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*Second in a Series:*

*MPLA's Member States*

*Inside you will find information about special happenings in Montana, the second in a series of eleven articles to be provided by MPLA State Representatives.*

## The Importance of Professional Development Grants

### Professional Development Grant Report

by Ann Bailey, Bradford Memorial Library, El Dorado, KS

As a library user all of my life, I have always believed in taking advantage of the services offered by the public library that my parents or I paid taxes to support.

As a librarian, I have tried to obtain the "most for the least" to give the taxpayers in my city their money's worth. I have tried to fully utilize the services of my regional library system, especially the discounts that the system has negotiated with vendors.

As a member of several professional library associations, I realized that I was not taking full advantage of the resources of the association..

Both the Kansas Library Association (KLA) and the Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) offer professional development grants to members to help with the costs associated with continuing education activities.

My library's budget last year was pretty tight. At the same time I was not really "burned out", but my enthusiasm for my job was in need of a re-charge.

And so I decided that I should use available resources wisely, by applying for a professional development grant. I applied to KLA for a grant to attend the MPLA Conference in Phoenix, and I applied to MPLA for a grant to

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attend a conference on the Future of Small and Rural Public Libraries in Birmingham, Alabama. Either one of these events would expose me to new ideas and allow me the opportunity to talk and compare with other librarians.

Grant applications are sometimes very scary things; but amazingly, both applications were straightforward and easy to complete.

And was I surprised when I heard back from both organizations that my requests would be funded.

I have had the opportunity to attend MPLA conferences in the past, so I was prepared for a high quality program. And I was not disappointed.

Besides being able to spend time in balmy Phoenix during the only bad weather Kansas has had all winter, I attended a pre-conference and many great sessions, as well as the exhibits.

The conference on the Future of Small and Rural Public Libraries exposed me to librarians from many different parts of the country. That in itself was very interesting and valuable. The excellent program, sponsored by Clarion College, featured sociologists, librarians, library educators and futurists. They reinforced things that I already knew or had recently heard at MPLA, and also introduced me to some entirely new concepts. Both experiences contributed to my professional development and my sense of who I am as a librarian. And I would not have been able to attend either if it had not been for the grants I was given.

It is important to be an active member of an organization and work for its success. It is also important to know how to let your organization work for you by taking advantage of the resources they offer.

## MPLA Professional Development Grants

MPLA Professional Development Grants are for the purpose of improving library services in the Mountain

Plains region by supporting continuing education and research experiences for individuals employed in the library and related professions. Mini-grants of \$150 are particularly encouraged for new MPLA members and \$600 regular grants are available to current members who have been members for 3 consecutive years.

Grants are awarded to support the following (not in priority order): a) attendance as a participant or a

presenter at a library or scholarly workshop, seminar, or conference, including the MPLA annual conference, b) visits to another library to receive or provide significant advanced training in library services or procedures, c) library related research projects, d) formal course work not leading to an advanced

degree but directly related to an individual's library position, and e) formal course work leading to an advanced degree in library science or a related discipline.

It is extremely important to apply early for Professional Development Grants. Applications must be submitted two months prior to the scheduled activity. The Professional Development Grants Committee awards grants only to activities to come, not after the fact. **The Committee has scheduled the following deadlines for receipt of applications for the remainder of 1992:**

**May 15, 1992**

**July 17, 1992**

**September 18, 1992**

**November 6, 1992**

Application forms for Professional Development Grants may be obtained from Jean Johnson, Chair, University of Wyoming Libraries, Box 3334, Laramie, WY 82071, 307-766-6245 or Joe Edelen, MPLA Executive Secretary, I.D. Weeks Library, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD 57069, 605-677-6082.



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From your president...

### "A Challenge from the Buffalo Commons"

I do not believe that we live in a vast empty space noted as the "Buffalo Commons." To the contrary, things seem newer and fresher here on the plains and mountains, both personally and professionally. In fact, the field of librarianship in the eleven states of MPLA are as alive with bright new ideas as a field of fireflies on a summer night. Capture one! Write it down. A sentence—a paragraph—a page—an article. Submit it to your friendly MPLA newsletter editor. I challenge you to help him publish both news *and* views.

