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## President's Letter

From Jean Hatfield

I don't care how you get there--  
just get there if you can



### Memo

To: Dr. I.M. Portant, President, Pieinthesky Community College  
From: U.N. Derpaid, Library Director  
Re: Conference attendance

In the interest of furthering my professional development and interlibrary contacts, I'm seeking permission to attend the upcoming library conference in Incline Village, NV. I plan to learn more about technology, library trends, and leadership. This is a low-cost library conference that offers many opportunities for networking with staff of small public and private colleges such as ours. I'm attaching information about the conference. I plan to keep costs to a minimum by rooming with three of my library colleagues.

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Kathy,

Just a quick note to let you know that I'm planning on going to the NLA/MPLA Conference in Lake Tahoe and wondered if you were going too. It looks like a terrific conference! I think I'm going to go to the pre-conference on library programs for Latino kids. We are getting more and more in our library and I'd love to do some great programs for them. Let me know if you are going so we can plan on having lunch together!

Susan

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Roberto,  
Hey have you seen the information about the REFORMA programs at the Nevada Library Association meeting? They are going to have some good programs on marketing and outreach that will be helpful to us. But Camila Alire is doing a session at the same time on leadership and I've heard that she is really good so it will be a tough decision. I also saw that Luis Herrera is doing a session – he's a good speaker! Should we try to go?

Teresa

Dearest Buffy and Biff,  
Mumsy misses you! I'm sitting at my window overlooking beautiful Lake Tahoe and the scenery is just divine! The food here is delicious and the spa facilities are perfect. So Mumsy is getting some rest and pampering. Tell Nanny to give you a big hug from me and I'll see you in a few days.

Love, Mumsy

P.S. There are some people here who work in libraries! They are all so sweet. And I bought a few books that were autographed by real authors to bring you as presents. They should look perfect in the hand-hewn, hand-rubbed, oak bookshelves I've ordered from a woodcrafting shop down the road from the hotel!

Hey Big Spender!

Guess what! There's going to be a library conference at Lake Tahoe in a few weeks! And guess what else! There's a casino in the hotel where the conference is! I'm going to take some extra cash – last time I was in Nevada for a library conference I won \$500! Why don't you come, too and we can get together and scope out the slots – I love those Double Diamond machines! Why not see if you can stay over on Saturday night and we can take in some kind

of casino show in Reno?

Party Animal

Ms. Primm,

I am writing this travel request to see if it would be possible for me to go to the NLA/MPLA Conference in November near Reno? I've never been to a library conference before? And I've heard that the MPLA conference is the BEST one to go to. I'd like to get some new storytime ideas and I read that Patrick Jones will be there talking about serving teens and I know we need to do better at that and I've heard he is the BEST one to hear speak and that he gives a lot of really good ideas and things to help us get teens to come in the library and to behave while they are here. And there are going to be some programs about how to give book suggestions even if you haven't read the book yet. And I heard that they are going to have some real authors there and I've never met a real author. And Julie said I could room with her. And the registration isn't too expensive. And I've never been to Nevada, but I heard that this isn't in the bad part of Nevada but is in the historic part of Nevada. Can I go?

Sincerely,

Tammie

Tom,

The information on the MPLA conference just came across my desk. It looks like they are going to have some programs that will be helpful to us in planning. And two of my favorite authors are going to be there, Dale Brown and Stephen Coonts. I'd love to get to meet those guys. And I can get in some hiking while I'm there (unless it snows, then I'll go cross country skiing). So I'll get my travel request in soon – don't let anyone take my travel money!

Jim

For the latest information on the 2003 MPLA/NLA Joint Conference visit <http://www.nevadalibraries.org/Conference03/index.html>.

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# Here are the Candidates for MPLA Offices

The MPLA election is underway, with terms of office beginning at the end of the Nevada joint conference in November and running through the Colorado conference in 2004. Ballots will be sent out in August 2003.

## **Vice President/President-Elect Candidates**

### **Beth Avery**

Director of Library Services  
Western State College of Colorado

#### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

1995-2000-Director of Library Services & Professor, Lamar University, Mary and John Gray Library, Beaumont, TX. 1989-1995-Head, Sciences and Technology, Assistant Professor, Colorado State University. 1986-1989-Manager, Bibliographic Research, Institute for Scientific Information, Philadelphia, PA. 1985-1986-Reference Librarian, Free Library of Philadelphia, Business, Science & Industry Div., Philadelphia, PA. 1983-1985-Ombudsman, Detachment Librarian, and Volunteer Coordinator, Naval Support Activity Detachment, Gaeta, Italy. 1981-1983-Chief Librarian, Commander USMS., U. S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, NY. 1975-1981-Library Director & Instructor, Dept. of General Academics, Texas A&M Univ. at Galveston, Galveston, TX. 1973-1975-Biological Sciences Librarian, U. S. National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Fisheries Center. 1974-1975-Head Cataloger., Marine Biological Laboratory. 1969-1973-Dept. Head Librarian, University of PA, Biology Library, Philadelphia, PA.

**EDUCATION:** College of William and Mary, A. B. in Biology Ed., 1968. Drexel Univ., M.S. in Library Science, 1973. Certificate of Advanced Study in Information Science, 1992.

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:** Colorado Library Association. Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, Academic Library Association, 2002-4. Executive Board, 1992-4. Conference Site Selection Committee, 1991-94, 2002-present, and Chair 1992-94. CO Library Educational Foundation, 2002-04. Vice Chair, 2002-3. IMLS 2003 Recruiting and Educating Librarians Grant Competition Reviewer CO State Library. Collaborative Virtual Reference Committee, Steering Committee, 2002-. Marketing and PR Subcommittee, 2002-CyberFair Reviewer, 2002. Pathfinder Regional Library Sys-

tem, Board of Directors, 2001-2004. Virtual Reference Task Force, 2002. CO Academic Library Consortium, Steering Committee member, 2001. Chair, 2001-2002. Library Education Committee of the CO Council for Library Development, member, 2001-3. American Library Association, LAMA, LOMS, Nominating Committee, Chair, 2002-3 Comparative Library Organization Committee, 2001-3, Conference Program Committee, 2001-3. Risk Management and Insurance Committee, 1999-2001. Women Administrators Discussion Group Co-Facilitator, Annual Meeting, 1999. Chair, 2000-4. Buildings and Equipment Section, Publications Committee, 1997-2000. Human Resources/Personnel Administration Section, Staff Development Committee, 1997-2001, Co-Chair Preconference Committee, 1998-99. Chair, Conference Program Committee, 1999-2000, 2001-2. Trends Marketing and Project Development Committee of the



Fundraising & Financial Development Section, 1990-92. TX Council of State University Librarians, Chair, Materials Contract Committee, 1996-99. Review of Texas Books, Co-Editor, 1996-7. Editor, 1998-2000. East Texas Consortium, Vice Chair, 1995-96. Chair, 1996-97. U.S. Agricultural Information Network. Chair, Rural Information Committee, 1990-93. Conference Planning Committee and Chair, Submitted papers committee, 1993. Moderator, Contributed papers session, 1993. International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers. Pres-Elect/President, 1987-88, 1991-94. Training Committee, Chair, 1998-2002. Member 2001-2 Mentoring Committee, Member, 2001-3 Editorial/Pubs Committee, Chair, 1989-93, Proceedings Ed, 1990-93. Pubs Committee, member 1989-present. Exhibits Chair for Annual Meeting, 1991-92. Conference Program Chair, 1993. Paper Review Committee, 1999. By-Laws Committee, Chair, 1995. Subject Analysis Committee, member, 1995-present. Newsletter, Co-Editor, 1996-2002. Parliamentarian, 1995-2002.

