

Mickey Coalwell
Kansas State Representative
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The Kansas Library Association annual conference was held April 7- 9, 2010, at the Hyatt Regency/Century II Convention Center in Wichita. The two new officers announced following elections was Second Vice President Mickey Coalwell, who will continue to serve concurrently as the Kansas representative to MPLA, and Cindi Hickey, Secretary.

Kansas has a new State Librarian, Joanne (Jo) Budler. Budler has spent the past five years serving as the Ohio State Librarian. Previously, Budler was the deputy state librarian for the Library of Michigan and the director of Network Services and NEBASE, Nebraska's online computer library center network. She holds a master's degree in library science and a master's of fine arts in Writers' Workshop, both from the University of Iowa. Budler began her tenure as Kansas State Librarian on March 15, following confirmation by the Kansas Legislature.

The Kansas Library Trustee Certification Program continued to flourish through the winter of 2009-2010. A large number of trustees completed their core skill credits and achieved certification. The use of board tutorials and viewings of the Wyoming Trustee Trouble videos have been very successful in many libraries, especially in Southeast Kansas, where the program has been added to the criteria for system funding. Kansas now has 327 certified trustees.