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The new Nevada Library Association Executive Board was recently polled and has agreed to submit a request for a joint NLA / MPLA conference in October, 2017. NLA President Robbie DeBuff will submit a letter of request prior to the January 18th meeting. A full discussion is on the agenda for the NLA videoconference meeting planned for January 31, 2012.

The new officers of the Nevada Library Association have assumed their positions, and those offices for which elections were recently held have been announced.

- NLA President - Robbie DeBuff, Las Vegas – Clark County Library District
- President-Elect - John Crockett, Washoe County Library Internet Librarian
- Past President - Barbara Mathews, Churchill County Library System
- Executive Secretary - Lauren Campbell, Las Vegas – Clark County Library District
- Finance - Scott Clonan, Las Vegas – Clark County Library District
- Treasurer - Larry Johnson, , Las Vegas – Clark County Library District

Awards presented at the October Nevada Library Association conference in Carson City, Nevada:

- Nevada Library Association Librarian of the Year
 - Jeanette M. Hammons, Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library System
- Dorothy McAlinden Award
 - Joyce Betts, Churchill County Library children's librarian
- Special Citations
 - Steve Neighbors, Personal Representative of the Mae B. Adams Trust, for his support of the Carson City Library system over the past three years
 - Lucy Bouldin, Storey County Library – special award for bringing music and culture to the Nevada Library Association
- Trustee of the Year
 - Phyllis Paton, Carson City Library system, for six years of service

Diane Hudson has joined the Nevada State Library and Archives as a Library Consultant, filling the position left by the retirement of Holly Van Valkenburgh.

The Nevada Reading Week Conference, a conference for teachers and librarians, is planned for February 10th and 11th, 2012, in Reno, Nevada. The conference will feature presentations by Teri Sloat (picture book author and illustrator); Carl Deuker (YA author, sports and mystery fiction); Marc Tyler Nobleman (nonfiction author and cartoonist); John Archambault (author, storyteller, and musician – author of Boom Chicka Rock and Chicka Chicka Boom Boom – with Bill Martin Jr.); Suzanne Morgan Williams (fiction and nonfiction author – Bull Rider, China's Daughters, others). Both school and public librarians will attend, as well as classroom teachers (and even a few administrators). More information is available at www.nevadareadingweek.com. Registration opened January 10th.

While not a section of NLA, the Nevada Reading Week concept, a statewide celebration of reading and literacy, is a function of school librarians in every county, and is supported by public librarians, particularly in Washoe, Clark, Churchill, Carson City, and Elko County library systems. The annual Nevada Reading Week Conference integrates support for the Nevada Reading Week concept with classroom activities and teaching ideas.

The two-day conference is designed for Nevada teachers and librarians, but all are welcome!

Respectfully submitted
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