**MEMBER OF MPLA:** 1990-1995, 2001-.

**STATEMENT:** I am pleased to be asked to run for Vice President/President of the Mountain Plains Library Association. I have been involved with, and served as, an officer in various library organizations for many years. My

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main interest is in staff development and training. I am co-editor of the latest edition of *Staff Development: a Practical Guide*, ALA Editions. Especially in this time of limited budgets, it is important that the Association be actively involved in training by continuing to present high-quality, timely programs, publications, and pre-conferences and by using new technologies to bring training to a wider audience. I am also concerned with recruitment, re-training, and retention in our profession. We can work together to support new initiatives to actively recruit, prepare and retain new professionals. Increasing membership will be a priority for me. MPLA is an excellent and affordable option for librarians who seek professional service, a venue for presentation of research, and interaction with librarians with similar problems and concerns.

**Randy J. Olsen**

University Librarian  
Brigham Young University

**PREVIOUS POSITIONS:**

Deputy University Librarian, Brigham Young University; Assistant University Librarian for Collection Development and Public Services, Brigham Young University; Government Documents Librarian, Brigham Young University; Cataloger, Brigham Young University.



**EDUCATION:** B.A. Political Science/German, Utah State University; M.L.S., Brigham Young University; M.P.A., Brigham Young University.

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:** Collections & Access Issues Committee, Assoc. of Research Libraries; Mentor, MPLA Leadership Institute; Awards Committee, Chair, Utah Librarian Association; Nominations Committee, MPLA; Shares Executive Committee, Research Libraries Group; President, Utah Library Association; Professional Grants Committee, Chair, MPLA; Public Services Steering Committee, Research Libraries Group.; Academic Section, Chair, MPLA.

**STATEMENT:** Libraries today must be prepared to respond quickly and effectively to change-change in the publishing industry, change in technology, and change in patron service expectations. The future promises un-

precedented opportunities and challenges for libraries and both can be dealt with best if we work together. The Mountain Plains Library Association brings us together - libraries of all types and sizes - to collaboratively build our future. As President I would continue the MPLA tradition of planning, programming and acting to create an exciting future for libraries and librarians. Specifically, I would encourage conference programming, and initiatives that stress continuing education, leadership development, technology awareness, and library promotion.

**MPLA Secretary Candidates**

**Basha Hartley**

Pioneer Library System  
Children's Services Manager  
Norman, OK

**PREVIOUS POSITIONS:**

Worked in five of the Pioneer libraries as Branch Manager, Materials Selector, and Adult Services Librarian.

**MPLA MEMBERSHIP:**

Over 10 years.

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

Active in the Oklahoma Library Association, serving as Membership Chair for two years. In MPLA served as Children's and School Chair and as Oklahoma State Representative.



**STATEMENT:** I would be honored to serve as MPLA Secretary. I believe MPLA is a great organization and I would be pleased to serve in any way.

**Louis Howley**

Librarian I,  
Phoenix (AZ) Public Library,  
Cholla Branch

**PREVIOUS POSITIONS:** Adult Programming Librarian, Maricopa County Library District; Librarian I, Mesquite and Yucca Branches, Phoenix Public Library.

**EDUCATION:** M.L.S., Univ. of Arizona; B.A., AZ State University.

**MPLA MEMBERSHIP:** Since 1993.



**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:** Arizona Library Association: Current: Secretary. Have been Chair, Library Information Technology Roundtable; Editor, AzLA Newsletter; Chair, Arizona Library Technicians, Assistants and Paraprofessionals Roundtable; Chair, National Library Week Committee. American Library Association:

Current: Member, AFL-CIO/ALA Joint Committee on Library Service to Labor Groups. Special Libraries Association, Arizona Chapter: Past: Secretary. Professional accomplishments: Have visited over 120 Arizona and national libraries over 11 years for "On the PL Road" column in the AzLA Newsletter; Speaker, PLA Conference, 2002, "Getting started: serving your gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered users with pride."

**STATEMENT:** I love history and libraries and it has been exciting for me to be a recorder of library history in Arizona. On the one hand, I have had the privilege to be Secretary of both the Arizona Library Association and the Arizona Chapter of the Special Libraries Association and record the activities of both these groups. On another front, I have been granted an extraordinary opportunity over the last 11 years through the AzLA Newsletter to write about my visits to libraries throughout Arizona. I can bring my skills and experience from my past positions in other organizations to the office of Recording Secretary. It would be a wonderful opportunity to get to participate in a dynamic regional association like MPLA as it confronts the challenges we all face at this time in our profession.

### **MPLA Sections/Roundtable Candidates for Chair-Elect**

#### **Academic Section**

- Melissa Heckard, Assistant Librarian, Carson Library, University of Montana-Western
- James M. Nyce, Associate Professor, SLIM, Emporia State

#### **Children's and School Section**

- Julie Linneman, Coordinator of Programs & Outreach for Wichita (KS) Public Library

#### **Government Documents Section**

- Ara Anderson, Reference Librarian, Campbell County (WY) Public Library
- Colleen Kirby, Digital Librarian, South Dakota State Library

#### **New Members Roundtable**

- Erin R. Kinney, Electronic Librarian, Wyoming State Library
- Carol A. Leibiger, Instructional Services Librarian & Asst. Professor, I.D. Weeks Library, University of South Dakota

#### **Preservation, Archives, & Special Collections Section**

- Kevin Anderson, Western History Specialist, Casper College Goodstein Foundation Library, Casper, WY

#### **Public Library and Trustees Section**

- Pam Henley, Technology Assistant/Reference Librarian, Bozeman (MT) Public Library
- Phil Heikkinen, Director, Show Low (AZ) Public Library

#### **State Agencies, Cooperatives & Systems Section**

- Dorothy Liegl, Deputy State Librarian, South Dakota State Library

#### **Technical Services Section**

- Dustin Larmore, Instructor, Technical Services Librarian, Karl E. Mundt Library, Dakota State University, Madison, SD
- Sha Li Zhang, Associate Professor, Head of Technical Services, Wichita State University Libraries

### **Germans from Russia Donation Made**

Michael M. Miller, bibliographer and creator of the Germans from Russia Heritage Collection, established in 1978 at the North Dakota State Universities Libraries, Fargo, is donating to Valley City State University's (Valley City, ND) Allen Memorial Library a special collection of learning resources about the Germans from Russia who settled in North Dakota, the Central and Northern Plains, and the western Canadian prairie provinces. The learning resources contain information about their life, history, culture, folkways, and foodways in North Dakota, the Northern Plains, and South Russia.

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# Call for Papers

## MPLA Academic Section Professional Forum

The Academic Section of the Mountain Plains Library Association's (MPLA) announces a call for papers to be presented, with the co-sponsorship of the Academic Section of the Nevada Library Association, at:

NLA/MPLA Joint Conference  
Lake Tahoe, Nevada, November 5-8, 2003

The MPLA Academic Section sponsors the Professional Forum, which presents new ideas, innovations, and case studies in librarianship that would benefit the profession. Research methodology is encouraged, but not essential. School and public librarians, as well as those from academia, are encouraged to participate. The papers are peer reviewed; a prize of \$300 will be awarded to the winning paper presentation.

### Guidelines for Papers

- Problems are clearly identified and solutions proposed.
- Themes can include locally implemented experiences (successes or failures), theoretical models, statistical studies, or state of the art reviews.
- Although formal research methodology is not required, papers should develop clear positions or concepts.

