

ST-6

Nevada Report to MPLA

March 9, 2007

Submitted by Janet Mastalir, NLA Representative to MPLA

NLA Board Members met in Reno on January 16, 2007 for their Midwinter Board Meeting. Several proposals were submitted for by-laws changes, which will be presented to the general membership for their consideration. Year-end reports of the various committees were presented, the budget was discussed and passed, and plans were made for the annual conference. The 2007 Conference, "Lighter Side of Libraries" will be held October 4-6 at the Nevada Legislative Building in Carson City. Proposals for programs have been requested and must be submitted by May 1st.

On March 22nd, the Nevada Library Association will host Nevada Library Legislative Day 2007. Library advocates will travel to Carson City to inform state legislators about Nevada library issues. The day will begin with a welcome from Daniel L. Walters, Chair of NLA's Government Relations Committee, and a status report by NLA lobbyist Bob Crowell. The rest of the day will consist of attendance with legislators during committee meetings and Assembly or Senate sessions, and a catered lunch with legislators.

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) announced that the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District has been awarded a \$23,000 grant to promote and carry out month-long programs related to The Big Read, a new national program by the NEA, in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest. This program encourages reading by asking communities to come together to read and discuss one book. Big Read activities will be a part of LV-CCLD's "Reading Las Vegas," celebrating its 6th year in April. Participants in the program will be encouraged to read the award-winning novel, *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan. Among the many programs will be appearances by Amy Tan at the Clark County Library on April 21st and the Summerlin Library on April 22nd. Both appearances are free and open to the public.

During March and April, Nevada Humanities' Books & Authors, now in its fourth year, will showcase the work of three award-winning authors. On March 6 & 7, Sandra Steingraber will speak on the dangers of environmental pollution. Christopher Coake will discuss his fiction on March 27 & 28. The lives of contemporary Indians will be the subject of Sherman Alexie's speech on April 4. All the events will be held in the Reno area.

The Las Vegas-Clark County Library District has saved more than \$20 million in Capital Project Funds to build a new branch in the fast-growing Centennial Hills area. The project was impacted by an agreement between LV-CCLD and the Henderson District Libraries that modified Henderson District boundaries to replicate those of the City of Henderson. LV-CCLD's Green Valley Library, located in the City of Henderson, will transfer to Henderson District ownership on January 1, 2009. Before the transfer in 2009, LV-CCLD will shift its Green Valley resources (staff and materials) to the Centennial Hills Library, LV-CCLD's first new branch since 1997.

Henderson District Libraries are planning their first annual One Book Henderson. The featured 2007 title is Mitch Albom's *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*. A variety of programs are being planned during the Fall, including: author visits, book discussions, movie showings, panel discussions, art shows, oral history presentations, and a photo contest.
<http://www.mypubliclibrary.com/programs/onebook.html>

Web Publishing Workshops, sponsored by the Nevada State Library & Archives, with funding provided by the Library Services and Technology Act, will be held during March and April, with sessions at the Nevada State Library & Archives in Carson City, and at the Paseo Verde Library in Henderson. The various sessions will offer a full range of instruction from web publishing basics to XML.

The 2007 Library Leadership Institute will be held in southern Nevada in August. The weeklong program will provide twenty-five participants with an introduction to facilitation and collaborative problem solving for library leaders. Institute details are being developed.

The American Association of School Librarians will meet during October 24-28 in Reno for their 13th National Conference and Exhibition, "The Future Begins @ your Library". Plans have been made for 8 preconferences, over 100 educational programs, tours, and special author events.
<http://www.ala.org/ala/aasl/aaslindex.htm>