"Bridge the ages" at NELA/NEEMMA Sturbridge conference

The architecture of Carnegie libraries, a videodisk of artifacts from the period of the First Emperor of China, an exploration of the Constitutional Period in New England history: these are three of the programs that will "bridge the ages" at this year's joint NELA/NEEMMA conference.

The conference will be held September 28-30 at the Sheraton Sturbridge Inn and Conference Center, Sturbridge, MA.

A major addition this year is a visit to Old Sturbridge Village offered Monday afternoon. A reduced rate ($5) tour is available, and a program bringing New England families of the 1830s to life (and involving program participants) will be held.

On Monday morning, "The Future of Children's Librarianship: Moving Into the '90s" will discuss the possibilities for career development, salaries and budget allocations, and will seek ideas from the audience on how to improve the status of children's librarians. On Tuesday afternoon, the ever-outspoken Charles Robinson, director of Baltimore County Library System, will outline the challenges and responsibilities of developing library services to meet the needs of rapidly changing user groups.

After lunch Tuesday, John Kenneth Galbraith will describe his observations of life formed during his distinguished career. Nicholas Gage will talk about his search for information about his mother which resulted in the book Elent. The film Elent will be shown Sunday evening.

Jim Wiegel will help us cope with the "avalanche of paperwork and information" prevalent in libraries. On Sunday, learn how to raise funds through auctions, as practiced by WGBH. Also on Sunday, Janet Baker will focus on how small libraries can plan and implement their service goals.

And there's more. So register now. Call the NELA office if you need registration and/or room information, 617/438-7179.