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Nevada Report to MPLA

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The 2007 Nevada Library Association Conference, "Lighter Side of Libraries", is scheduled for October 4-6 in Carson City and will be hosted by the Cooperative Libraries Automated Network. Library staff from around the state, along with 21 exhibitors, will gather in the Nevada State Legislative Building. Dr. Michael Fisher, portraying "Governor John Sparks" will open the event and present awards. Featured speakers include Michael Stephens, instructor in the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Dominican University and author of *The Library Internet Trainer's Toolkit*; and Richard Lee, humorist, illustrator and Director of Waukegan (IL) Public Library.

The Basque Library at the University of Nevada, Reno donated a collection of books and audio visual materials to Boise State University's Basque Studies program. The donated materials on Basque anthropology, history, politics and culture will assist with student and faculty research.

Douglas County Public Library will collect non-perishable food, October 1-20. For each can of food donated, the library will waive an overdue fine, or allow the donor to select a free book from the library's sale rack. All proceeds will go to the Carson Valley Community Food Closet.

The Henderson Libraries and Embarq Corporation launched "Answers 24/7" to help Henderson's students and residents with their homework and information needs. "Answers 24/7" offers two options for Henderson library card holders – Live Homework Help and Ask-a-Librarian. Live Homework Help, staffed by licensed teachers and tutors, is available in English from 3:00-10:00 p.m. seven days a week. It is available in Spanish from 3:00-7:00 Sunday through Thursday. Ask-A-Librarian provides access to a professional librarian for reference assistance via the Internet, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Kansas-based Embarq offers a comprehensive range of communication services, including phone service, high-speed Internet, wireless, satellite TV and data network services. "Embarq is proud to support Henderson Libraries and the Henderson area..." said Embarq Vice President Kristin McMillan.

Boulder City Library District is searching for a new Library Director. The current Director, Duncan McCoy, is retiring June 30, 2008. Located in southern Nevada, Boulder City is a community of 15,000, 30 miles from Las Vegas and 4 miles from Lake Mead and the Hoover Dam. The closing date for applications is November 15, 2007.