MPMLA Annual Conference
May 20-21, Reno, Nevada

The 2005 Mountain Plains Music Library Association meeting will take place May 20-21 in sunny, friendly Reno, Nevada. Nestled at the foot of the majestic Sierra Nevada and only a short drive from Lake Tahoe, Reno is one of America’s favorite destinations. Enjoy your colleagues’ presentations during the day and then spend the evening exploring the natural wonders and cultural attractions of the Reno area.

The conference will be hosted by the University of Nevada, Reno Libraries, which are conveniently located just a short walk away from Reno’s lively downtown. Serene beauty, bustling night life, museums and concerts — Reno offers something for everyone, and we look forward to seeing you here in May.

---Rick Anderson

President’s Message

One of the best things about the MLA meeting in Vancouver was the chance to see so many of you again. Now it’s onward to Reno! Things have been falling into place nicely. We will have in attendance winners of this year’s travel grant, plus the presence of the MLA Past President, Laura Dankner.

For those of us arriving in Reno by Thursday evening, we’ll gather at the conference hotel and head for a dining experience nearby. When the program ends early Saturday afternoon, those of us hanging on will take a short walk to the state’s much acclaimed Museum of Art, which in addition to regional theme collections will feature an impressive Maxfield Parrish collection currently touring the nation. Carolyn Dow is serving as Program Chair, assisted by Suzanne Moulton-Gerig.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Steve
Chapter Chair

New Members

The chapter welcomes new MPMLA members George Gibbs, Music Librarian at the University of Kansas, and Amy Hunsaker from the University of Nevada Las Vegas.

Amy has BS and MM degrees in music with an emphasis on voice and music history. She participated in summer programs at Cambridge University, England, and with musical theater and opera companies. Amy is currently working toward the Doctorate of Musical Arts degree at UNLV while completing an MLS degree from the University of Northern Texas. She teaches Voice and Music Appreciation at UNLV, and also works as a cataloger for the music library. On top of all this, she is the mother of three children and is involved in Boy Scouts, soccer, and PTA. Wow!

Music Library Association National Meeting

Twenty MPMLA members attended the MLA national meeting February 9-12 in Vancouver, B.C. Most of the group gathered for a traditional dinner chapter meeting, this one held at Joe Fortas’ Seafood Grill. Laurie Sampsel and Cheryl Taranto participated on the conference program in the Bibliographic Instruction Subcommittee on the topic of Informational Literacy Instructional Objectives. Laurie also gave a presentation on “The Bibliography of Lotus: The Larger Context of Cyril Scott’s Lotus Land.”

---Janet Bradford
Brigham Young University

The BYU music library received an LP collection of almost 2000 jazz recordings collected by Norman P. Tyler. He often joined Jim C (Cook) for a "Jazz Club 89" broadcast originating in Roanoke, VA. This program was later renamed "The Swing Shift" and Tyler participated in a segment called "Norm's Corner."

Eight student work stations are now equipped with MIDI and digital audio applications including Finale, Logic Pro, Digital Performer, and ProTools. The stations also offer sample libraries such as Symphonic Orchestra Gold Edition.

Don Roberts

Don was elected Vice President of the Santa Fe New Music Board of Directors. Also, he was elected to the Board of Directors of the Santa Fe Desert Chorale (an excellent professional chamber choir).

Jenny Williams

Jenny has been working as a contract cataloger since she retired from Arizona State. After attending the MPMLA meeting in Reno, she and Clem plan to continue in their RV to northern California and Oregon for the summer. Fun!

Polley Music Library, Lincoln, Nebraska

Work is wrapping up on a 2004 LSTA grant to digitize "Music of Old Nebraska" sheet music. The digitized music will soon be on the web, along with historical commentary, annotations about the composers, and lesson plan ideas.

A 2005 LSTA grant will be used for digitizing archival materials from the Lillian Helms Polley collection. Both grant projects will be included in the Nebraska Library Commission's digital library project, Nebraska Memories.

Topeka & Shawnee Co. Library

Mark Rustman coordinates Topeka Public Library's "Music for a Sunday Afternoon" series. Seven staff members participated in the annual "Merry Library Band" concert in February with solos, trios, a Dixieland grand finale featuring banjo, guitar, trumpet, harp, recorder, cello, piano, and oboe. The audience loved it! Other scheduled concerts this year feature a variety of professional musicians. Mark says it's nice to work at a library where live music is encouraged. He is sorry he must miss the Reno conference.

