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July 2013 Board Report
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- Sent the flyer advertising the 2014 Leadership Institute to all Nevada Library Association members with a request to forward the information to colleagues and to encourage eligible librarians to apply
- Sent personal emails to Washoe County, Elko County, and Carson City library directors and to John Crockett, NLA President, encouraging them to consider employees for the Leadership Institute and to encourage them to apply - and got a nice reply from the Washoe County Library Director
- Sent the flyer and a personal email to literacy coordinator at the State Library and Arch
- Submitted short news articles for MPLA Newsletter
- Participated in the Leadership Institute conference call for State Reps

Planning for the October Nevada Library Association Conference is well underway, with the theme “NLA – Lighting the Way.” The conference will be held in Reno, Nevada, on October 16th through October 18th. Early registration began July 15th and will remain open until September 1 – and it’s a real bargain for NLA members at \$50 for the full conference. Call for proposals is open through August 31, 2013. Information: www.nevadalibraries.org

Summer reading programs are well underway throughout the state. Most (but not all) of the libraries continue their summer reading programs through the end of August, even though school is back in session by that time.

I spent a good part of the day today helping a librarian to manage the floor plan as she sets up a brand new library in a one-year-old charter school. It’s going to be an exciting challenge, as this K – 8 school begins its second year with 198 students and a curriculum entirely centered on literature. Children will be grouped for ability, not grade level, and class composition will shift as children move from one level to another by subject. The library will in every sense be at the center of this school. With so little support for libraries in most schools in the state, it’s a hopeful sign.

The Nevada legislature did little to alleviate the funding problems for Nevada public libraries, but on the other hand, most libraries are relatively stable, even though they are operating with reduced hours and severe reductions in staff. (Lyon County libraries operate five branches with a total of seven employees.) However, libraries have remained open, with the exception of the Storey County Library in Virginia City.

Respectfully submitted

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