### Evaluation

Papers will be judged on:

Significance of topics (15 points)  
Development of concept and quality of organization (20 points)  
Clarity of ideas and objectives (10 points)

Final presentations will be judged at the annual conference on:

Objectives are evident, with clear ideas and concepts (15 points)  
Quality of organization (15 points)  
Quality of presentation, use of visuals, etc. (15 points)

### Submission Requirements

- Authors must be current members of MPLA
- Papers must be original—not published or presented elsewhere
- Selected authors will make presentations at the conference
- Papers (2-6 pages in length) must be submitted electronically to [mary\\_caspers-graper@sdstate.edu](mailto:mary_caspers-graper@sdstate.edu) **no later than August 1, 2003**

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**REMEMBER: MPLA Professional Development grants are available to fund research and travel! See the MPLA Website [www.usd.edu/mpla/](http://www.usd.edu/mpla/) for details.**



Thanks to MPLA Webmaster Dan Chaney, MS Word files of the Professional Development grant application and evaluative report are available from the MPLA Website. Previously the documents were available only as PDF files. The availability of MS Word files should make it easier for people to fill out the application and evaluative report. Electronic submission (as e-mail attachments) of both the appli-

cation and evaluative report are encouraged. It is hoped that by having MS Word files available, and allowing e-mail submission, the whole process of applying for grants should be more convenient. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Aug. 20. Applications need to be submitted at least a week before to allow committee members time to review them prior to the meeting.

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## Tips on Making Hotel Reservations for Lake Tahoe Conference

The Nevada Library Association secured 1999 room rates at the Hyatt Lake Tahoe Resort and Casino for the NLA/MPLA joint conference. A standard room with single or double occupancy will cost \$99 per night, a considerable discount from the normal rate. Suites and lakeside cottages are also available, and the special rates extend two days before and two days after the conference. Reservations can be made via the Web at [laketahoe.hyatt.com/groupbooking/mpla](http://laketahoe.hyatt.com/groupbooking/mpla) or by phoning Hyatt Reservations (1-877-875-5036). Following are several tips on how to take full advantage of this great deal.

- Be sure to use either the designated Website or Hyatt Reservations phone number when making reservations.
- When making reservations by phone, mention the conference by name and include the conference dates.
- When making reservations on the Web, make sure to use the site specifically designated for the NLA/MPLA Conference. (Please refer to the URL above.)
- To apply the conference room rate to days either before or after the conference, first reserve rooms for the conference dates, then ask to extend the reservation up to two days before or after the conference. The special rate for an extended stay is subject to the availability of rooms, and is not guaranteed.
- Make reservations early! There is a block of rooms reserved for the conference. Once these are taken, regular rates will apply.
- Conference pricing will be honored through Oct. 5, 2003. Again, make reservations early.

Please contact Linda Wilson, Conference Co-Chair, with any and all problems related to making reservations. She will resolve these issues directly with the Hyatt Lake Tahoe: Linda Wilson, Douglas County Library, (775) 782-9841, [lawilson@clan.lib.nv.us](mailto:lawilson@clan.lib.nv.us).

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## REFORMA Releases List of Conference Programs

REFORMA, the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-Speaking, is a contributing program sponsor for the Nevada Library Association/Mountain Plains Library Association joint conference to be held at the Hyatt Lake Tahoe Resort and Casino in November 2003. Maria Champlin, chair of the REFORMA subcommittee for the conference said in a recent release, "The REFORMA Subcommittee Program worked hard in putting together an array of programs that we believe will enrich you personally and professionally."

REFORMA will be sponsoring four pre-conference programs on Nov. 5 including "Pass it on: Using Word-of-Mouth Marketing to Reach Latinos" and "Ay Caramba: The Approach to Effective Latino Outreach Services." During the three-day conference, Nov. 6, 7, and 8, REFORMA will offer eight presentations from "How to Start and Build a Public Library Spanish Language Collection" to "Serving Hispanic Students in the Community College Library." For a complete list of REFORMA-sponsored programs, please visit the REFORMA website at [www.reforma.org](http://www.reforma.org).

Additional information about the NLA/MPLA joint conference can be found on the conference Website at <http://www.nevadalibraries.org/Conference03/index.html> or by contacting the publicity chairperson for the conference: Susan Antipa, Carson City Library, 900 North Roop Street, Carson City, NV 89701, (775) 887-2244, [smantipa@clan.lib.nv.us](mailto:smantipa@clan.lib.nv.us).



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## There's still time...

To say "Thanks!" and "We Appreciate You!" and "Yes, We Noticed The Great Work You Did!"

We could say it with flowers or a Hallmark card, but MPLA wants to say "thank you" in a big way—at the awards ceremony in Lake Tahoe, NV at the annual jointconference with the Nevada Library Association Nov. 5-8, 2003.

There are numerous awards MPLA wants to give. Think of the library directors who have helped

construct a new building; the children's department that created innovative after-school programming; the media specialist who refused to remove a magazine from the high school library shelves; the local radio show that always featured library events. If we look around we will see many individuals, agencies, organizations, legislators and authors who have helped make our libraries better places. Say thank you in a big way.

Visit the MPLA Award Information Website for further information: <http://www.usd.edu/mpla/committees/awards/awardsindex.html>.

**Nominations are due Aug. 22, 2003.**

## Wyoming State Librarian Reelected to BCR Board for Second Term

The BCR (Bibliographical Center for Research) Board of Trustees reelected Leslie Boughton, state librarian for the Wyoming State Library, to serve a second consecutive year as president for the July 2003-June 2004 fiscal year. Karen Strege, state librarian at the Montana State Library, was elected vice president of the Board. The two officers are

members of the BCR Executive Committee, along with Emily Navarre, Southeastern (Iowa) Library Services; Cynthia Berner Harris, director of libraries for the Wichita (Kansas) Public Library; Stephen Rollins, University of Alaska at Anchorage; and David Brunell, BCR executive director and Board treasurer.



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## Business Sense

Jean Anderson  
Business Librarian  
Fort Collins Public Library, CO

(Note: This column is designed to be a handout for public library business patrons. I would be happy to share this column and previous columns with you - Word format. E-mail me at [anderson@julip.fcgov.com](mailto:anderson@julip.fcgov.com).)

### Ergonomics

People working in ergonomically designed workplaces or using ergonomically designed products, will tire less quickly, be less distracted by discomfort and ambiguity, less muddled by confusing displays and instructions, less frustrated by inconvenience, and less stressed by excessive physical demands. This will mean a lower probability of error, less likelihood of accidents, less time correcting mistakes, and better morale. For more information, take a look at the following Websites.

#### Cornell University Ergonomics Web

[ergo.human.cornell.edu](http://ergo.human.cornell.edu)

This site is chock full of news, information, and research on the topic of ergonomics in the workplace, school, and home. News items can include recent guidelines for various work sites, new technological developments, and new OSHA regulations. University studies include free tutorials and presentations adaptable for employers. Click on the "Ergonomics Tools and Checklists" link to find several workplace evaluation forms and worksheets, including some in Spanish. At other links you can find tip sheets, self-help guides, and survey forms.

#### Ergonomics (Center for Disease Control)

[www.cdc.gov/od/ohs/Ergonomics/Ergohome.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/od/ohs/Ergonomics/Ergohome.htm)

The Center for Disease Control provides basic information on ergonomics issues in the workplace. Resources include workplace-specific ergonomics information, assessment tools, and suggested methods to avoid repetitive motion injuries.

