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NEVADA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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- Summer Reading Program

The Summer Reading Program theme is READiscover Nevada 2000. Author Jillian Lund has released the copyright for the illustrations from her books *Way Out West Lives a Coyote Named Frank* and *Two Cool Coyotes* for use by the program.

- Poetry Month

In honor of National Poetry Month, the University of Nevada Reno has provided each public library in the state with copies of ten titles of poetry by Nevada poets.

- NLA Conference

Annual conference is scheduled for October 5-7, 2000 in Reno. The convention hotel is the Atlantis Casino and all food events will also be held at the Atlantis. The Reno Sparks Convention Center will provide the meeting room and exhibit space. The theme is Nevada Libraries: Launching into the New Millenium

- Statewide Databases

The Nevada State Commission on Educational Technology has contracted with EBSCOhost and SIRS to provide database access to all public libraries and all public schools for the next two years. The \$700,000 funding was approved by the 1999 Legislature.

- Nevada Young Readers' Awards

Children throughout the State of Nevada nominate books for the Nevada Young Reader's Award, then select the winners. In order to be eligible to vote students must be exposed to the nominated books by reading the books themselves, having the books read to them, or a combination of the above. The award winners for 1999 were:

Primary Clement, Rod - *Just Another Ordinary Day* - HarperCollins, 1995
Younger Reader Clements, Andrew - *Frindle* - Simon and Schuster, 1996
Intermediate Zindel, Paul - *The Doom Stone* - HarperCollins, 1995
Young Adult Bloor, Edward - *Tangerine* - Harcourt, 1997

- Lila Wallace Readers Digest Foundation

The Washoe County Library System has received a three-year, \$371,000 grant as part of the Wallace Reader's Digest Fund's "Public Libraries As Partners In Youth Development" initiative. The Fund has launched this \$5.4 million initiative to bolster programs for youth in public libraries nationwide.

- Legislative Agenda

NLA and State Library Directors have endorsed a lobbying platform for the 2001 Legislature that includes four main points:

- Full funding for the statutory formula that provides collection monies for all public libraries
- Full funding for the statutory formula that provides collection monies for all school libraries
- Full funding for the statewide database access program
- Authorization for the Public Works Board to issue general obligation bonds for library construction, renovation, and expansion requiring a 50-50 lo