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Nevada Report to MPLA

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The Nevada Library Association's 2008 Conference Committee met at the conference hotel (Santa Fe Station) on March 25th. We toured the Convention Center and the Ballroom, made arrangements for A/V connections, confirmed requirements/equipment necessary for internet access, and viewed the exhibit area. The conference is scheduled for August 14-16, with the theme of "Bridging the Gap @ Nevada Libraries". The registration form was tweaked and approved. It was placed online (through Memberclicks) on April 17. Twenty of the 38 vendor/exhibit booths have been reserved.

The Southern District of the Nevada Library Association is planning a social event for Saturday, June 7. Members, their families and friends are invited to a Super Summer Theater presentation of *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*, at the Spring Mountain Ranch in beautiful Red Rock Canyon. The cost of \$15.00 per person includes the play ticket and a box lunch.

The Southern District of the Nevada Library Association sponsored an adult programs showcase, "Best of the Best 2008" on March 27 at the Paseo Verde Library. Poster sessions and discussions highlighted successful programs presented by southern Nevada libraries during the past year. Attendees learned what worked, what didn't work, and shared a multitude of programming ideas.

Las Vegas-Clark County Library District kicked off their 7th Annual Reading Las Vegas program for adults on April 1st with a Big Read Book Festival. The District incorporated The Big Read into the program with their selection of F. Scott Fitzgerald's novel, *The Great Gatsby*.

Nevada non-renewing members (from a list generated by Judy Zelenski) were contacted and encouraged to re-join MPLA and attend the ULA-MPLA Joint Conference. A couple of them have retired, and several have moved to other libraries.