#### Ergonomics (Occupational Safety & Health Administration)

[www.osha.gov/SLTC/ergonomics/index.html](http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/ergonomics/index.html)

The U.S. government Website is the gateway to information on:

1. Industry-specific guidelines based on current incident rates and available information about effective and feasible solutions.
2. The National Advisory Committee on Ergonomics that advises the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health on ergonomic guidelines, research, and outreach and assistance.
3. Outreach and assistance to businesses, particularly small businesses, to help them proactively address ergonomic issues in the workplace.
4. The Department of Labor's enforcement plan for ergonomics focuses on industries and employers with known high injury and illness rates related to ergonomic hazards.

#### Ergoweb

[www.ergoweb.com](http://www.ergoweb.com)

This commercial site provides comprehensive information on workplace ergonomics. Topics include current news on ergonomics, recent legislation, a glossary of terms, discussion lists, case studies, and information on establishing ergonomics programs. Click on the "Resource Center" link to bypass the commercial hype and find the best of their free information.

#### Medical MultiMedia Group

[www.medicalmultimedialogroup.com/opectoc.html](http://www.medicalmultimedialogroup.com/opectoc.html)

This commercial medical site provides in-depth information on the medical/physiological aspects of various musculoskeletal disorders. For instance, click on "Cumulative Trauma Disorders" to find links to Patient Education articles with full color illustrations and information on the anatomy, causes, symptoms, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of various disorders.

#### Office Ergonomics Training

[www.office-ergo.com](http://www.office-ergo.com)

This site contains ergonomics information aimed at ergonomics committee members as well as office

workers in general. This site collects and publishes some “handouts” that have been used widely in training courses for office workers and ergonomists and health care professionals who work with office workers. Employers should click on the “Being Effective” link for strategies for developing an in-house ergonomics committee.

### **CTD Resource Network, Inc.**

[www.ctdrn.org](http://www.ctdrn.org)

The CTD Resource Network, Inc. (CTDRN) is a nonprofit organization providing educational material and charitable assistance related to the prevention and treatment of cumulative trauma disorders (also known as repetitive strain injuries). The site offers online discussion groups, such as the Ergo Forum and RSI Forum, and a free newsletter. The FAQ section offers links to articles, new products, recent news, and much more.

### **UC-Berkeley Ergonomics**

[ls.berkeley.edu/lscr/support/faq/ergo/](http://ls.berkeley.edu/lscr/support/faq/ergo/)

This university site offers basic information. The true value of this site



to the small businessperson is the list of links to products and companies that manufacture ergonomically engineered products.

### **Human Factors and Ergonomics Society**

[www.hfes.org](http://www.hfes.org)

The Society’s mission is to promote the discovery and exchange of information about the characteristics of human beings that are applicable to the design of systems and devices of all kinds. It also encourages education and training for those entering the human factors and ergonomics profession and those who conceive, test, manage, and participate in systems.

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# MPLA Featured State ARIZONA



## Greetings from Arizona--the Grand Canyon State!

I am Teri Metros, Arizona Library Association Representative to MPLA. I was born in Denver and



spent my first 30 years in Colorado. My heritage truly represents the American melting pot with Greek and Slovenian on my father's side and Dutch, French, and Norwegian on my mother's side of the family. My father's father came to the United States from Greece in the early 1900s and married a

young Slovenian woman in Chicago. As a result of his asthma, they moved to Denver and ultimately had three sons with the standard Greek names of Jim, Steve, and Pete. During the 1930s and 1940s, my Greek grandparents operated several diners in downtown Denver. In contrast, my mother grew up on a ranch in Denver's Arapahoe County located near what now is known as the University Park area. I am the product of my parents' classic WWII romance—a true product of the “baby boom.” Thanks to my dad's love of new houses, the Metros family moved 30 times in 30 years—all within the Denver metro area.

Believe it or not, one of my earliest memories was playing librarian. I remember checking out books to my little friends, complete with date due slips. Geeky, but true. After graduating from high school, I went on to Colorado Women's College in Denver which was known at the time as the “Vassar of the West” and earned a B.A. in English. I spent part of my senior year in a total French language program in Geneva, Switzerland. My original plan was to be-

come a teacher but after visiting a few classes as a student, I changed my mind. In deciding what I wanted to do with the rest of my life, memories of my childhood library play came to mind and I decided to enroll in the University of Denver's Graduate School of Librarianship. Automation was just raising its head in libraries and one of my “high-tech” projects was key punching a serials list. One of the requirements for graduating was to demonstrate one's proficiency in operating “cutting edge” equipment in the “tech-lab” including a slide projector, a filmstrip projector, and a 35mm sound film projector.

When I graduated from D.U. in 1975, the economy was in decline and it was not uncommon to bump into many of my fellow D.U. graduates at every job interview. I spent six months working in the book department of the local Denver Dry Goods department store where I earned the amazing sum of \$2.15 an hour—I received an extra nickle for having a Masters degree! Thanks to the federal CETA program, I ultimately was offered a position at the Englewood Public Library. CETA picked up half of my wages because I was “underemployed” in my department store job. My first professional position at Englewood was a great learning experience, one that added some real world experience—as opposed to the theories taught by my library school professors. I spent the entire day on the public service desk answering reference questions, selecting and cataloging materials for the adult collection, and filing cards in the card catalog.

After five years at Englewood, I took a position as Library Systems Consultant with DataPhase Systems, one of the first large library automation ven-

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## AzLA Formed to Look After General Welfare of Library Workers

The Arizona Library Association (AzLA) began in 1926 when two librarians recognized that there was a need for a strong association of librarians to improve conditions for Arizona's libraries and its librarians. The mission of the fledgling group was to "look after the general welfare of library work and workers in Arizona, to advance the education advantages of the state through libraries, and to promote general interest in library extension (traveling libraries.)" From a beginning of 23 members, AzLA has grown to approximately 1,000 strong. Since its establishment, the Association's basic mission has remained the same: to promote and improve library service and librarianship in Arizona. AzLA sponsors an annual

conference in Phoenix, as well as an annual regional forum that is held in a different location each year. The most recent regional forum was held in scenic Prescott and focused upon the USA Patriot Act and its impact upon libraries.

The past few years have been a time of great change and challenge for the AzLA. The organization is now in its third year of implementing a new organizational structure designed to both streamline AzLA and make it more efficient and responsive to the rapidly changing developments in the field. Rather than segmenting members into groups by type of library or one's

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## Facts about Arizona

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- ✧ The Territory of Arizona was created by the U. S. Congress in 1863. Arizona became the 48<sup>th</sup> state on Feb. 14, 1912.
- ✧ The capital city of Phoenix, is the sixth largest city in the United States, with an estimated population of 1.3 million. The Phoenix metropolitan area has a population of 3.1 million and covers 2,000 square miles.
- ✧ Arizona's population is 5,130,045. The population of the state grew by an amazing 40% in the ten years from 1990 to 2000. 85% of the population live in the south-central portion of the state.
- ✧ Arizona is home to 252,000 Native Americans from 21 different tribes. More than 27% of the state's total land area is devoted to Native American reservations, almost 20,000,000 acres.
- ✧ The traditional five C's of Arizona's economy were copper, cattle, cotton, citrus, and climate. According to the *Arizona Republic*, the new five C's could be "computer chips, cowboy art, car lots, condos, and Colangelo" (the primary owner of the Phoenix Suns and Arizona Diamondbacks sports teams).
- ✧ Arizona has 22 national parks, monuments, and wildlife preserves, in addition to the Grand Canyon National Park.
- ✧ Notable Arizonans include labor leader Cesar Chavez, United States Senator and Presidential Candidate Barry Goldwater, Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, movie legend Steven Spielberg, singer Linda Rondstadt, Wonder Woman Lynda Carter, and jazz musician and composer Charles Mingus.
- ✧ Since elevations in Arizona range from 70 feet on the Colorado River to 12,633 feet on Humphreys Peak, it is possible, on any given day, for the coldest or hottest temperature in the United States to be recorded in Arizona. The coldest recorded temperature in Arizona was -40 degrees recorded at Hawley Lake on January 7, 1971. The hottest recorded temperature in Arizona was 128 degrees recorded in Lake Havasu City on June 29, 1994.
- ✧ Arizona has three state supported universities: the University of Arizona in Tucson; Northern Arizona University in Tucson, and Arizona State University in Tempe. ASU is the third largest public university in the country with 49,700 students.

