

ST-2 Colorado Representative

MPLA Board Report March 18, 2013

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MPLA ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Read MPLA executive board reports submitted for March 2013 meeting
- ❖ Reviewed Appendix C: Best Practices for State Representatives for Section V of the MPLA Manual of Practice
- ❖ Sent renewal reminders to MPLA members
- ❖ Contacted members to update missing or outdated info
- ❖ Posted news and announcements to MPLA and CAL Facebook pages and list-servs.
- ❖ Attended CAL board meeting in February 1, 2013.
 - CoALA is hosting four spring workshops all over the state (including my humble university, where I can have some strategically placed MPLA brochures)
 - CAL Paralibrarian Division is also hosting its annual spring workshop in March
 - Legislative Committee –
 - update on getting line item for Library Services back in the budget (see below for success story)
 - CAL Lobby Day, March 21st

COLORADO ASSOCIATION OF LIBRARIES (CAL) NEWS AND LEGISLATION

CAL has redesigned their website, but has retained the same URL: <http://cal-webs.org>.

The Joint Budget Committee has just approved a motion to include \$2 million to fund the State Grants to Libraries Act. The motion by Sen. Steadman (due to the absence of Rep Levy at the time) came during the figure setting hearing for the Department of Education as part of the state budget bill to be introduced later this month.

What this means: a line item for that amount will be included as part of the Library Services section in the budget bill. This so-called 'long bill' will be debated by and voted on by House and Senate before the end of the session. Barring change or deletion during the hearing and voting process, and assuming no line item veto before signing, the funds would be available to fund grants for library materials in eligible school, public, and academic libraries after July 1.

The Colorado State Library is pleased to announce the appointment of Jacqueline Murphy as a Senior Consultant for Public Library and Community Development. The State Library supports public library directors and boards with strategic planning, policy development, standards attainment, peer-level evaluation for decision-making, and maintaining legal and ethical integrity. Jacqueline's experience as a lawyer including her work on drafting revisions to Colorado library law, her work on the CAL Legislative Committee, her consulting with libraries in the areas of policy and district establishment will be a great asset to the Colorado public libraries. In addition, Ms. Murphy brings experience with municipal planning which will be invaluable as we continue to position public libraries as central to community development in Colorado. She will also continue our efforts to support library districting, partnerships, advocacy, and marketing.

Lt. Gov. Joe Garcia released the Colorado Department of Higher Education and College Measures website (collegemeasures.org/esm/colorado) and final report, "Higher Education Pays: The Initial Earnings of Graduates from Colorado's Colleges and Universities Working in Colorado."

The College Measures website makes publicly available the median first-year earnings of recent graduates from two-year and four-year institutions across the state who are working in Colorado one year after obtaining their degrees or certificates. The primary purpose of this tool is to provide prospective students and their families with important information when selecting an institution of higher education, a major/field of study and level of degree.