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South Dakota State Representative

March 2014

MPLA Activities

- Attended the SD Library Association executive board meeting on January 23 and reported on MPLA activities
- Sent a message to all SD listservs soliciting news for MPLA newsletter
- Sent a message to all SD listservs advertising the LI contributions program
- Sent SD news to the editor for the upcoming MPLA newsletter
- Forwarded announcement about grocery card fundraiser to SDLA listserv
- Submitted MPLA news column to be printed in SDLA newsletter
- Sent reminders to all SD non-renewing members to get paid up

South Dakota news:

Rawlins Municipal Library in Pierre will begin an expansion/renovation project, to be completed in the fall of 2014.

The SD State Library released three annual reports in January. The School and Public Library Data Digests are compilations of SD public and school library statistics. The SDSL annual report is a recap of annual activities. All can be accessed at <http://library.sd.gov/SDSL/publications/index.aspx>

SD Library Association annual Legislative Day was held in Pierre on January 23. Legislators were invited to an evening reception where librarians and library supporters visited with them about issues facing libraries, including the formation of library districts. Two library related bills were introduced during session. One bill adds language to current state statute to include public libraries to a list of places where registered sex offenders are not allowed to loiter. The other bill introduced would have provided authority in state statute for the formation of library districts. That bill failed on the Senate floor.

In a joint effort with the North Dakota Humanities Council and the 125th Anniversary Committees from the states of North and South Dakota, the South Dakota Humanities Council will commemorate the entry of South and North Dakota into statehood with a special One Book collaboration. "Dakota: A Spiritual Geography" by Kathleen Norris will serve as the joint One Book for the two states in 2014

Respectfully submitted,
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