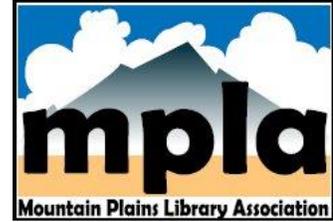


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ST2 – 15 April 2019 MPLA Board Report

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Note: this report is encompassing year-to-date due to missing the January meeting and report.



MPLA Activities

- Reviewing reports submitted for April meeting
- Submitting CO news for MPLA newsletter
- Sharing completed newsletter with those who provided content
- Beginning work on Membership Rally through state email lists during spring
- Monitoring MPLA email account
- Submitted a program proposal for the NMLA/MPLA Conference Committee's Consideration on copyright for public libraries



Colorado Activities

- While the suit against the Colorado Library Consortium (CLiC) has been dropped, there are still organized attacks against public and school libraries providing access to online content. Everyone should continue to be proactive in sharing speaking points and help with libraries in their state when it comes to managing databases, informing educators and community leaders about the claims versus the truth, and sharing any news of activities with MPLA members in addition to ALA's Office of Intellectual Freedom. Please follow [this link](#) if you would like to use the [manual developed by CLiC](#) in this effort.
- On a related note, CLiC's Executive Director, Jim Duncan will be presented with the Intellectual Freedom Round Table's (IFRT's) Immroth Award for his work against this attack on information access at ALA Annual's IFRT Awards Recognition Fundraising Breakfast on Saturday, June 22.
- The CAL Board has started the effort to review the organizational structure to be a more effective an organization. On April 5, CAL Board members and chairs of committees and special interest groups met to discuss priorities and goals. As the work continues, there is the potential for reorganization along with creating stronger messaging to the library community and public in general.
- The CAL Board held the regular meeting on April 12, 2019. I was unable to attend due to being out of the state. The next meeting is currently scheduled for June 14, 2019.

Legislative Updates

- The State Legislature convened on January 4, 2019 and runs through May 3, 2019.
- The Colorado Legislative Session included issues that were of concern to public libraries. The following bills were brought forward. We were pleased that they were killed in committee yet need to monitor to see if variations are brought forward in future legislative sessions:
 - House Bill 1048 – Local Election of Library District Trustees was an effort to direct that new library districts would have elected trustees rather than trustees appointed by local officials. This bill also included wording to enable communities to:
 - Vote on whether to change current districts to an elected trustee model;
 - Vote on recalling trustees with a 50-signature petitionCAL concerns focused on: (1) the funding for the ballot effort was designated to come from municipalities (which would likely go to library districts), (2) the number of signatures which is high for small districts is very low for large districts, (3) that the dollars that would need to be allocated to elections would be taken from services and programs, and (4) the politicization of the trustee role.
 - House Bill 1108 – Nonresident Electors and Special Districts proposed that non-residents who own taxable property within a special district could:
 - Vote in special district elections;
 - Serve on special district boards in a non-voting capacity.CAL concerns focused on the impact of this if House Bill 1048 (above) was passed.
 - House Bill 1096 – Colorado Right to Rest proposes that people experiencing homelessness have the right to rest in public spaces, to shelter themselves from the elements, to accept or eat food in public spaces where food is not prohibited, to occupy a legally parked vehicle, and to have a reasonable expectation of privacy for their personal property.
CAL's concerns focused on public library worries about the impact on the norm of waking people who are sleeping in the building.