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South Dakota State Representative

June 2015

MPLA Activities

- March 5: Sent message to SDLA and SD statewide listservs regarding MPLA awards nominations
- Submitted MPLA news column to be printed in SDLA newsletter
- Sent multiple messages to various lists calling for MPLA conference program proposals
- Sent MPLA grants article to four SD listservs
- Renewal reminders to various SD lists
- Reviewed reports submitted for June meeting
- Attended SDLA Board meeting on April 16 and reported on MPLA activities
- Reviewed and submitted picks for conference programs
- Sent message to multiple lists announcing the application opening for MPLA LI, MPLA election candidate bios, and soliciting news for the next newsletter.
- I have been asked to run again for MPLA rep, which I am happy to do. However, I also encouraged the SD nominating committee to contact other MPLA LI fellows from SD to run.

South Dakota news:

The South Dakota Department of Education is launching its annual awareness campaign titled "Read! SD." The program is designed to encourage year-round reading and to help educate parents on preventing what is known as "summer slide," the loss of reading skills that can occur during the summer months when students are out of school.

Kathy Wibbels, Vice President/President Elect of the South Dakota Library Association and Director of the Yankton Community Library, attended the National Library Legislative Day in Washington, D.C. on May 45. Her role as the representative of the South Dakota Library Association was to meet with our state's members of Congress to carry the message about legislation that affects libraries and to champion library funding.

The SD Public Library Annual survey statistics compilation for 2014 reveals that overall library circulation in SD is down 3.9 percent and individual visits are down 2.7 percent. This is due, in large part, to the increased availability of e-books, e-magazines and other downloadables. Electronic circulation has grown substantially in the state.

Respectfully submitted,
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