—Corky Walters



# Montana

Information provided by Kathleen Bartlett, MPLA State Representative

Second in a Series:  
MPLA's Member States

*These articles are provided by MPLA State Representatives. Their charge is to provide an "article on some aspect of information in each state that sets it apart from the mainstream—someone, something, architecture, whatever that is special and worth sharing." Members are encouraged to send their respective state representatives suggestions. The June issue will feature Utah.*

## Picture Book Art

The Missoula Public Library has joined forces with the Missoula Art Museum and Art Associates, the Missoula Calligraphers Guild, and all 5th grade teachers in School District One to create a six week excursion into the world of picture book art. Beginning in the Fall 1991, 5th grades were visited by local children's author, Peggy Christian (The Old Coot) who worked with classes on creating their own stories. Later, Missoula artist N.J. Taylor assisted students with their illustrations. Later each 5th grade class visited an exhibit of original children's picture book art which was on display at the Art Museum. The exhibit included works of Leo and Diane Dillon, Trina Sharf Hyman, Richard Eglelski, and others. It was on loan from the Henry Felwell Gallery in New York.

After the museum visit (which included a look at how a book is made from galleys to layout—courtesy of prolific nonfiction author Dorothy Patent), students took a historical walk to the Library where they learned calligraphy to illuminate letters for their books. Following lunch the students listened to children's librarians read a story from selected books whose illustrations were featured at the museum. And then they received library cards and toured the library. Whew! Everyone loved everything. What a terrific cooperative community event.

## Montana Libraries Promotion

The Montana Library Association has generously funded an implementation task force to act on the Blue Ribbon Task Force report, the Governor's Conference report, and the White House Conference on Libraries report.

For the past few months, members of the Montana library community have met to plan a kick-off campaign for Montana libraries. Unveiling of the video spot, a brochure, and information packets is scheduled for the Montana Library Association meeting in Bozeman on Tuesday, April 28.

The campaign proposes to energize Montana citizens to support Montana libraries, and help in efforts to gain more legislative funding. Librarians are counting on strong grassroot commitments from all Montanans.

## Sand Mandala

Missoula Public Library patrons had the rare opportunity to observe the creation of a sand mandala (a circular design of geometric forms and images of deities that symbolize the universe). A group of Tibetan Buddhist monks spent five days in the library demonstrating the art of creating a sacred sand mandala.

The opened the demonstration with a chant. They chant at the lowest limits of the human vocal range. Each monk holds three notes simultaneously; a skill learned as young boys. The monks filled glass funnels with 18 different colors of sand and rubbed sticks along the rough edges at different speeds to regulate the flow. They closed the demonstration again with a chant and the traditional Tibetan twelve-foot long horns. They scooped up the sand into a bowl. The public was invited to join them in a candlelight parade. They went to the river where they threw the sand into the river to return it to its creator.

For a color picture of this Mandala see *American Libraries*, February 1992, page 131.



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## **ResearchForum 1992 MPLA Academic Section Research Forum Call for Papers**

### **Either Pure or Applied Research is Welcome**

The Mountain Plains Library Association's Academic Section is sponsoring its seventh annual Research Forum to be held during the joint MPLA/WLA Conference September 30 - October 3, 1992 in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Papers selected by the jury will be delivered at the conference and then published in the Forum Proceedings.

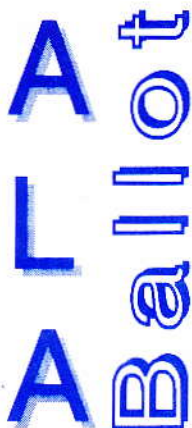
### **Guidelines for Submission**

- \* Authors must be current members of MPLA
- \* Papers must be original (not published elsewhere)
- \* Submit a double-spaced paper copy (min. 10 pages total, max. 20 pages total) and a copy on disk (Word Perfect preferred)
- \* Illustrations, graphs, or tables must be submitted separately in camera ready copy
- \* Includes an abstract of 100 words or less
- \* Follow the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, 3rd ed. (1988)
- \* Submit draft of completed paper for review by the jury no later than May 15, 1992  
TO: Lois Schnoberger, Hayden Library, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85287-1006
- \* Draft papers that do not meet the above guidelines will not be considered by the jury

Accepted authors will be notified in June with editorial instructions. Final copy for publication will be due by August 1, 1992.



