

### **Nevada Library Association**

2012 Election results:  
President - Robbie DeBuff  
President-Elect - John Crockett  
Executive Secretary: Lauren Campbell  
Finance Officer - Scott Clonan

The 2012 NLA Conference, with the theme “Byte the Book,” will be held in October 2012 (Oct. 4-6). For the first time in a number of years, the conference will be held in a library – the Sahara West Library in the Las Vegas / Clark County library district. Stephen Abram, author of the blog *Stephen’s Lighthouse*, will be the keynote speaker.

### **Nevada Young Readers Award**

Students are voting for favorite books in four categories, the Picture Book, Young Reader, Intermediate, and Young Adult categories. Voting will be completed in May, and the winning authors will be presented with their awards at the Nevada Library Conference in October. Recently, members of the Nevada Young Readers Award committee met to select a new set of nominated books for 2013.

### **Authors in the Library**

In February, Marc Tyler Nobleman visited the Roy Gomm Elementary School library for three presentations and a writing workshop. Marc, a cartoonist as well as an author, has written more than 70 books, most nonfiction. His latest books are *Boys of Steel: The Creators of Superman* and *Vanished: True Tales of the Missing*.

Author and Illustrator Teri Sloat visited Huffaker Elementary School Library, where she shared stories drawn from her experiences in Alaska and from her other delightful books. Teri’s books include *Berry Magic*, *The Eye of the Needle*, and *The Hungry Giant of the Tundra*, all Teri’s renditions of Alaskan folktales shared with her by Yup’ik Eskimo elder Betty Huffman. *There Was an Old Man Who Painted the Sky* is based on the 1879 discovery of ceiling paintings in Spain’s Altamira Cave. *There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Trout* is a truly original interpretation of the children’s rhyme with a fishy Pacific Northwest twist.



John Archambault, who co-authored so many books with Bill Martin Jr., brought music and rhyme to the children in the Virginia Palmer Elementary Library. His newest book, *Boom Chicka Rock*, includes dancing mice who help children count (and learn about time) through rhythm and dance.

Las Vegas weatherman and author Kevin Janison visited several school libraries in March, including Virginia Palmer Elementary Library, Huffaker Elementary Library, and Lenz Elementary Library. Kevin, author of three *Deputy Dorkface* books, will also appear at the Tucson Festival of Books in Tucson, AZ.

### **Nevada Reading Week Conference**

The Nevada Reading Week Conference, a conference for teachers and librarians, featured presentations by authors Carl Deuker, John Archambault, Teri Sloat, Suzanne Morgan Williams, Linda Chambers, and Marc Tyler Nobleman. Workshops specifically for librarians included “Make a Date with the Nevada Young Readers Award,” (Debbie Jacobs, Clayton MS librarian); “E-books@ Your Library” (John Crockett, Washoe County Library), “There’s a Party in the Library – Celebrate Literacy” (Becky Ellis, Sarah Winnemucca Librarian), “Hunt Your History, a Cultural Scavenger Hunt” (Sharon Honig-Bear, retired, Washoe County Library), “Digital Libraries” (Debbie Jacobs), “Historical Books” and “Best Books of 2011” (Sharon Levin), “Show Me the Money – Fundraising in the Library” (Nichole Urias, Beasley Elementary librarian). Over 200 teachers and librarians from all over northern Nevada participated.

### **County Libraries**

The Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library System recently featured a visit with Clifford, the Big Red Dog; a celebration of Laura Ingalls Wilder Days; and a Cowboy Poetry (and music) presentation for children. Washoe County Libraries’ newest (and fascinating) program is Brain Awareness Week, including traveling displays of actual brains – human, mouse, and fly—up close! Within the Carson City Library, the Capital City Arts Initiative sponsored a reading and writing workshop as part of their Books and Writers Series. Guest speaker was award-winning local writer Josh Galarza. The Churchill County Library featured a January presentation by the Reno Youth Jazz Orchestra, an incredibly talented and professional group of youngsters.

And finally.....Barbara Mathews, past president of the Nevada Library Association and Director of the Churchill County Library, will retire this year. Even though she’s counting the days, librarians all over the state will miss her. She’s been such an active member of NLA and of the statewide library community, and her wisdom, laughter, tenacity, and knitting expertise will be widely missed.