

MPLA Newsletter

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MPLA Leadership Institute — Congratulations, Class of 2014!

Arizona: Ann Leonard, Erin MacFarlane, Dale Savage, Deborah Chavez; Colorado: Annie Epperson, Laura Ruttum Senturia, Nicanor Diaz, Stephen Sweeney; Kansas: Maribeth Shafer, Jennifer Schroeder, Jon Giullian; Montana: Lauren McMullen; North Dakota: Janet Anderson; Nebraska: Tina Walker, Jake Rundle, Holli Duggen, Jayne Germer; Nevada: Ann-Marie White, Sena Loyd; New Mexico: Cristin Haake; Oklahoma: Tim Miller; South Dakota: Brenda Hemmelman, Mary Francis, Melissa Clark; Utah: Elizabeth Smart, Jenny St. Clair, Lyndi Hatch, Liz Woolcott; Wyoming: Darcy Acord, Cheryl Goldenstein.

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From Aubrey Madler, 2014 MPLA Leadership Institute Coordinator:

The 2014 MPLA Leadership Institute took place at the YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park Center, April 27- May 2. Many thanks go to Adriane Juarez and Anali Perry, co-chairs of the LI Committee; Judy Zelenski, MPLA Executive Secretary; Maureen Sullivan, Facilitator; and Mentors - Dana Braccia, Dan Chaney, Eric Norris, and Holly Phillips. Your hard work and dedication ensure the Institute's continued success.

Sincere appreciation also goes to the sponsors without whom the Institute would not have been possible: Mountain Plains Library Association, OverDrive, Innovative Interfaces, Inc., Utah Valley University, WT Cox Information Services, Southern Utah University, Weber State University, EBSCO; Dixie State University, Brigham Young University, and Friends of the Leadership Institute

See photos of all things depicting this year's Institute at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/mplalibraries/sets/72157644032015577/>

MPLA/AzLA Joint Conference Update

From Dan Stanton, President, AzLA

Things are coming together nicely for the MPLA/AzLA Joint Conference to be held Wednesday, November 12 through Friday, November 14, 2014, at the Fort McDowell Resort located in the beautiful Sonoran Desert just outside of Phoenix! As this goes to press, we've received over 130 proposals for programs and pre-conferences, with proposals for posters, panels, and blitz sessions still coming in! What's cool is you have had the opportunity to be part of the selection process, helping guide the Program Committee to narrow the potential programs down to a nice mix which we hope will offer something for everyone.

While many of the details are yet to come, here's some of the highlights so far:

Wednesday

- o Preconference day (choice of Full or Half-Day)
- o Evening Welcome Networking Reception
- o Arizona Storyteller and Editor of True West Magazine, Bob Boze Bell

Thursday

- o Keynote Speaker, Lee Rainie, Director of the Pew Research Center's Internet & American Life Project.
- o Programs, Posters, and a Résumé Clinic
- o One Conference - One Book Author Lunch Event - (Book and Author will be announced in the next AzLA Newsletter!)
- o AzLA Division and Interest Group Meetings/Programs - Everyone invited!
- o University of Arizona SIRLS All Conference Reception
- o MPLA Hot Tub Round Table!

Friday

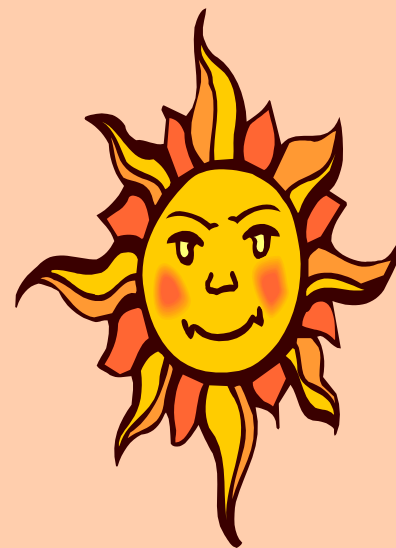
- o Keynote Speaker, award winning author, Connie Willis
- o Programs, Posters, and a Résumé Clinic
- o AzLA and MPLA Service and Author Awards Lunch Event
- o Closing Speaker, MPLA Member Maggie Farrell, Dean of Libraries, University of Wyoming, speaking on the importance of professional involvement and contribution at any and all levels.

Full Conference Registration (Member early bird rate ~ \$175) will include:

- your choice of 1 Half-day Preconference or half-off 1 Full day Preconference on Wednesday
 - the Wednesday Welcome Networking Reception
 - the Thursday and Friday Lunch events and meals
 - the Thursday SIRLS All Conference Reception

One-day Registrations will include the Lunch event and Reception for that day. See <http://www.azla.org/?page=2014AzLAMPLA>.

