her Bachelor's Degree in History and her Master's Degree in History, with a subspecialty in Archival Management, from the University of California at Riverside. She is a member of the Academy of Certified Archivists, and the Society of American Archivists. The Nevada State Library and Archives is a division of the Nevada Department of Cultural Affairs, serving Nevada citizens and visitors through the preservation and promotion of cultural resources, information management and education.

Winners of 2007 Nevada Young Readers' Awards

Beth Heggeness, Chair of the NYRA Interest Group of the Nevada Library Association, announced winners of the 2007 Nevada Young Readers' Awards:

- Picture book-Arrowhawk by Lola Schaefer
- Young Reader-Molly Moon's Incredible Book of Hypnotism by Georgia Byng
- Intermediate-Cryptid Hunters by Roland Smith
- Young Adult-Twilight by Stephenie Meyer

The first Nevada Young Readers' Award was presented in 1988. The program has steadily grown with over 45,924 youngsters reading more than 138,000 books, and voting for the 2007 winners. During the annual NYRA breakfast, held at the end of the Nevada Library Association Conference, children will have the opportunity to meet and talk with the authors. A popular feature at the breakfast includes the children's speeches and their award presentations to the authors.

2007 Nevada Library Association Conference

The 2007 Conference, "Lighter Side of Libraries", is scheduled for October 4-6 in Carson City. Hosted by the Cooperative Libraries Automated Network, the event will highlight Michael Stephens, an Instructor at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Dominican University. Another featured speaker will be Dr. Michael Fischer, Director of the Department of Cultural Affairs for Nevada. Online registration for the conference is available at [www.nevadalibraries.org/conference07/index.html](http://www.nevadalibraries.org/conference07/index.html)

## 2007 Ghost Ranch/Leadership Institute Applicants

Three applications were received from Nevada librarians. Two applicants were recommended to attend the institute this fall, with the third recommended for an alternate position.

## Summer Reading Programs

Summer Reading Programs are operating on full speed with a variety of themes throughout the state. "Get a Clue @ Your Library" is the focus at Washoe County Library System, Douglas County Public Library, Henderson District Public Libraries, Carson City Library, Pahrump Community Library, and Storey County Public Library. "Club Read" is the theme at the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, while Boulder City Library youngsters are enjoying "Dragons, Dreams, & Daring Deeds." Elko-Lander-Eureka Counties Library System has challenged their readers to "Treasure Your Library."

## Centennial Hills Library Construction Contract Awarded

At the June 14, 2007 Board of Trustees meeting, the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District Board awarded a contract for the construction of the new Centennial Hills Library to Rafael Construction, Inc. Rafael Construction will join JMA Architecture Studios on the 32,826 square foot project. The Centennial Hills Library became a reality as a result of an agreement between LV-CCLD and Henderson District Public Libraries. The Green Valley Library, located in the City of Henderson, will transfer to the Henderson District on January 1, 2009. LV-CCLD will shift resources from the Henderson area to the new Centennial Hills Library which is also scheduled for completion in January 2009.