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dors, and moved to Kansas City. The good news was that I learned a great deal about library automation; the bad news was that I learned a great deal, much of it bad, about library automation vendors. At DataPhase, I was responsible for assisting new customers with system implementation and training. In most instances, I was the one to break the news to the customer that most of what the salesman had told them was not true. Although it was a very difficult job, it definitely built character. The best part of the job was visiting libraries all over the country and meeting many great librarians who were pioneers in the world of library automation. During my time at DataPhase, I worked with libraries in the mid-West and the South. For a brief time, I worked out of their Virginia office and worked with libraries on the East coast.

After sticking it out for a year, I finally returned to Denver and found employment at the Westminster Public Library—and later returned to the Englewood Public Library. One of my great friends at DataPhase told me about a job at his library in Tempe, AZ. I interviewed for the job and was hired as Public Services Coordinator at the Tempe Public Library in 1984. The director was Will Manley who turned out to be a great role model and mentor for me. Under his leadership, the Tempe Public Library became a true success story. Will's focus on building a strong collection and providing quality children's library services had turned the library from a quiet, unused facility to a very busy and popular spot in the community. The library outgrew its space and the voters passed a bond to build a new library. I was responsible for coordinating the move into the new building which opened in 1989. This was a great learning experience-but one that I only hope to do once in my career. Will was promoted to the position of Community Services Director, which ultimately paved the way for me to become Director in 1990. Tempe is a great place to be a librarian. The citizens are great library users and the presence of Arizona State University brings a wonderful cultural mix to the community.

In 1996, I was fortunate to be accepted as a team

member in the local Rotary club's group study exchange program to Great Britain. The exchange program allowed me to spend four weeks staying with British Rotarians in southern England, Jersey, and Guernsey. In exchange for this wonderful experience, our team visited many Rotary clubs and spoke about our home state of Arizona. In addition to my wonderful host families, the best part of the program was having the opportunity to visit British libraries ranging from one room rural facilities to major research institutions.

During the 1990s, I became active in the Arizona Library Association and was elected Public Library Division President in 1997 and President of the Association in 2001. During my year as AzLA President, I had the chance to become more familiar with MPLA as we worked together to plan the joint conference that was held in Phoenix in 2001. After completing my term as Past-President, I ran for the office of MPLA president and was elected in 2002. This is my first year as the MPLA Representative and I look forward to representing my state and working with my colleagues in the MPLA region.

## AzLA Formed...

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position within a library, it was felt that the organizational structure should be changed so that it would facilitate and encourage interaction between members, regardless of geographic location, type of library, or one's position within a library. In addition, the unwieldy structure of AzLA with its 32 elected positions, four divisions, and eleven roundtables made it increasingly difficult to find members willing to run for elective office. Under its previous structure, AzLA had 32 elected officers, four divisions, 11 roundtables; and 13 standing committees. The new AzLA has nine elected officers including the President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, ALA Councilor, MPLA Representative, and three Regional Representatives. The Regional Representatives replaced the Members-at-Large. All other AzLA offices are now filled by appointment by the Elections/Appointments Committee. These include

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## Providing Public Access, Fostering Historical Research

### The Mission of the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records

The mission of the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records (ASLPR) is to serve the Arizona Legislature and Arizonans, providing public access to public information, fostering historical/cultural collaborative research, information projects, and ensuring that Arizona's history is documented and preserved. It accomplishes this mission through the services provided at its seven divisions: History and Archives, Braille and Talking Book Library, Library Development Division, Museum, Records Management, Research Library, and State Law Library.

Through its Library Development Division, the Arizona State Library takes a leadership role in coordinating statewide planning and development of library services. A staff of professional library consultants works closely with public libraries to help define and meet the wide variety of information needs that exist in the state. The Library Development Division administered over \$2 million dollars in state and federal grants to Arizona libraries.

The Museum Division operates the Arizona Capitol Museum located in the restored 1898 Capitol building. The Records Management Division is responsible for establishing standards, procedures, and techniques for effective management of the public records of Arizona state and local government. The Records Management Division operates from a state-of-the-art records center capable of housing over 190,000 cubic feet of state agency records.

The Law and Research Library Division serves the informational needs of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of state government in addition to the general public. The Law and Research Library also provides important and essential resource sharing services to Arizona libraries through the Arizona Network (AZNET).

The State Archives Division is responsible for the acquisition, organization, and preservation of Arizona's public records. It provides leadership and

assistance to organizations and individuals responsible for historical records. The Archives promotes historical research and encourages the study of Arizona history. Holdings date from 1864 to the present.

An important service to Arizona's visually impaired and physically disabled community is the Braille and Talking Book Library. This agency serves more than 55,000 people each year.

Arizona's dynamic State Librarian, GladysAnn Wells, injected a new spirit of enthusiasm and accomplishment in the Arizona State Library when she assumed the position in 1997. Ms. Wells received her M.L.S. at the State University of New York at Albany and began her state library career in New York in 1972, while still in library school. She began her career as a legislative session research aide and went on to serve as a Legislative Reference Librarian and Senate Librarian at the New York State Library. Since coming to Arizona, she has promoted statewide collaboration among those individuals in the state responsible for preserving Arizona's cultural heritage. The annual Convocation has been very effective in building bridges between librarians, archivists, museum professionals, genealogists, and others who play a role in preserving the states' rich heritage. The Convocations enable these individuals to share information about their collections and programs, to discover opportunities for collaboration and resource sharing, and to promote public access to the books, records, and objects of Arizona's past.

GladysAnn has an impressive range of accomplishments outside of the library world as well. She has raced sports cars on nationally recognized tracks and in regional competitions. She is also an accomplished horsewoman and holds an Advanced Instructor's Certificate for Horsemanship and has completed through the second level of dressage. Her other interests include cross-country skiing, hiking, and snow-showing. Both professionally and personally, GladysAnn is a true Renaissance woman.

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the four divisions representing types of libraries and seven interest groups. The seven interest groups replaced the roundtables. The number of standing committees was reduced to nine. Committee chairs continue to be appointed by the AzLA President, with the approval of the Executive Board.



## AROUND THE MPLA REGION

### ARIZONA

*Published author attends SLA --* Patricia Watkins, Business Information Services Librarian at Thunderbird Graduate School's International Business Information Centre attended the Special Libraries Association (SLA) Conference in New York City, June 8-12, 2003. Also, Patricia's article entitled, "Learning to Lead: Adventures at the 2002 MPLA Leadership Institute" was published in the April 2003 edition of *AZLA Newsletter*.

*White Mountain Storytelling Festival 2003 --* The second White Mountain Storytelling Festival is scheduled for Labor Day weekend in Show Low, AZ. Join us for storytelling workshops and performances, along with food, music, and other entertainment.

Details as to location and schedule are still being worked out. For more information, contact Phil Heikkinen, Show Low Public Library Director, at (928) 532-4073 or [pheikkinen@ci.show-low.az.us](mailto:pheikkinen@ci.show-low.az.us), or look for updates on the Library Website at <http://ci.show-low.az.us/departments/library/>.

