



June 2014

Newsletter

President's Corner

Hello, once again, we are gearing up for conference. I've been to Las Vegas, but it's always nice to go back to someplace you are even remotely familiar with landmarks. We are excited about having a Meet & Greet with the Nevada support staff-a flyer should be going out soon. It's Friday night, June 27th 6PM at the Clark County Library. You can find an announcement for the Meet & Greet on page 4 of this newsletter. Hope to get a lot local people joining us just to put faces to names. Of course, our bi-annual business meeting is the Saturday of conference, this time, June 28th from 8:30-11:30 at the LVCC-Room N210



LSSIRT President
Karen Turner

I was hoping to do great things this year; I especially wanted to promote LSSIRT and regain memberships and acquire new members. I admit I didn't do as well as I had hoped. I know it's a tough time and support staff don't always get financial aid to attend conferences. One of the



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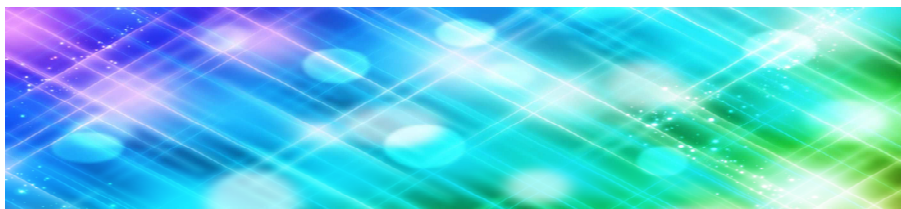
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reasons, I was really pushing to have a local Meet & Greet at both annual and mid-winter, is to get our name out to the local support staff in the areas near conferences. We're polishing up the Policies and Procedures manual and hope to have it online shortly after Annual. I hope it may generate more interest when people can see what is expected of the executive council and volunteers. There may be a vote on some By-law changes, notification will be sent out if a vote is needed by the general membership.

It's been a fast year, unbelievably slow at times and then when you want to slow down, it automatically speeds up. I can't believe my year is about to expire. I hope everyone continues to help the new council as they take their seats on our round table immediately after Vegas. Good luck to everyone who has stepped up to take new positions or retained their old one. You are a great group to work with and I've enjoyed my time serving as President. Please give Val all your support and let him know he's doing a great job. Also, give an appreciative applause to all the Steering Committee, for without their volunteering to serve, we wouldn't be here.

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”

— Mahatma Gandhi





Las Vegas, Nevada

LSSIRT Steering Committee Meeting

The Library Support Staff will be having its Steering Committee meeting at ALA Annual Las Vegas on Saturday, June 28th, 2014 in the Las Vegas Convention Center room N210. This is also a general membership meeting and we encourage all library support staff to attend. The Steering Committee also includes the chairs of all LSSIRT committees.

“Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn.”
— Benjamin Franklin



LSSIRT ALA Program for Support Staff

On Sunday, June 29th, 2014 from 8:30-10:00am LSSIRT is sponsoring “Best Practice — Support Staff Edition” in the Las Vegas Convention Center room N240.

This presentation will examine how the Access Services Department at the University of North Texas increased staff productivity by implementing a new staff development plan with staff involvement. Areas to be discussed include interactive department meetings, staff retreats and workflow streamlining. This presentation will also highlight how these areas led to the creation of new services.

NLA and LSSIRT welcome you to Las Vegas!

WELCOME

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LAS VEGAS

On Friday June 27, 2014

from 6-8pm at the

Clark County Library, Jewel Box Theater.

There will be friends, food and fun!

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Paraprofessional of the Year!



Photo by J. Craig Sweat

Clancy Pool is Library Journal's Paraprofessional of the Year for 2014. Read the full article at: <http://lj.libraryjournal.com/2014/03/awards/paralibrarian-of-the-year-2014-clancy-pool/>

Hired in 1992 as manager of the tiny St. John Branch (SJB) of Washington State's Whitman County Rural Library District (WCRLD), Clancy Pool worked to perform the miracle of bringing a new spirit and library to the town's 525 residents, plus another 500 who live in the surrounding area.

The Library Journal's Paraprofessional of the Year Award Reception will be held on Saturday June 28th from 5:30-7:30pm. Details regarding the venue have not been announced, but anyone interested in receiving an invitation may email *Library Journal's* event staff at:

ljevents@reedbusiness.com

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