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South Dakota MPLA News
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The first South Dakota Festival of the Book was held October 3-5 in Deadwood, South Dakota. Over 100 national, regional and SD authors participated in the event. Activities included author readings and talks, children's activities, author receptions, and book signings. Organizers and participants considered the event a success. Next year the Festival will be held in Sioux Falls, August 27-28.

Peggy Williams and her husband, Bruce, joined SD author, Kathryn Akipa, to represent South Dakota and the State Library at the National Book Festival. One of the activities at the pavilion of the states is to collect a stamp representing a literary tradition of each state on a map provided by the organizers. Peggy reported that the demand "to be stamped" kept them very busy all day.

South Dakota Library Association, in conjunction with the Midcontinental Chapter of the Medical Library Association, held their annual conference in Sioux Falls, October 15-18. The theme was "Creative Partnering." Kristin Anderson, co-author of *Delivering Knock Your Socks Off Service* was the keynote speaker on Thursday. Other presentations included a panel discussion on the US Patriot Act and a moving speech by author, Ben Mikaelson. A very special event was an energized luncheon performance by Brulé, contemporary Native American recording artists.

It was an exciting Awards Banquet on Thursday evening. MCMLA recognized three of their colleagues: Barbara McDowell Award for Excellence in Hospital Librarianship: Joy Winkler, Alegent Health Immanuel Medical Center, Omaha; Bernice M. Hetzner Award for Excellence in Academic Health Science Librarianship: Marie Reidelbach, McGoogan Library of Medicine, Omaha; and MCMLA Outstanding Achievement Award: Sandra Brenner, St. John's Mercy Medical Center, St. Louis.

SDLA was pleased to announce their annual awards for 2003:

New Librarian of the Year: Pam Chamberlain Kringel, S. D. State Library

Friend of the Library Award: Warren Wilson, S.D. Board of Regents

Library Support Staff Award: June Harrison, Brookings Public Library

Librarian of the Year Award: Deb Hagemeyer, Augustana College Mikkelson Library

Distinguished Service Award: Ann Eichinger, S. D. State Library.

At the SDLA Conference, ten free memberships to MPLA were given. Welcome to new members: Vicki Carlson, Librarian, Wegner Health Science; Elizabeth Will, Reference Librarian, Holbrook Library, Ellsworth AFB; Carl J Kitchin, Librarian, Tiospa Zina Tribal School; Jennifer Irwin, Librarian, Rapid City Public Library; Connie Quirk, Library Teacher, Mickelson Middle School, Brookings; Ruth Westling, K-12 Librarian, Alcester-Hudson School District Libraries; Sandy Hansen, Librarian, Tripp County Library; and congratulations to renewing members, Nancy Eckert, Children's Librarian, Alexander Mitchell Public Library;

Cathy Enlow, Brookings Public Library; Laura G Olson, Systems Librarian, Mears Library, University of Sioux Falls.

Libraries continue to seek new sources of funding in creative ways. Joining them in September was the Emma Burnham Public Library in Frederick, SD. The library held an auction of artworks and antiques. The auction proceeds will provide funds for books and fixtures. Their efforts raised \$1000 which will help to compensate for budget cuts. The Selby Community School Library held its first annual quilt show/discarded book sale/Usborne Book Fair. Over 100 people attended this event and over \$250 was raised for new books.