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Nevada Report to MPLA
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The Nevada Library Association's officers and members of the board will hold their annual meeting in Elko on Tuesday, January 13th to approve the 2009 budget and begin planning for the Annual Conference scheduled for October 7-10 in Elko. For the first time, NLA officers may choose to participate in the January 13th meeting via teleconference, which has the potential for significant cost savings. Newly elected officers are Joan Vaughan, President -Elect; Linda Pizarro, Treasurer; Lenika Coleman, By-Laws Chair; and Florica Hagendorn, MPLA Representative.

The newest branch of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, Centennial Hills, will celebrate its Grand Opening on Saturday, January 10th. Located in the northwest part of the valley, Centennial Hills will house an adult computer area, a family computer area, homework help center, self check-out and check-in, wireless access, along with a collection of 110,000 items.

Executive Director of Nevada Humanities, Judith Winzeler will retire effective January 15 after 24 years of service. During her tenure, Judith oversaw a variety of programs and productions such as the Chautauqua week in Reno, the Vegas Valley Book Festival, and the Online Nevada Encyclopedia which was launched in 2007 and featured articles on Nevada's past and present. Under her leadership, hundreds of federal grants were awarded to local organizations to produce cultural programs. The Nevada Humanities board of trustees is honoring Judith by reinstating an annual award and naming it the Winzeler Humanities Award. The award will be given annually to people and organizations making significant contributions to the support of humanities in Nevada.

It is my pleasure to welcome Florica Hagendorn, a friend and colleague, to serve the rest of my term as Nevada's representative to MPLA. Florica is a staunch supporter of libraries, and an active member of NLA. Good luck and best wishes for your continued success!