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NEVADA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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- Conference 2000

Conference was held October 5-7, 2000 at the Atlantis Casino Hotel and the Reno Sparks Convention Center in Reno. The keynote speaker was Dr. Zonnya, the First Lady of Motivation and recipient of the Dale Carnegie "International Good Human Relations Award" The Intellectual Freedom program featured Nevada Supreme Court Justice Deborah Agosti who spoke on the First Amendment and copyright law.

The Librarian of the Year award was presented to Chuck Manley, deputy director of the Washoe County Library, who is soon to retire after twenty-eight years.

The President's Project for 2000 was to develop a larger funding base for scholarship awards to NLA members seeking certification or attending library school. With donations from several publishers and LSTA funding, a total of \$18,000 was committed to the scholarship project.

The Nevada Young Readers Award luncheon included forty+ students who were sponsored by their respective PTAs. The guest author was Dan Gutman, author of Virtually Perfect. Student votes for the 2000 NYRA awards were cast by 41,000 students throughout the state.

- Conference 2001

The 2001 conference is scheduled for the Stardust Hotel in Las Vegas for October 4-6, 2001. The theme will be Rediscover Nevada: Celebrate the Past, Embrace the Future.

- UNLV The new Lied Library at the University of Nevada Las Vegas is opening to the public on January 8, 2001. Designed in conjunction with teams of architects from Welles-Pugsley and Leo A. Daly, Lied Library combines traditional academic library features with the newest electronic technologies enabling library clients to work with information resources from around the world. Some of Lied Library's distinctive features include a 100 workstation Information Commons, the Automated Storage and Retrieval System capable of holding 1.2 million volumes, a Collaborative Learning Center, and a substantial multimedia distribution system. Fall Semester 2000 will be spent completing punch list corrections, receiving and installing furniture, installing and testing new electronic systems, installing and configuring computers, and moving the Library's collections.
- Henderson District Public Library

HDPL has been selected by libraryspot.com as the October 2000 site of the month at <http://www.hdpl.org/> Libraryspot says: "Henderson District Public Library in Henderson, Nevada offers numerous services on its attractive and well maintained site. New members of the community can easily apply for a library card via the site's homepage, as well as access information about special services and programs. A monthly calendar highlights regular and special events, which include free public Internet training, story times for toddlers, public policy discussions and last month's Chautauqua humanities event. The librarians at Henderson have developed helpful homework and leisure links for teens, and host a monthly library book club for adults. It's obvious there's a lot going on in the real and virtual worlds at Henderson District Public Library