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Nevada Report to MPLA

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The Online Nevada Encyclopedia (www.onlinenevada.org) website was launched in April. Developed by Nevada Humanities (state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities) with support from the U.S. Department of Education and the State of Nevada, ONE will provide reliable, up-to-date information for businesses and families moving to the state, and serve as a guide for researching the state's past and present. The encyclopedia will make it possible for everyone to have equal access to resources necessary for the study and appreciation of Nevada history.

On March 22nd, the Nevada Library Association hosted a successful Nevada Library Legislative Day 2007. Library advocates traveled to Carson City to inform state legislators about Nevada library issues. After a welcome from Daniel L. Walters, Chair of NLA's Government Relations Committee, and a status report by NLA lobbyist Bob Crowell, attendees spent the rest of the day with selected legislators.

On April 28th, the Paseo Verde Library Reference Department in Henderson sponsored a Consumer Defense program. Speakers from four consumer protection agencies, the Nevada Consumer Affairs Division, the Attorney General's Office, Las Vegas Metro Police Department Fraud Division, and the Better Business Bureau of Southern Nevada provided information on protection against scams, identity theft, bank fraud, and other plots designed to defraud consumers of their money and credit. Throughout the afternoon ShredCo, a mobile paper shredding service provided free, secure shredding in the library's parking lot.

The Las Vegas-Clark County Library District's 6th annual Reading Las Vegas program added a new element, The Big Read, a national program of the NEA, in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest. This program encourages reading by asking communities to come together to read and discuss one book. Participants read the award-winning novel, *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan. Appearances by Amy Tan at the Clark County Library on April 21st and the Summerlin Library on April 22nd were well attended.

Reference staff at the Paseo Verde Library in Henderson won an honorable mention in Wiley's Brand Dummies Books Display. Their display featured a giant spinning ceiling mobile with title pictures on the front and questions on the back. Patrons who answered the questions correctly were rewarded with DUM DUMS Lollipops.