*Library Director Agnes Griffen To Retire --* Agnes Griffen, director of the Tucson-Pima Public Library since 1997, has announced her retirement effective June 30, 2003. City Manager James Keene announced that Deputy Library Director Betsy Stunz-Hall will serve as Acting Director upon Ms. Griffen's departure.

"Agnes has made many positive changes in our library system, speaking strongly and persuasively for

increased book budgets during her tenure," Keene said. "She has long been recognized as a leader on the national library scene. She has championed the status of women and cultural diversity in the library profession, and has been a strong advocate for intellectual freedom. The community and the city organization owe many thanks to Agnes for her good service."

Ms. Griffen's government service spanned 38 years, including six years as Deputy Director of the Tucson Public Library beginning in 1974. She left Tucson in 1980 to become the Director of the Department of Public Libraries for Montgomery County in Rockville, Md., and returned in 1997 to take the post as director of the city-county library system.

*University of Arizona Library School survives --* Libraries and librarians throughout the state breathed a collective sigh of relief upon learning that the University of Arizona School of Information Resources and Library Science (SIRLS) had been taken off the University's "program elimination list." On the SIRLS Website, Director Brooke Sheldon stated "I am elated to report that the School of Information Resources and Library Science (SIRLS) has been removed from the "proposed elimination list." As you know, SIRLS was one of 16 programs in the University proposed for elimination in the wake of major budget cuts last January. SIRLS prepared a comprehensive business plan that describes the means for SIRLS to achieve a measure of self-sufficiency. That plan, together with sustained and vocal support from alumni, employers, students, colleagues and organizations around the country led the President and Provost to remove SIRLS from the elimination list.

State Librarian GladysAnn Wells played an important role in the campaign to save the school. With the agreement of other librarians from around the state, the State Library committed \$50,000 each year for SIRLS's Knowledge River program, which focuses on the needs of minority groups. She has also pledged money to hire an assistant professor for two years.





# Welcome to MPLA

## New Members

### **COLORADO**

Rebecca Atkinson  
Lamar Public Library

Jenna Obee  
Jefferson County Public Library

### **KANSAS**

Patty Collins  
Dorothy Bramlage Public Library

Gloria Creed-Dikeogu  
Ottawa University

Celia Davis  
Ottawa University

Jeff Dawson  
Topeka & Shawnee County  
Public Library

Jan Lee  
Sterling College

Tammy Popejoy  
American Institute of Baking

Warren Tacha  
Northwest Kansas Library System

### **MONTANA**

Norma Glock  
Columbus School District #6

Linda Gardner  
Alberton School District

Donna McCrea  
University of Montana

Samantha Pierson  
Lincoln County Libraries

### **NEVADA**

Debbie McGuire  
Las Vegas-Clark County  
Library District

Felton Thomas  
West Las Vegas Library

### **NEW MEXICO**

Teresa Naranjo  
Santa Clara Pueblo  
Community Library

### **OKLAHOMA**

Janet Ahrberg  
Oklahoma State University

George Alsbach  
Southwestern Oklahoma State  
University

Charlotte Frazier  
Tulsa City County Library

Jennifer Greenstreet  
Ada Public Library

Yvonne Hinchee  
Shawnee Public Library

Nancy Journey  
G. Lamar Harrison Library

Elizabeth Neff  
Buckley Public Library

Elizabeth Romero  
Pioneer Library System

C. Evelyn Schmidt  
Oklahoma Panhandle  
State University

Karla Shaffer  
Ponca City Library

Jenny Foster Stenis  
Moore Public Library

### **UTAH**

John Bramble  
Eccles Health Sciences Library

Wendy Holliday  
Utah State University

### **WYOMING**

Juli Farr  
Sweetwater County Library System

Sara Housley  
Yellowstone Park Service

Kate Mutch  
Natrona County Public Library

Susan Stanton  
Natrona County Public Library

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*Arizona Young Readers' Awards Announced* -- The Arizona Young Readers Award Committee recently announced their 2003 winners. They are: Picture book: *The Water Hole* by Graeme Base; Intermediate book: *Babe & Me* by Dan Gutman; and Teen book: *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli. The winning authors will be invited to the 2003 AzLA Conference in December to receive their awards at the authors luncheon.



## **COLORADO**

*Reference Staff of the Digital Beyond* -- Beth Avery, Director of Library Services at Western State College in Gunnison, CO recently had a paper published. Entitled "Reference Staff of the Digital Beyond," the paper appears in *Expectations of Librarians in the 21st Century* by Karl Bridges. Greenwood Press, 2003.

*Library budgets slashed* -- Libraries across the state are reacting to the extensive cuts in state funds for libraries, particularly the latest cut, the proposed elimination of the Regional Library Service Systems. Since June 2002, state funding for libraries has been cut by 86%, a total of \$7.3 million dollars. This will result in a reduction of approximately 75% of federal funds or \$1.8 million.

Colorado Association of Libraries President, Donna Jones Morris said, "The most recent cut of \$2.3 million to the Regional Library Service Systems will have a devastating impact on local libraries." Jones-Morris went on to say, "The cooperative purchasing discounts that the systems negotiate for all Colorado libraries save Colorado libraries millions of dollars statewide." Regional Library Service Systems operate the statewide courier service that delivers 3.3 million items annually among libraries, including the popular interlibrary loan program. A recent study by the Colorado State Library showed that the cost to local libraries statewide to pay the U.S. Postal Service to ship these materials would cost over \$1 million dollars.

For information on Colorado's libraries and the impact of budget cuts, contact the Colorado Association of Libraries, (303) 463-6400; <http://www.cal-webs.org>

*Mesa County Literacy Student Recipient of ALA National Award* -- Elisa Murillo, Mesa County Public Library District (MCPLD) patron, volunteer, and literacy program participant, has been named as recipient of the American Library Association 2003 Paul Howard Award for Courage. Every two years, from candidates nominated by all libraries throughout the United States, one person is chosen to receive this award honoring an individual who has exhibited unusual courage for the benefit of library programs or services.

An immigrant from Mexico, Elisa enrolled in the Adult Reading Program (ARP) of MCPLD to learn to read and write English. Elisa recognized the importance of learning to read so she could help her children prepare for future success in school. Her goals were to become a U.S. citizen and to get find employment. Elisa has now met her goals—she passed her citizenship test, found a job, and has been proudly sworn in as a United States citizen. Elisa continues to study in ARP and her whole family participates in the Children and Adults Together intergenerational literacy program, where the family learns and practices building reading foundations together.

## **KANSAS**

*Bailiff named Interim Dean* -- Emporia State University announces the appointment of Dr. Diane Bailiff as the Interim Dean of the School of Library and Information Management. Dr. Bailiff holds a doctorate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in Higher Education Administration and for the past four years has served as the Vice-President for Student Affairs at Emporia State University. Dr. Bailiff announced her retirement last October, but she agreed to put her plans on hold temporarily at the request of ESU Vice-President of Academic Affairs, Dr. John Schwenn.

Dr. Bailiff had considered her four years at Emporia State as the capstone experience of her career and was just one day from a retirement party for which her three children had come to Emporia to share when the call came to consider the position at SLIM.

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Dr. Bailiff was the 2003 recipient of the John R. Emens National Award for Support of a Free Student Press for her handling of a reactionary situation regarding the editorial philosophy of the ESU student paper. She was recognized for showing that ESU is a place where students can express themselves in an environment that allows for disagreement in a rational and respectful manner.