As you think about the programs, keep the time and place in mind. We've secured special rates of \$119 per night, and the resort will honor these rates 3 days on either side of the conference (Tuesday is Veterans Day), so we invite you to make the most of your visit! And for most of you MPLA colleagues, mid-November at Fort McDowell is quite different than mid-November at home. You don't have to shovel sunshine!



AROUND THE REGION

Briefs from MPLA's 12 States

ARIZONA

The Scottsdale Public Library opened the Eureka Loft, a collaborative meeting and workspace, the in the Alexandria Network, a new ASU initiative that brings together inventors, problem-solvers, entrepreneurs and small businesses in collaboration spaces in community libraries across Arizona. Michael Beck, Adult Services Coordinator says, "Since our partnership with ASU, Economic Development and the Scottsdale Public Library; we have seen six new businesses formed; seen 7,204 visitors, had 2,444 Program attendees and over 160 mentoring appointments through SCORE and the Arizona Commerce Authority.

See www.scottsdalelibrary.org/eureka

Dale Savage, Continuing Education Consultant at the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records, is Arizona's new Representative to the MPLA board. He replaces Dan Stanton who previously served in that position.

Seed Librarian Justine Hernandez was named a 2014 Mover & Shaker by Library Journal Magazine <http://www.library.pima.gov/about/news/newsreleases/2014-03-12_seed-librarian-justine-hernandez-named-a-2014-mover-and-shaker-by-library-journal-magazine.pdf

High School Artists were showcased at Pima County Public Library's Joel D. Valdez Main Library in March. See: http://www.library.pima.gov/about/news/newsreleases/2014-03-07_high-school-artists-showcased-at-main-library-through-march.pdf.

COLORADO

The Colorado State Library recently announced the launch of <http://squarestatecollaborate.com>, a free online tool to help Colorado-based community organizations and all types of libraries connect to form mutually-beneficial collaborations. Denver 7 news likened it to Match.com for libraries.

Colorado Association of Libraries earned the 2013 ALA President's Award for Advocacy, sponsored by United for Libraries. CAL won for its

2012 campaign "Literacy Through Libraries: A Dollar Does It," a campaign to restore state funding for libraries. As a result the Joint Budget Committee approved \$2 million to fund the State Grants to Libraries Act for only the second time in 10 years.

Robert "Bob" Pasicznyuk is leaving Cedar Rapids Public Library to return to Douglas County Libraries as new Executive Director.

Pasicznyuk will be replacing Jamie LaRue who retired earlier this year to pursue a full-time speaking career.



KANSAS

MPLA member Royce Kitts will give a workshop at ALA on tips, tools, and tricks for "Creating Effective Videos and Screencasts". The workshop is presented by the Learning Roundtable of the June 27. See: <http://ala14.ala.org/ticketed-events#LRT>"

MPLA member Marquita Boehnke retired in March after 39 years of service with the Central Kansas Library System as the Youth Services Consultant. Over her career with the system, she maintained an unwavering conviction and a clear vision for fun, enriching library programming and services for children in small and rural libraries.

MONTANA

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library is scheduled to see budget cuts in August. This will impact the subscription to online journals as well as purchasing new material for the library. See article at http://www.montanakaimin.com/news/article_5aff21aa-cffc-11e3-bb2c-001a4bcf6878.html.

The Fort Shaw Elementary Library and the Simms High School Library received the 2014 Excellent Library Service Award (ELSA) from the Montana State Library (MSL) Commission. See http://www.greatfallstribune.com/article/20140421/NEWS01/304210005/Good-News-Roundup-April-21?nclink_check=1.

MPLA Professional Forum at the 2014 MPLA/AzLA Annual Conference

Calling all Library Staff!!

Quench your desire to share your innovations, experiences and ideas by writing a paper and having the opportunity to present at the AzLA/MPLA Conference in Scottsdale/Fountain Hills, Arizona, November 12-14, 2014. The Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) Professional Development Committee is announcing a call to submit papers for the MPLA Professional Forum. The Professional Forum is designed to present new ideas, innovations, and case studies in librarianship that will benefit the profession. We want to learn from you whether you work in academic, public, school or special libraries. You will gain valuable professional development skills in a welcoming setting.

Three papers will be selected for presentation at the conference. All presenters will receive a one-year MPLA membership. In addition, a cash prize of \$100.00 will be awarded to the winning paper/presentation.