## Mark Your ALA Ballots



MPLA encourages you to vote for persons representing our region so that we, too, can strengthen our voice in the affairs of ALA.

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There will be others from our region running for various offices, so watch for their names.

## Joint Conference — MPLA/WLA "Window to the World: The Challenge of Change"

September 30-October 3, 1992

Cheyenne, Wyoming

The MPLA/WLA Joint Conference is to be held in Cheyenne, September 30-October 3. Preconference programs on September 30 include: Marketing; Using Statistics; Grant Writing, and Information Power. Postconference programs to be offered will be: Building a Better Board; Fund Raising; Science and Literature; and Homeschooling. Approximately 30 shorter programs will be offered during the actual conference, October 1-2. Some of the topics include: The Future of Networking; Americans with Disabilities Act; Gov Docs on PACs, and New Children's Literature.

For more information, contact Corky Walters, Wyoming State Library Continuing Education Office, Supreme Court/State Library Building, Cheyenne, WY 82002, 307/777-2781.

### An Invitation...

Autumn is one of the loveliest seasons in Wyoming, and the Wyoming Library Association is looking forward to hosting the Joint conference between WLA, MPLA, and WEMA.

We have two great hotels reserved, the Hitching Post and the Holiday Inn and we have great programs planned. The program "tracks" should ensure interesting and useful sessions for everyone, and the over 80 exhibits will give attendees something to look at whenever they have a spare moment.

The conference planning committee and the officers of both associations look forward to seeing you September 30 through October 3 in Cheyenne for what we hope will be one of the best conferences you have ever attended.

—Dorothy Middleton  
WLA President



# Joint Conference — MPLA/WLA

## “Window to the World: The Challenge of Change”

### September 30-October 3, 1992

Mark your schedule now to plan to attend the joint conference in Cheyenne, Wyoming this Fall. Whatever your library, there will be plenty of programs of interest to you. Examples from the schedule, including the pre- and post-conference seminars on Wednesday and Saturday, are listed below and the full schedule and registration will be in the next MPLA Newsletter or is available from Isabel Hoy, Goshen County Library, 2001 E. A, Torrington, WY 82240.

	Wed. 9/30	Thurs. 10/1	Fri. 10/2	Sat. 10/3
For public librarians	Grant writing Using statistics Marketing	School-Public Coop. Documents on OPACs Future of networks CD-ROMs/Reference Wholistic staffing	Virtual library Sowing/Weeding Ams. Disabil. Act Nat'l. Issues Forums Ethics network access Tough decisions for tough times	Pub.Policy perspectives Bldg. Better Boards Things that need to change Fundraising for nonprofits Home schooling
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In addition there will be a librarians' mystery dinner, Chautauqua on Columbus and childrens' authors, Lois Sachar and Lee Bennett Hopkins. Set these dates aside now!

### Professional Development Assistance

Association members are encouraged to apply for grants, mini-grants, and international grants, all of which may be used for the following: formal college or university classroom work, independent study programs, attendance at workshops, conferences or seminars, or participation in any other activity that will benefit libraries and the library community in our region.

**Current application deadline: May 15, 1992**

For more information see your Membership Information brochure or write: Joseph R. Edelen, Jr., MPLA Executive Secretary c/o I.D. Weeks Library, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD 57069. 605/677-6082.



### Arizona Directory Available

A new edition of the popular *Directory of Special Libraries and Collections in Arizona* is now available. Included are completely updated entries covering 368 special libraries and collections in Arizona. The directory is geographically organized with indexes by library names, personal names, and subject matter. Corporate, professional, and academic subject specialty libraries, specialized collections, and libraries serving special populations are covered. Complete entries have postal and email address, phone and fax numbers, access policies, holdings information, services available,

subject emphases, and names of principal staff members. Copies are \$25.00 each - individual orders should be prepaid, but institutions or businesses may send a purchase order. Make check or purchase orders out to: Arizona Chapter, Special Libraries Association. Send orders/checks to: Kathy Whitley, Science-Engineering Library, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721 (Questions? Call 602-621-6375).

