

MPLA Board Meeting

Oct. 20, 2009

Nebraska Report

Nebraska's annual conference begins Wed. Oct. 28th. President Eileen will be flying in on Wed afternoon to participate in the conference. We welcome her warmly to Nebraska. I will pick her up at the airport and incoming Nebraska representative Theresa Jehlik will deliver her back to the airport.

Tracie D Hall, noted speaker from Joint MPLA/Kansas conference, is coming to Nebraska. Hall will present *The Ten Social Trends that Change the Way Libraries Can and Should Do Business* at the Eastern and Southeast Library Systems' Fall Colloquium on Nov. 12, 2009 from 5:30-9:30. That afternoon Hall will present an interactive workshop from 1-4:30 pm.

Good news: Eastern Library system received a grant from Dollar General to help support the Book bags for Kid's program.

John Felton, Nebraska Library Commission has developed an interactive, thematic map of Nebraska Public Libraries: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/Statistics/LibraryMap.html>
Data is based on the 2007-09 Nebraska Public Library Statistical Survey.

William Ayers, will speak at the fall program/annual meeting of the Academic Freedom Coalition of Nebraska (AFCON). It was one year ago that he was "uninvited" to speak at UNL.

My term on the board ends Oct. 29th. I appreciated the opportunity to represent Nebraska and thank you for all the opportunities from attending conferences to meeting new friends. I will continue to be a strong advocate for MPLA.

Congratulations to Teresa Jehlik, from Omaha Public Library, the new MPLA representative. Her contact information is: Teresa Jehlik, Benson Branch Manager, Omaha Public Library; 6015 Binney Street 68104 ; 402-444-4846