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President's Message

Scott Clonan

December 2016

Well, we are coming to the close of another year, and I hope everyone is having a great holiday season. I want to congratulate our conference committee on an excellent conference. I have heard nothing but good things! Putting on a conference is an enormous undertaking, requiring more time than you can imagine, but it was an exciting learning process. Going forward it would probably be helpful to create an updated conference organizing guideline, so that the next team doesn't have to spend time reinventing the wheel.

Unfortunately, I was not able to accomplish all the goals I set forth this year, but I hope that in the role of Past-President I will be able to focus on helping achieving the biggest goal of all: developing a 501 C 3 branch of NLA so that we can secure funding to ensure financial stability of the scholarship and summer reading components of the Association.

I would also like to try to increase membership in the organization, and I offer my support to the incoming President, Amy Dodson and the new President- Elect.

If you have recently been promoted or obtained a new position, and don't mind a public pat on the back, please email me at Clonan.NLA@gmail.com. We want to highlight our members' achievements on our Facebook page and Newsletter.

Again, let me thank you for allowing me to serve as your President this year.

Scott Clonan
NLA President, soon to be Past-President.

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!

Mineral County Library selected as participant for IMLS funded project, “Future Ready with the Library”

Mineral County Library has been selected as one of the first 20 participants of an Institute of Museum and Library Services grant-funded project, Future Ready with the Library. Through this project, the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), in partnership with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries, will support the members of the first cohort as they work with a community partner to develop college and career readiness services for the middle school students in their area.

Assistant Director Christina Boyles is part of this first cohort which requires participating library staff to commit approximately 2 - 3 hours per week throughout 2017. Members will also participate in the American Library Association’s 2017 Midwinter Meeting in Atlanta, GA and take part in online classes through the rest of the year.

Ms. Boyles states, “We are so excited to be chosen, along with 19 other libraries nationwide, to be a part of this cohort. The children in this community deserve every opportunity we can provide them that will help them to succeed in life.”

According to Library Director Courtney Oberhansli, the staff members of this library are committed to mentoring students as evidenced by the development of youth services at the library and in the Library Page program which has funded the employment of 6 students since 2013. “This program will be one more way that we strive to reach and teach the youth of our community,” stated Ms. Oberhansli.

YALSA’s mission is to support library staff in alleviating the challenges teens face, and in putting all teens – especially those with the greatest needs – on the path to successful and fulfilling lives. For more information about YALSA or to access national guidelines and other resources go to www.ala.org/yalsa, or contact the YALSA office by phone, 800-545-2433, ext. 4390; or e-mail: yalsa@ala.org.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation’s 123,000 libraries and 35,000 museums. Their mission is to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement. To learn more, visit www.imls.gov.

*Submitted by Courtney Oberhansli, Director
Mineral County Library*

Save the Dates! Snapshot Day and Nevada Libraries Legislative Day 2017

Snapshot Day will be during National Library Week, April 9-15, 2017.

The Nevada Library Association will coordinate a Nevada Libraries Snapshot Day in 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 community on any given day. We have then used these statistics to create advocacy pieces in the way of pamphlets and information available through the NLA website. We've also used this information for more formal library advocacy with our legislators at all levels.



**Samantha, Age 5:
Craft Time at Carson City Library
Snapshot Day 2015**

Results from previous Snapshot Days can be found on our website at: <http://www.nevadalibraries.org/snapshot/index.html>

Wednesday, April 12, 2017, will be Nevada Libraries Legislative Day.



Senator Mo Denis with Nevada Council on Libraries and Literacy Members Nancy Cummings and Judy Simon, Nevada Libraries Legislative Day 2015

Legislative Days provide opportunities for library representatives to travel to Carson City to meet directly with their state legislators. We had an amazing response from all of you across the state in 2015, and we hope to build upon that momentum this year.

Representatives from the Nevada State Library and Archives and the NLA met with Dale Erquiaga, former Chief Strategist for Governor Sandoval, to promote increased collection development funding for public libraries across the state. We hope that the Governor will increase the collection development funding in the budget he proposes in January, 2017. We have asked for 2010 level funding, or \$670,000 for the biennium (\$335,000/year).

*Submitted by Joan Dalusung and Nikki Winslow,
NLA Government Relations Co-Chairs*



UNLV Leads Digitization Project

The UNLV University Libraries has been awarded a \$210,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to continue work on a project to digitize historical Nevada newspapers.

The two-year grant is a continuation of funding for the Nevada Digital Newspaper Project, an extension of the National Digital Newspaper Program sponsored by NEH and the Library of Congress. In 2014, UNLV University Libraries received a \$311,000 NEH grant to launch the newspaper digitization and preservation project.

“Newspapers have long played a role as a record of historical events, and the people and places that shaped our state,” said Patricia Iannuzzi, dean of the UNLV University Libraries. “The Nevada Digital Newspaper Program is preserving the history documented in the many pages of these Nevada newspapers for future generations.”

The project is a statewide collaboration, with partners including the Nevada State Library and Archives, and the University of Nevada, Reno Knowledge Center. (from UNLV Libraries website at: <https://www.library.unlv.edu/newsblog/2016/10/libraries-receives-neh-grant-continue-newspaper-preservation-project.html>)

CSN Libraries Show Some Love

CSN Libraries continue to find ways to bring a little stress relief and even smiles to students, as they hosted therapy dogs from the nonprofit **Love Dog Adventures** organization to help students “paws” for a quick study break (and some furry hugs) during the school day. The libraries also offered a scavenger hunt, and coming up for finals week there will be snacks and coloring sheets to help students de-stress.

Defeating loneliness with cups of tea

Nonprofit organization Camerados will expand its Living Rooms project that seeks to address social isolation by providing neutral spaces that can be centers for conversation or seeking support, first launched in a public library in Blackpool, England.

Read the full article at <http://www.citylab.com/navigator/2016/11/fighting-loneliness-with-public-living-rooms/506360/>

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