### Get Dirty, Get Grubby, Get Grimy!

Children were invited to meet in Chandler's Folley Park on March 18 to do what they do

best—get dirty, get grubby, and get grimy!

The Children Public Library and the Chandler Development & Community Services Department cosponsored the annual Sloppy Games Day. Children were encouraged to get as messy as they want with water and parachute games, and tug-of-war in the mud. The event was free. A donation of a can of food was optional. (Arizona Libraries News Week, March 9)

### Trinidad State Junior College's Gun Book Collection

The Samuel Freudenthal Memorial Library at Trinidad State Junior College contains a unique collection of books on guns and gunsmithing that have become nationally known and heavily used thanks to a LSCA grant in 1990/91 which enabled the library to put the collection into the CARL network. Interlibrary loan usage of the collection has increased at an incredible rate, and books have been loaned to libraries from Oregon to North Carolina and all points in between.

The book collection contains approximately 300 titles covering the fields of gunsmithing, gun collecting, gun manufacturing and manufacturers, handloading, ballistics, and shooting. Related topics such as muzzleloading, gun engraving, stockmaking, and knife making are also included. The library subscribes to 34 periodical titles in gun related areas.

Trinidad State Junior College's gunsmithing program began in 1946 and has expanded from a two year course of study to one with an optional third year class in gun repair. Students come from all over the United States as well as from many foreign lands. Graduates are now in Japan, Canada, Holland, Switzerland, and New Zealand, to name just a few of the countries. In 1978 Trinidad State and National Rifle Association started a summer program of intensive seminars on topics such as pistolsmithing, custom rifle making, engraving,

stockmaking, gun repair, and a law enforcement armorer's school. This has attracted worldwide participation as it is advertised in major gun journals. The gun book collection is used by the seminar participants who later request items through interlibrary loan.

Libraries on the CARL network can scan the collection easily. Others may call or send inquiries to the library directly. (System Beat, February 1992)

### Fort Collins Wins Grolier National Library Week Grant

The Fort Collins (Co.) Public Library is the winner of the 1992 Grolier National Library Week Grant. The \$2,000 grant is awarded by the Grolier Educational Corp. for a public awareness campaign that supports the goals of National Library Week.

Davenport, chair of the National Library Week Committee, said the Fort Collins proposal is tied directly to this year's "Your Right to Know: Librarians make it happen" theme for National Library Week, April 5-11.

"It's an ambitious and creative plan," Davenport said. "And the library successfully documented how it intends to carry it out."

She also cited the library's plans to work cooperatively with other libraries, community groups and media as impressive. (News release)

### Valley of the Dills

As a fund raiser for the United Way campaign, the staff of the Loveland Public Library sponsored a bake sale, with items

creatively named after popular book titles—with some weird twists. Patty Goodwine got the ball rolling by thinking up a few titles for dishes; other staffers found dishes to fit, and added their own titles. The Table of Contents included:

*Great Eggspectations*  
*Of Rice and Men*  
*To Grill a Mockingbird*  
*Porky Park*  
*Chicken ala Stephen King*  
*Joy of Chicken*  
*Michener's Meatballs*  
*Taming of the Stew*  
*Don't Wok Away*  
*Joyce Carol Oatmeal Cookies*  
*Apple of My Eye Pie*  
*Loves Music, Loves to Dip*  
*Salami Dearest*  
*The Little Enchilada That Could*  
*Borshtal Boy*  
*War and Peas*

This clever idea could be combined with the Dacono Public Library's on-going capitalization of their designation as a polling site in the community. As voters arrive to do their civic duty, they are treated with a bake sale. The voters buy cookies to munch on, and the library makes some money. (No Silence, December 1991)

### New Business Brochures

Jefferson County Public Library has released two new brochures of particular interest to business persons. One is titled "Some of the Best Business Information is



Hiding in the Federal Documents". The other is titled "Investing Information".