The presentations will be given at the Conference at a time to be determined. Each presenter will have ten minutes to present and five minutes to field questions from the audience.

Guidelines for Papers

- Themes can include locally implemented experiences (successes or failures), theoretical models, statistical studies, or state of the art reviews.
- Current issues with proven or potential solutions
- Clearly developed positions or concepts. Generalities within librarianship should be avoided.

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NEBRASKA

The University of Nebraska - Lincoln Libraries provided a number of activities for students studying for finals. See article at http://www.dailynebraskan.com/news/unl-libraries-caps-help-students-de-stress-during-dead-week/article_89084d80-cf50-11e3-9ab8-0017a43b2370.html.

NEVADA

John Crockett is Nevada's new representative to the MPLA Board. John, a 2012 MPLA Leadership Institute participant, is Internet Librarian at the Washoe County Library System in Reno.

The Laughlin Library in Nevada presented its fifth annual Murder Mystery Play, Ted Kavich's "Murder at Goose-neck Lake" in March. According to Director and MPLA member Karen DeShazer, "The tri-state communities in Nevada, Arizona and California have been so supportive that we have presented them on two nights instead of one the last two years!" the plays are available at

www.librarymysteries.com <<http://www.librarymysteries.com>.



The Nevada Library Association will not host an annual conference this year so as to focus energy and attendance at American Library Association Annual in Las Vegas, June 26 - July 1, 2014.

NEW MEXICO

Dr. Richard Clement has been appointed the new Dean of the University of New Mexico College of University Libraries & Learning Sciences beginning July 1. Previous positions have been at the Utah State University and the University of Kansas. See <http://news.unm.edu/news/clement-appointed-dean-of-unm-college-of-university-libraries-learning-sciences>



The Institute of Museum and Library Services announced that the Octavia Fellin Public Library of Gallup is one of 10 libraries and museums to receive a National Medal for Museum and Library Service.



Octavia Fellin Library Staff

MPLA member Kathy Barco has started the next chapter of her life: READ-tirement! She began and ended her library career at Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System, serving as a Children's Librarian and most recently as Literacy Coordinator. She was also Youth Services Coordinator at the New Mexico State Library from 2001 - 2006.

Coordinated by former NLA President Robbie DeBuff, the Nevada State Library and Archives purchased access to Trustee Academy online courses provided by United for Libraries, a division of ALA. Nevada joins 5 other MPLA states participating in this program. See http://www.ala.org/united/trustees/trustee_academy.

NORTH DAKOTA

MPLA member Christine Kujawa is the new director of the Bismarck Public Library. She has been assistant library director for the past year, and has been with the library for 11 years.

Professional Forum—continued

- Research methodology is encouraged, yet not essential.

Papers will be judged by a three-person panel on:

- Significance/relevance of topic (20 points)
- Development of concept and quality of organization (20 points)
- Clarity of ideas and objectives (20 points)

Final presentations will be judged by the same three-person panel at the annual conference on:

Consistency between the paper and the presentation (10 points)

Objectives evident, with clear ideas and concepts (10 points)

Quality of organization (10 points)

Quality of presentation, use of visuals, etc. (10 points)

Submission Requirements:

Papers must be original-not published or presented elsewhere

Authors agree to make a presentation at the conference

Papers (2-6 pages in length) must be submitted electronically to Cindy Osborne:

cosborne@highplains.us
no later than August 31, 2014

For more information contact: Tom Taylor 316-558-3500, tomtaylor@andoverlibrary.org or

Cindy Osborne, 970-506-8480, cosborne@highplains.us

Marion Blumenthal Lazan, Holocaust survivor and author of "Four Perfect Pebbles" spent an evening at the Grand Forks Public Library and shared firsthand her experiences as a nine-year-old child interned with her family in the German concentration camp of Bergen-Belsen, the same camp in which Anne Frank died.

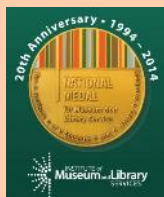
The Lakota City Library received a donation of \$2500 from a local farmer through America's Farmers Grow Communities, an organization which works directly with farmers to support non-profit organizations in the communities where they reside.

The North Dakota Community Foundation awarded a \$3000 grant to the Edy-New Rockford. The funds will be used for a meeting, reading, and quiet room renovation project.

During February, Leach Public Library patrons in Wahpeton had a chance to "Go on a Blind Date with a Book." Books selected were displayed wrapped like gifts. Participants completed a "Rate Your Date" slip for posting at the library when they returned the book.

