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MPLA Board Report
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Library Advocacy Day – Sara Jones, Director of the Carson City Library, Barbara Mathews, Director of the Churchill County Library, Karen Starr, Assistant Administrator, Nevada State Library and Archives, Verlia Davis-Hoggard, Trustee, Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, and Joan Vaughan, Manager, Paseo Verde Library attended Library Advocacy Day in Washington, DC on Tuesday, June 29, 2010. Fortunately, they were able to meet with all Nevada legislators or their staff. They emphasized the continuing importance of full funding of LSTA grants while illustrating specific programs that Nevada Libraries have implemented using these grants.

Federal Broadband Grant for Nevada Libraries – The Nevada Department of Cultural Affairs is the recipient of a \$806,000 grant with an additional \$305,000 applicant-provided match that will install more than 250 new workstations and expand the training and educational capacity at more than 30 libraries and other hubs for free computer access in 15 counties throughout the state.

Nevada Library Snapshot Day – October 28, 2010 – The NLA is planning Nevada Library Snapshot Day for October 28, 2010. Statewide Snapshot Days began as an initiative through the New Jersey Library Association. On October 28, 2010, libraries of all types throughout Nevada will take compelling pictures and compile statistics to produce a numerical and photographic portrait of a typical day in our libraries. Hopefully this snapshot of our libraries will be used to increase public awareness of the value of our libraries for our state decision-makers as well as the general public.

NLA 2010 Conference – Saturday, August 14, 2010. The 2010 Nevada Library Association Conference – “Nevada Libraries: *Thinking Outside the Buck*” – will take place at the Green Valley Ranch Hotel and Casino in Henderson, Nevada. A one day conference and training session was decided on to better accommodate the leaner staffed and reduced operation hours that Nevada libraries recently set in to place. Author and Key note speaker Norm Clarke, one of Las Vegas’s most notable celebrities, and Hollywood tell-all’s will start the day out with laughter! Though this year’s program is only a day long, more than 12 programs have been scheduled with 15 vendors exhibiting their new products and services onsite. The NLA currently has 239 members with the annual conference as the best place in Nevada for library staff to develop professionally, advance their career, connect with colleagues, and learn about new techniques and new products that improve library services for their communities.