Dr. Bailiff looks forward to meeting the students and alumni of the school as well as the many different constituencies served by SLIM educational programs. Towards that end, SLIM will host receptions at the Mountain Plains Library Association annual meeting in November, the national meeting of the American Association of School Librarians in October, and various state meetings of library and school library associations.

*WSU librarian honored* -- The Government Documents Round Table (GODORT) of the American Library Association has selected Nan Myers, Wichita State University Associate Professor and Government Documents Librarian, as the recipient of the 2003 CIS/GODORT/ALA Documents to the People Award. The award is one of the highest bestowed by the Government Documents Round Table and is presented annually by LexisNexis to the individual or organization that most effectively encouraged the use of documents in library

service. The award includes a cash stipend to support a government documents project.

The award was made to Nan in recognition of her contribution to the depository library community through the development and operation of the Documents Data Mine (DDM) and Documents Data Miner 2(DDM2) databases. The letter of award states: "These tools have paid dividends in the form of greatly improved control of depository titles, countless hours of staff processing time saved, and improved collection development capabilities at institutions throughout the nation."

In addition to the Documents to the People Award, Nan has been awarded a Wichita State University Research/Creative Projects Award in the amount of \$2,571 to be used in the next year. The title of her grant proposal is "An Examination of Precision and Recall in Four Databases Dedicated to Retrieval of Federal Government Information."

*Russian librarians visited Johnson County Library* -- A delegation of Russian librarians visited the Johnson County Library May 14-21, on the U.S. Congress-sponsored Open World Program. Managed by the Center for Russian Leadership Development, an independent agency located at the Library of Congress, Open World brings young Russian political and civic leaders to communities across the

United States for in-depth exposure to American democratic and economic institutions.

The five-person Russian delegation visiting Johnson County Library and the metro area included the deputy director of the Smolensk Region Library, the director of the Ulyanovsk Region Children's Library, the director of the Komi Region National Library, the deputy director of the Udmurtiya Republic National Library, and the director of the Volgograd (formerly Stalingrad) Region Library, who served as one of the delegation's interpreters.

While visiting Johnson County Library, the delegation participated in a variety of tours and activities.

## **MONTANA**



*Library makes way for ducklings* -- A brood of ducklings have hatched in the plaza of the Great Falls, MT Public Library and the library's director named one of them after Melville Dewey, founder of the Dewey decimal system.

The director, Jim Heckel, was adamant that none of the other seven ducklings be named Huey or Louie, after the famous Disney cartoon duck family. "There is no Melville Huey," he said. Instead, he suggested that they be numbered--598.41, 598.42, 598.43 and so on--after the location in the library where duck books are found.

Members of the Great Falls Flower Growers found the well-hidden nest a couple of weeks ago while pruning the library's greenery. The mother duck could occasionally be seen swimming in the plaza's fountain in the evenings.

*Montana award winners* -- The following individuals were honored with awards at the Montana Library Association annual conference in Butte April 23-26, 2003. Special Friend to Libraries Award-Laura Newman, Butte-Silver Bow Public Library, Butte; Pat Williams Intellectual Freedom Award-Suzanne Goodman, Livingston High School, Livingston; Media Award-Marcia Dunn, Montana Public Radio, KUFM, Missoula; Library of the Year Award-Montana State University-Bozeman Libraries, Bozeman; Honorary Life Membership Award-Dennis Richards, University of Montana, Missoula; and the Sheila Cates Award for Librarian of the Year- Al Randall, Lincoln County Public Libraries, Libby.

## **NEBRASKA**

*Attention Conference Goers* -- You will want to grab your calendars and mark the following dates. The Nebraska Library Association and the Nebraska Educational Media Association invite you to join us for "Many Faces, One Voice...Enriching Our Profession," Oct. 29-31, 2003, at the joint NLA/NEMA 2003 conference to be held at the Holiday Inn Convention Centre in Omaha, NE. Visit the conference Website

at <http://www.papillion.ne.us/~NLA2003/> for a tentative schedule, exhibitors, and convention coordinator information.

*Cherie Longmuir Appointed Panhandle Library Services Coordinator* -- Cherie Longmuir has been appointed Panhandle Library Services Coordinator, through a partnership between the Panhandle Library System Board and the Nebraska Library Commission. Cherie served as Book Circulation Coordinator in the Commission's Talking Book and Braille Service. Her work experience includes five years as a teacher, 18 years as a school librarian, two years as an information specialist, and five years as a curriculum specialist. She has a Bachelor's degree in Education and a Master's degree in Library Media, with postgraduate work in educational methods.

*Nebraska Public Libraries Encouraged to Explore Motion Picture Licensing* -- As of July 1, 2003, Nebraska public libraries will be required to purchase a license for public viewing of motion pictures. With this license, motion pictures may be shown as part of various library services and programming.

Previously, the Nebraska Library Commission purchased this license for all Nebraska public libraries at no charge to the libraries. Due to budget cuts, as of July 1, 2003 the Nebraska Library Commission will not renew the Motion Picture Licensing Corporation umbrella license.

*Outcome-Based Evaluation Training Scheduled for Sept. 30-Oct. 1* -- The Nebraska Library Commission will host a two-day workshop on the techniques of outcome-based evaluation on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, 2003. The training sessions will be held at the Library Commission and will be conducted by representatives of the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The goal of the workshop is to develop knowledge and skills in outcome-based evaluation.

Fifteen participants from Nebraska public libraries will be included in the training. The workshop is open to employees of any public library in Nebraska. Participants will be asked to implement the skills learned in the workshop to evaluate a program using outcome-based techniques and to submit a report describing how the outcomes were defined and measured.

## **NEVADA**

*New Library opens in Washoe County* -- The new South Valleys Branch, located in South Valleys Regional Park opened May 13, 2003. The 18,000 square foot building is funded at \$3.7 million as part of the November 2000 bond issue. The building features express check-out units, a self-sorting check-in station, smart cards for



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public printers, the Redfield Young People's Library for children, gallery, coffee plaza, business conference area with a specialized business collection, sports center with specialized sports collection, multimedia area, community rooms, teen center, and drive-through windows for checking out or returning materials.

Washoe County commissioners approved a staffing plan recently that relies on high school and college students working as library aides to open the South Valleys' branch. The move comes as a result of countywide budget cuts. Five library aides each would work 16 hours a week, said Nancy Cummings, Washoe County Library Director. The five positions would replace 2.8 full-time equivalent positions. The branch would have four fewer employees because of budget cuts. But the new library to open at the Lazy 5 Regional Park in Spanish Springs is not so lucky. Cummings said that branch opening in May 2004 would be delayed until late summer to allow for another fiscal year.

The library department is cutting its budget by 7 percent for the fiscal year that starts July 1. It has 15 vacancies among 146 positions. Vacancies are being frozen for nine months and library workers are cutting their hours equivalent to seven full-time positions.

*See the Jewel of the Sierra* -- Lake Tahoe has been called the Jewel of the Sierra and for hundreds of

years it has been a source of beauty and inspiration. The Images of Lake Tahoe collection represents only a small portion of the photographic



images of Lake Tahoe in the Special Collections Department of the University of Nevada Reno Library. Images were chosen that would represent a wide range of topics, activities, geographical regions, and time periods. You can now view this collection online at <http://www.library.unr.edu/specoll/photoweb/tahoe/>.

### **NEW MEXICO**

*Author and presenter* -- MPLA member, retired school librarian, book reviewer, editorial consultant, and writer, Sherry York, presented a program, "Outstanding Books for Young Readers by Native Americans," at the New Mexico Library Association annual conference in Albuquerque recently. Theme of the conference was "The Future Is Now!" In her presentation York booktalked 27 books by American Indian authors. Anyone who would like to request an e-copy of the conference handbook may e-mail Sherry at [sherry@zianet.com](mailto:sherry@zianet.com).