OKLAHOMA

The Institute of Museum and Library Services announced the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History as one of 10 recipients of this year's National Medal for Museum and Library Service.



Teresa Runnels, American Indian Resource Center Coordinator at Tulsa City-County Library System, was recently named a 2014 *LIBRARY JOURNAL* Mover and Shaker. A member of the Sac and Fox Nation, Teresa is focused on the preservation of the verbal heritage of American Indians and is known for bringing five Nations together to work on the language preservation project.



McAuliffe Elementary Librarian Kirby Thomas, Union Public Schools in Tulsa,

was recently surprised with a check for \$25,000, a van, and Target gift cards for her students by celebrity Ellen DeGeneres. Kirby works for the Title 1 school as librarian and media specialist and, along with Amanda Griffin and other teachers, has started a summer reading initiative, Mobile Media. The organization provides books throughout the McAuliffe low-income neighborhoods.

SOUTH DAKOTA

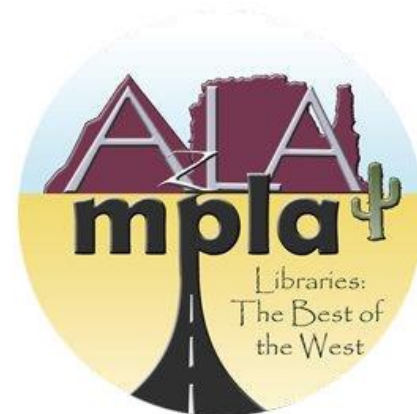
The SD State Library released three annual reports in January. The School and Public Library Data Digests are compilations of SD public and school library statistics. The SDSL annual report is a recap of annual activities. All can be accessed at <http://library.sd.gov/SDSL/publications/index.aspx>

In a joint effort with the North Dakota Humanities Council and the 125th Anniversary Committees from the states of North and South Dakota, the South Dakota Humanities Council will commemorate the entry of South and North Dakota into statehood with a special One Book collaboration. "Dakota: A Spiritual Geography" by Kathleen Norris will serve as the joint One Book for the two states in 2014

UTAH

In a recent program, ninety library "readers" could "check out" seventeen "living books" for a fifteen minute chat at the Salt Lake County Library Services Virdian Center. Each reader was able to check out up to four "books." Liesl Seborg, Senior Librarian for Adult Programming, along with nine other staff members, gathered people from different walks of life who had interesting stories to tell; for instance, an author, a mountain climber, a former polygamous wife, an Imam, a composer, and a Chinese "non-Tiger Mom". The library plans to bring the successful event back again next year.

The Uintah County Librarians first Lego Robotics Camp was so popular, librarians began a second session. The program is for teens to use the Lego Mindstorm Robotics to build and program robots to compete in competitions.



Libraries: The Best of the West

November 12 - 14, 2014

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Out here on the great frontier, what are your libraries doing not only to stay relevant, but to push the boundaries of library services? How are your libraries building strong communities? How do you balance serving your library against connecting with libraries with very different needs and populations? In the constant duel for limited resources, how do your libraries promote themselves as "the good guys"? Show off your frontier spirit by sharing the plans and strategies that have made your libraries among "The Best of the West!"

For more information and hotel registration see <http://www.azla.org/?page=2014AzLAMPLA>

Utah's MPLA Representative Ruby Cheesman, Bingham Creek Library, Salt Lake County Library Service, received a Special Recognition Award from the Utah Library Association, presented at the annual conference.



Utah librarians are encouraged to go online every Thursday to learn about a resource available through Pioneer: Utah's Online Library. Informal online trainings focus on resources available to Utah libraries and patrons. See <http://pioneer.utah.gov/>. Past sessions are available to viewing in the USU Online Learning Lab: <http://usltraining.wordpress.com/category/thursdays-with-pioneer/>.

The University of Southern Mississippi has selected MPLA member Dr. John Eye as Dean of University Libraries beginning July 1. John, a 2010 MPLA Leadership Institute participant, is currently Dean of Library Services at Southern Utah University. See full article at <https://www.usm.edu/news/article/john-eye-chosen-dean-university-libraries-southern-miss>.



WYOMING

The 2015 Joint conference with MPLA and the Wyoming Library Association will be September 23-25 at Little America, Cheyenne. The contract has been signed by WLA President and 2007 Leadership Institute participant Richard Landreth, along with Wendy Wendt for MPLA.

Wyoming First Lady Carol Mead has authored a book with illustrations by Wyoming students. *Wyoming Firsts: A Children's Book* is a whimsical trip through some of Wyoming's better known and lesser known historical moments. The First Lady focuses on children's issues including early literacy. The book will be distributed to elementary schools and libraries throughout Wyoming.