Univ. of Nebraska, Lincoln

The staff in the Music Library is hoping that funding will appear for the building of a librarian's office, a room that has been needed since the library opened in 1980.

The library subscribed to the Classical Music Library in January, and the resource caught on immediately with music students.

Anita Breckbill and Carole Goebes are pursuing research on music circulating libraries in France, as presented at the 2004 MPMLA meeting. They are planning a research trip to Paris in the spring of 2006 with the aid of grants. Great!

Univ. of Nebraska, Lincoln

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University of Utah

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Utah Valley State College

The library is making plans for a new building to be completed in the next few years.

Lori Stevens has a son getting married May 12, and her husband is leaving for a 3-week business trip to Singapore on May 13.
MPMLA Conference General Information

Conference Hotel
University Inn
1001 N. Virginia St.
Reno, NV 89503
Toll free (877) 864-8466
Fax (775) 323-2929
www.howler.unr.edu/uinn/

The University Inn is owned by the University of Nevada, Reno, and is located directly across Virginia Street from campus. It offers clean and comfortable rooms in a remodeled dormitory building. All have private baths with showers, but no bathtubs. The price is $55 for Thursday night, May 19, and $65 for Friday and Saturday nights.

If at least nine people from our group stay at the Inn, all will have free parking in an attached garage; if fewer than nine stay there, parking is an additional $3 per day. No room tax. Tell the reservation agent that you are attending the MPMLA conference.

Other Accommodations
Travelodge, EconoLodge, and the usual discount hotel chains are all within an easy drive of UNR. Several major casino hotels are located downtown, within walking distance of campus. Rates vary, but are significantly higher for Saturday night. These include:
Circus Circus Reno
www.circuscircusreno.com
Eldorado
www.eldoradoreno.com
Silver Legacy
www.silverlegacyreno.com

Driving Directions
If you’re driving west to Reno on I-80, watch for the Virginia Street exit as you pass downtown Reno. The second light on the off ramp will be Virginia Street. Turn right (uphill), go through one stoplight and then watch for the University Inn on your left. Campus is on your right.

If you’re driving north on I-395, watch for the I-80 interchange just past the large Hilton casino on your right as you approach the city.

From the airport, exit onto I-395 North and follow the instructions above.

Those who are not staying at the University Inn can park for $3 per day on the top level of the Brian J. Whalen Parking Complex, on the campus side of Virginia Street just north of the Church Fine Arts building.

Weather
May is the perfect time to visit Reno. There is little likelihood of rain. Plan for mild temperatures, highs in the mid-70s and lows in the 40s. If you plan to hike or otherwise spend extended time outdoors, take water and sunscreen. The air is thin and dry at 4500 feet, and more so at higher mountain elevations.

Restaurants and Clubs
A quick walk down the hill from campus will put you right on Reno’s downtown strip, where you will find more restaurants, bars and nightclubs than you’ll have time to explore. While our casino district is much less extensive than that of Las Vegas, it is easier to negotiate on foot, and you’ll find prices to be a bit lower as well.

Points of Interest
Lake Tahoe, one of the world’s most beautiful mountain lakes, is only a 30-minute drive from downtown.

The Fleischmann Planetarium and Science Center is located on the north end of campus, next to the Nevada Historical Society Museum.

On Lake Street, near downtown, the National Automobile Museum offers one of the world’s most extensive collections of vintage cars.

The Nevada Museum of Art is housed in a striking new building, located conveniently close to downtown, though not a convenient walking distance from campus.

To view desert flora, check out the Wilbur D. May Arboretum and Botanical Garden, located only a mile or two from the UNR campus.

For shopping, try the Meadowood Mall, south of town on Virginia Street.

Explore and enjoy Reno!
Mountain Plains Music Library Association
Reno, Nevada
May 19-21, 2005

Name

Address

Registration fee:

_____ Both days $30.00

_____ Friday only $22.50

_____ Saturday only $12.50

Registration total $_______

Friday evening dinner reservation (Rapscallion)

_____ Number attending  _____ I do not plan to attend (Payment will be individual)

Membership dues 2005/2006, $10

Dues $_______

TOTAL $_______

_____ Payment enclosed (make checks payable to MPMLA)

_____ I will pay upon arrival

Please submit this form by May 6, 2005 to:

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**MEMBERSHIP DUES**
The Mountain Plains Chapter current membership year is July 1, 2004, through June 30, 2005. Annual dues are $10. If you have not yet paid, please do so. And why not pay for 2005-06 while you’re thinking about it! Make checks payable to MPMLA and send them to:

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