York's third book from Linworth Publications is *Children's and Young Adult Literature by Native Americans: A Concept Guide for Librarians, Teachers, Parents, and Students*. The book may be purchased

from the Linworth Website <http://www.linworth.com> or from [Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

Sherry and her husband Donnie, also a retired school librarian, divide their time between Ruidoso, New Mexico and San Angelo, Texas. She is also the author of two previous books: *Picture Books by Latino Writers* and *Children's and Young Adult Literature by Latino Writers*. Both are guides for librarians, teachers, parents, and students.

### **NORTH DAKOTA**

*N.D. student wins national essay contest* -- Student writers from across North Dakota were recently honored at an awards ceremony for their efforts in the 2003 Letters About Literature Essay Contest. Nearly 500 students from across the state took part in this year's event co-sponsored by the North Dakota State Library, North Dakota Center for the Book, and the Weekly Reader Corporation.

First place student writers from three grade levels received a \$100 savings bond and plaque commemorating their achievement. Many other students received honorable mentions for their essays.

Fargo North Junior Abby Swegarden's essay won national honors in the 2003 Letters About Literature Level III essay competition for her letter to late poet and novelist Sylvia Plath. This is the first year that a student from North Dakota has

taken national honors. Swegarden will receive a \$500 cash award from the Weekly Reader Corporation for her winning entry.

June 2003 marked the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the North Dakota Joint Regional Depository -- The North Dakota State University Library and the Chester Fritz Library at the University of North Dakota together constitute a Regional Depository. This means that every publication distributed to depository libraries by the Government Printing Office Federal Depository Library Program is received and retained by at least one of the two libraries.

A press release dated July 23, 1968 stated: "The libraries of the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, and North Dakota State University, Fargo, have received jointly a unique designation as a Regional Depository Library for federal government documents. So far as is known, this is the first time anywhere that a joint Regional Depository has been arranged."

In addition to the Joint Regional Depository, seven partial depositories

are located in North Dakota.

## OKLAHOMA

*University of Oklahoma Outstanding Alumnus Award* -- Donna Morris was chosen as the recipient of the University of Oklahoma School of Library and Information Studies 2003 Outstanding Alumnus Award. The award was presented March 27, 2003 at the alumni reception, held during the Oklahoma Library Association annual conference.

Morris graduated from SLIS in 1977 and has worked in the Metropolitan Library System for over 30 years. During her 30 years as a library professional, she has served as a children's librarian, reference librarian, library manager, and deputy director. She was appointed Executive Director of the Metropolitan Library System in November 2002. Morris also has been very active in OLA, serving on and chairing several committees, as well as serving as OLA President.

Morris is known as an advocate for libraries and the library profession, both locally and nationally. According to Danny Wallace, Director of the University of Oklahoma School of Library and Information Studies, "In an era in which leadership programs have become common in all sectors of the economy, it is important to provide recognition to individuals whose leadership has its origins in talent, initiative, and hard work rather than formal study of leadership. Donna Mor-

ris is a true model for the leadership characteristics recognized in the OU SLIS Alum of the Year Award, which is awarded to an individual who has made an effective and innovative contribution to the library profession. Her career spans the range of library employment experiences from clerk in a public library branch to director of a major public library system. She joins a distinguished list of Alums of the Year, all of whom are, like Donna Morris, noteworthy library leaders. Although the award is conferred in conjunction with a single year, the contributions of librarians like Donna Morris are long-standing and enduring and will benefit libraries and the communities they serve far into the future."

## UTAH

*New Utah representative to MPLA* - Peter L. Kraus, Federal Documents Librarian at the J. Willard Marriot Library, is the new Utah representative for MPLA.

*New library at Utah State* -- Utah State University in Logan hosted ground breaking ceremonies May 1 for a new library building to be connected to the existing Cazier Science and Technology Library built just a few years ago. At that time the library collection was split between the old Merrill Library, built in the 1930s, and the Cazier Library. The Merrill Library will be razed upon completion of the new building, scheduled for 2005. The Utah legislature approved a \$40 million bond for the construction. The combined space of the two



North Dakota State University  
University of North Dakota

collections into one building will cover 300,000 square feet.

## WYOMING

*Barbour appointed to state library board* -- In March Governor Dave Freudenthal named, and the state senate confirmed, three new members to the Wyoming State Library Board, including Teton County Library facilities manager Dail Barbour. Barbour will represent District 3, which includes libraries in Lincoln, Sublette, Uinta and Teton Counties.

Barbour has also served as a County Commissioner, County Planning Commissioner, and on the boards of the Teton County Task Force on Family Violence and Sexual Assault and the Housing Authority. At the Teton County Library, she has been the facilities manager for 7 1/2 years, as well as working as a volunteer coordinator, project manager and office manager.

Barbour will serve a three-year term, which expires in 2006. The other new appointees are De-Dee Roberts from Sheridan County and John Jorgenson from Natrona County.

*What's shakin' at Washakie County* -- Dolores Koch was named new director at the Washakie County Library in March 2003. The Volunteer of the year (as named by Worland Chamber of Commerce on May 1, 2003) for Worland Wyoming is Mary Alice Hinkel. Mary Alice is a past library board member, present Library Foundation member and a big volunteer at the Worland library (Washakie County Library).

*Park County Library has own authors* -- Two of the staff at the Park County Library, Cody, WY, have books that have been published. Cheryl Wright, the Administrative Assistant and a Master Gardener, came out in March with *High Country Herbs, High Altitude Growing, Gifting and Cooking with Herbs*. Wright shares her expertise in this down-to-earth reference for the cultivation, preservation, and use of 24 culinary herbs suited to high altitude gardens. The book was published by Pronghorn Press. Autographed

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## UPCOMING EVENTS-2003

Sept. 24-27	<b>North Dakota</b> Library Association Conference, Bismarck
Oct. 1-4	<b>Wyoming</b> Library Association Conference, Sheridan
Oct. 15-17	<b>South Dakota</b> Library Association Conference, Sioux Falls
Oct. 16-19	Second Annual <b>Colorado</b> Association of Libraries Conference, Keystone
Oct. 29-31	<b>Nebraska</b> Library Association/NEMA Conference, Omaha
Nov. 5-8	<b>MPLA/Nevada</b> Library Association Conference, Lake Tahoe, NV

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## UPCOMING MPLA CONFERENCES

<b>2003:</b> Nov. 5-8	North Lake Tahoe (joint with Nevada Library Association)
<b>2004:</b> Oct.	TBA (joint with Colorado Library Association)
<b>2005:</b>	TBA (joint with Wyoming Library Association)
<b>2006:</b>	No joint conference--transition year
<b>2007:</b>	TBA (joint with New Mexico Library Association)

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copies are available from the author. [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) and Ingram also carry this title.

Karen Mockler, Cataloging Assistant, published her first novel, *After Moses*, in June. *After Moses* tells the story of the eccentric Tumarkin family, who must first suffer the loss of its reckless daughter Shoe and then of Moses, Shoe's five-year-old son. *After Moses* is testament to the fact that love leaves a legacy—and often surprises, too. It is being published by MacAdam/Cage Publishing and will be available from Ingram and [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com).

Another literary talent on staff is Janet Meury, the Powell Branch Librarian, who received an honorable mention from the Wyoming Council on the Arts Fellowship Awards. Janet also has poems published in *Hard Ground III* and *Dense Growth*, two more publications of Pronghorn Press.

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