

Developing a Holocaust Education Curriculum to Certify
Holocaust Educators through the Library
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Description: Susan Dubin and Myra Berkovits have developed a series of teacher workshops on Holocaust education that they have been presenting to public school teachers in the Clark County (NV) School District for the past several years. Each workshop is sixteen hours and is recognized by the state of Nevada as a Professional Development class for one unit of credit. They now have ten courses certified and are continuing to write more. Each class is given in the Sperling Kronberg Mack Holocaust Resource Center and relies heavily on library materials and search methods. When teachers have completed four courses, attended a student-teacher workshop, taken a methods class, and prepared a lesson with students for observation, they will receive certification as a Holocaust Educator from the Sperling Kronberg Mack Holocaust Resource Center and the Governor's Advisory Council on Education Relating to the Holocaust. This will qualify them to offer Holocaust education workshops for other teachers and will carry a special designation with the school district. This conference session will share the curriculum, materials, and methodology used at the Sperling Kronberg Mack Holocaust Resource Center in the hopes that other libraries can develop similar programs.

Myra Berkovits is a retired teacher and school administrator with Clark County School District in NV. She has been working with the Resource Center for many years and teaches the Professional Development courses as well as working with Susan Dubin to develop new classes.

Susan Dubin is a long-time AJL member and has served in many positions including President. Retired from her work as a Day School library instructor, she organized the Sperling Kronberg Mack Holocaust Resource Center and began working to develop a Holocaust education curriculum. She helped the Resource Center achieve advanced accreditation last year.