Both brochures are available in any branch library in the Jefferson County Public Library System. In addition they may be obtained from the Public Information Office, Jefferson County Public Library, 10200 West 20th Ave., Lakewood, CO 80215 phone: (303) 232-7114. (News release)

### Colorado's "Call for America's Libraries" Campaign

Colorado played an important role in this national campaign. Kimberly Taylor of the Colorado State Library and Adult Education Office co-chaired the effort with Charles Beard of Georgia.

The 800# phone company, Telephone Express, based in Colorado Springs, made a \$25,000 contribution toward the project. In order to staff the phone lines, hundreds of volunteers from the Front Range were solicited. Eleanor Stewart of Colorado

spearheaded the volunteer component of the campaign.

The Colorado Library Association used this campaign as a springboard to promote Colorado libraries. Using the theme "Yes! Yes! Yes! Know! Know! Know!", posters, bookmarks, buttons and ad sheets were be broadly distributed to libraries throughout the state. Each of the materials had the 800# and encouraged library supporters to call. (News release)

### Denver Public Lets Kids Make Their Own Books

Responding to a preschooler who admitted that he didn't own any books, Bonnie McCune, public relations manager for the Denver Library System, developed a project that would enable young readers to make and keep their own booklets.

"I wanted to come up with a simple project that kids could work on themselves," McCune said. "I always enjoyed the old folk

tale of 'The Great Big Turnip,' but I thought not too many kids eat turnips these days. So I wrote it about a carrot."

At a regular monthly meeting of area library public relations personnel, McCune presented her idea for the booklet and the group brainstormed on how to produce it cheaply. A local illustrator was hired to design the booklet, at a reduced cost, and individual branches would cover the printing via their own copying facilities.

The result is an 11" x 17" sheet that the cooperative Denver libraries distribute at story hours, read-alouds, schools, and as a hand-out at local street festivals and fairs. Children can color in the pictures, and then follow directions to cut and staple the booklet together. For a single sample of the activity sheet, contact the Public Relations Dept., Denver Public Library Administrative Center, 1330 Fox St., Denver, CO 80204 (303) 640-8978 Include an 8.5" x 11" SASE. (Plain Speaking)

## Kansas

### OCLC to Produce Kansas Library Catalog

The new vendor for the Kansas Library Catalog (KLC) is Auto-Graphics/OCLC. BY moving to OCLC, the new KLC will be much more closely linked with the OCLC Online Union Catalog. For example, KLC libraries will get their own three-character OCLC symbol whether or not they currently are OCLC members (most are not, but rather have their materials entered on OCLC and, thus, on the KLC, by a processing center).

Perhaps the best news is that all of this non-OCLC cataloging will not only appear in the KLC itself, but will also be tapeloaded into the OCLC Online Union Catalog. The CD-ROM and fiche catalogs will be issued once annually, as always. The first OCLC-produced catalogs will come out sometime around the middle of the year. Both CD-ROM and fiche (supplement only) catalogs will be produced. Libraries using the CD-ROM catalog, which OCLC calls SharePAC ("resource sharing public access catalog"), will be able to perform both browse and keyword searching.

The SharePAC search software can do everything the Brodart system did, and more. One especially good new feature is "multiple-level location access scoping." What a mouthful! This new search option allows a librarian to define up to five levels of location scoping (and only the librarian can

do this because the process is password protected). Location Scoping allows the same CD-ROM database to be used as a single library catalog or as a sub-grouping of libraries catalog, a system-wide catalog, or a complete statewide union catalog. With a single keystroke, users can expand searching to different or overlapping subsets of the database at the second, third, fourth and fifth scoping levels.

If desired, a given catalog can be limited to searching only one or more subsets of the entire database, or the entire database can be searched automatically. All such subset definitions are established separately for each SharePAC "station" by library staff, and can be altered by library staff at any time. Only those holdings appropriate to the level searched appear in the records displayed at any given level. This holdings display hierarchy gives each location access to its "own" catalog, using the same CD-ROM discs used by other locations in the state.

