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Nevada Report to MPLA

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The Nevada Library Association's 2008 Annual Conference will be held at the Santa Fe Station in Las Vegas on August 14-16. "Bridging the Gap @ Nevada Libraries" is the conference theme. Conference committee members have finalized the program, sold all exhibit space, and are currently settling details for the events. Online registration has been available since April 17, and as of today we have over 100 registrants. We are excited about the speakers we have lined up, including noted children's literature consultant Judy Freeman who will be presenting all day on Friday, August 15th. Other authors presenting programs include Robert Massi (People Get Screwed All the Time), children's author and professional storyteller Kendall Haven, Geoff Schumacher (Howard Hughes: Power, Paranoia & Palace Intrigue), Brandon Mull (Fablehaven), and Dan Borchert (Free for All: Oddballs, Geeks, and Gangstas in the Public Library.) This year Continuing Education credits will be earned during the regular conference session, enabling conference attendees to earn credits without attending a preconference.

Nevada library districts implementing reduced hours during 2008 include the Henderson District Public Libraries and Washoe County (Reno area) Library System.

Duncan McCoy, longtime Director of the Boulder City Library and active member of the Nevada Library Association retired on June 30th. Daniel Walters, Executive Director of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District announced his resignation to take effect in June 2009. Mr. Walters, 2006 President of PLA, is timing his resignation after the opening of LV-CCLD's newest branch in the northwest area of the valley, Centennial Hills.