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MPLA Board Report May 2012

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KLA Annual Conference

The Kansas Library Association's 2012 annual conference was held April 11-13 in Wichita, KS. The theme this year was "Geek the Library." Many Kansas members of MPLA were present and the presence of our MPLA information booth brought in several new members and renewals. Other highlights of the conference included:

Opening Keynote from R. David Lankes, professor and Dean's Scholar for the New Librarianship at Syracuse University's School of Information Studies, director of the library science program for the school, and director of the Information Institute of Syracuse. Also, author of the *Atlas of New Librarianship*.

Closing Keynote from Larry Hatteberg, Anchor/Reporter for KAKE-TV.

An Evening with Cory Doctorow, science fiction author, activist, journalist and blogger. Also the co-editor of Boing Boing (boingboing.net) and the author of the bestselling Tor Teens/HarperCollins UK novel *Little Brother*.

Author event with Clare Vanderpool, author and Distinguished Kansan. Sponsored by the Public Library Section.

Emporia State University's School of Library and Information Management student Poster Session.