WELCOME New Members

Karen Alexander
Jay, OK

Tomi Alger
Roundup, MT

Christine Baker
Golden, CO

Cynthia Bedford
Hartshorne, OK

Nancy Bostrom
Lewistown, MT

Kelli Carney
Broken Arrow, OK

Karen A. Clark
Logan, UT

Linda Collard
Payson, UT

Charlene Crozier
Orem, UT

Carly Delsigne
Clancy, MT

Nicanor Diaz
Greeley, CO

Lois Dissly
Bozeman, MT

Ann Gentry
Frenchtown, MT

Janene Hill
Minden, NE

Nicole Huntzinger
Sentinel, OK

Denise Jamison
Layton, UT

Marcia Johnson
Miami, OK

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Madison, SD

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Melissa Smith
Tulsa, OK

John Spears
Salt Lake City, UT

Mary Jo Stanislao
Bozeman, MT

Gina Suson
Walters, OK

Kaye Vassar Geise
Simms, MT

Jamie Ward
Holliday, UT

Sarah Wegener
Midvale, UT

Catherine Welker
Salt Lake City, UT

Priscilla Wenzel
Miami, OK

Amy J. Wenzl
Papillion, NE

MPLA Awards

From Mary Ann Thompson, Chair, MPLA Awards Committee

With the arrival of spring, (earlier in some places than others) it is time to begin thinking about nominating a friend, co-worker, or favorite author for a MPLA Award! There are several award categories to choose from and making the nomination is easy online at our website. The deadline for nominations is August 1, 2014, but we are ready to accept them as soon as you can write them. The awards will be presented at the Arizona/MPLA conference in November. The Awards are:

Carl Gaumer Library Champion Award: To be given to the individual, organization or company whose positive support of the Mountain Plains Library Association is demonstrated by repeated conscientious endeavors towards libraries, library staff, trustees and professional activities.

MPLA Distinguished Service Award: To be given to an MPLA member who has made notable contributions to the library profession or has furthered significant development of libraries in the Mountain Plains region, or has performed exemplary service for an extended period of time.

MPLA Literary Contribution Award: To be given to an author whose published writings have successfully furthered an understanding and appreciation of the Mountain Plains region. The author need not reside in the region, and the selection may be based on either a single work or a body of works. Published works will be evaluated on the basis of literary worth, readability, and evidence of responsible research.

MPLA Beginning Professional Award: To recognize an MPLA member who, as a librarian/media specialist within the first five years after receiving a library/media masters degree, has made a positive impact on the quality and role of library service. Factors such as innovative programming and planning, use of resources, and special projects will be considered.

MPLA Innovator Award: To recognize an up-and-coming individual(s) or group(s) in the MPLA region for a creative, inventive, trail-blazing project that has significance to the library community.

MPLA Unsung Hero Award: To be given to any library individual(s) or group(s) in the MPLA region who have worked on a special project that has some significance to a community but which has not been eligible for a library award, or which has for other reasons specified by the nominator not been recognized to the degree that it merits, by any library organization.

For more information contact Mary Ann Thompson, awards@mpla.us. See online nomination form at <http://www.mpla.us/forms/>

CALENDAR

2014

ALA Annual Conference
June 24-July 2, Las Vegas, NV

Nebraska Library Association
Conference; October 8-10,
South Sioux City, NE

Colorado Association of Libraries
Conference; October 16-18,
Loveland, CO

Kansas Library Association
Conference; October 29-31,
Wichita, KS

Arizona Library Association/
Mountain Plains Library
Association Conference
November 12-14, Scottsdale/
Fountain Valley, AZ

2015

American Library Association Mid
winter; January 30-Feb 3,
Chicago, IL

American Library Association
Annual Conference; June 24-30,
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MPLA 2014 Leadership Institute facilitator and mentors at YMCA
l-r: Dan Chaney, Dana Braccia, Maureen Sullivan, Holly Phillips, Eric Norris.

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Website: www.mpla.us

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<http://www.mpla.us/personnel/executiveboard.html>

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Professional Development Grants:

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<http://www.mpla.us/calendar.html>

Awards Nomination Form:

<http://www.mpla.us/forms/awardsnom.html>

Grocery card program

<http://www.mpla.us/projects/grocerycard.html>

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<http://www.mpla.us/forms/newssubmission.html>

Donate to MPLA

<http://www.mpla.us/forms/lidonation.html>

Professional Forum information:

<http://www.mpla.us/events/mplaprof2014.pdf>

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