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11 Kansas applicants apply for 2010 Leadership Institute

A selection committee recently evaluated the eleven (!) applicants for this year's Leadership Institute in Estes Park, CO. The applications were all of high quality, and it was exciting to see a diverse range of librarians interested in this opportunity for professional development through the Mountain Plains Library Association.

Governor Parkinson names Jo Budler Kansas State Librarian

Governor Mark Parkinson has announced the appointment of Joanne (Jo) Budler to the post of Kansas State Librarian. "We are very excited to welcome Jo to Kansas," said Parkinson. "Her 25 years of experience and leadership in state libraries will ensure that homes and schools across our state continue to receive the important services the Kansas State Library has to offer."

For the past five years, Budler has served as the Ohio State Librarian. Previously, she was the deputy state librarian for the Library of Michigan and the director of Network Services and NEBASE, the State of Nebraska's Online Computer Library Center network. She holds a master's in library science and a master's of fine arts in Writers' Workshop, both from the University of Iowa. Budler will replace interim State Librarian Marc Galbraith, who served in the role since June 2009 after former State Librarian Christie Brandau announced her retirement.

23 Things Kansas Launches in January

23 Things Kansas is a fun way to learn about and practice with online tools for community, sharing and productivity. 23 Things Kansas is open and free for anyone in the Kansas library community — really anyone who works in or for a Kansas library of any type. Each week, for 15 weeks, a new module will be unveiled to introduce an online tool that will help connect libraries to the community. The program is self-paced. 23 Things Kansas launches January 11. Click here to learn more

<http://www.23thingskansas.org/2009/12/04/welcome-to-23-things-kansas/>

Library Advocacy Made Easy

MPLA members Royce Kitts and Gail Santy of the Kansas Library Association Governmental Affairs committee have been working to create Library Advocacy tips, including a short YouTube video. Good Advocacy: How To Help Get It Right shows exactly how to do great advocacy with a legislator. Watch the Good Advocacy video right here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pJjPmmUyFhQ>

Respectfully submitted,
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