The CD-ROM catalog (SharePAC) will contain other new features. Of particular note, it will contain extensive cross-references ("see" and "see also" references for names and subjects). It will contain a "Library News" function allowing libraries to create bulletin-board files of information for users, and a menu for accessing each file. (This is still under investigation, but we're

hoping that the Library News function can be used to display interlibrary loan directory and policy information for KLC libraries.)

One more significant development: the Kansas List of Serials (KLS), formerly issued only in fiche and paper (over 2,000 pages!) format, will be included in the CD-ROM database. Users will simply press a single key to go to the KLS database, and will search it with all of the powerful browse and keyword capabilities of the CD-ROM search software. (Bruce Flanders, Kansas Libraries, March-April)

### Pre-Conference Grants Available to State Associations

MPLA's Continuing Education Committee has money to give away. Grants of up to \$500 are available to state library associations for pre-conference programs. If your state does not offer pre-conference programs, the grant can still be awarded to fund another conference program of comparable significance.

While planning your state meeting, think about applying for a pre-conference grant. The application process is simple, and the reward may be great. The deadline for spring awards is January 1; for fall awards is May 1.

Application forms and guidelines can be obtained from Joe Edelen, MPLA Executive Secretary, I.D. Weeks Library, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD 57069. (605) 677-6082.

You are encouraged to take advantage of this membership benefit.



## Swiftly

A racing pigeon, affectionately christened "Swiftly" and her friends from the Billings Pigeon Racing Club spent their Valentine's Day delivering unique valentine messages sent from the Pamly Billing Public Library in Billings. The cost of each message was \$1.00 and part of the proceeds were donated to the Library's Youth Services Division.

## National Center for Appropriate Technology Resource Center

The National Center for Appropriate Technology Resource Center (NCAT) is a non-profit corporation established in 1976 under the laws of Montana and governed by a national board of directors. NCAT staff work primarily in the areas of energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies, sustainable agriculture, environmental protection, and affordable housing. An emphasis is given to developing technologies which will assist low-income consumers to become more self-reliant.

The headquarters for NCAT is located in Butte, Montana. Programs operated from Butte include the National Appropriate Technology Assistance Service, which provides technical assistance with projects that use energy efficiency or renewable

energy technologies. The Butte office also operates the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, a clearinghouse designed to promote information sharing and networking among state, tribal and territorial grantee and sub-grantee offices. A third program, Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas, is operated from an NCAT office in Fayetteville, Arkansas, and provides technical assistance on sustainable agriculture to the American public. NCAT also has field offices in four other states.

The NCAT Resource Center in Butte was formally established in 1978. Since that time, it has grown into a respected, specialized library of appropriate technology information. The Center collects materials in the areas of renewable energy and energy conservation technologies; low-income energy assistance; weatherization of dwellings; energy efficient buildings; environmental issues as they affect low-income communities; air quality, water quality and assistance services; utility issues as they relate to conservation; and general background materials for the aforementioned areas and for staff development.

NCAT staff members search for the most appropriate technology and beneficial community processes, respond to ever-increasing requests from all parts of the

United States and assume responsibility for additional research and project work.

To date, approximately 6,000 books, reports, and conference proceedings, primarily on appropriate technology, are available. Additionally, the Resource Center maintains complementary collections of reference titles and directories. Subscriptions to periodicals number about 200, with many more received without cost from government agencies and organizations.

Offering a wealth of information in its vertical files, the Resource Center has pamphlets, brochures, fact sheets, periodical articles, and other kinds of publications which are labeled, filed and cross-referenced according to subject matter. There are separate files for current materials produced by the state energy offices. Still other files contain referral information and reports from about 400 organizations and associations whose work is related to NCAT's activities.

The general public is able to make use of Resource Center holdings via interlibrary loan or by photocopy request.

NCAT has a brochure describing its services and a free publications catalog. Call 494-4572 in Butte or write to NCAT, PO Box 3838, Butte, MT 59702. (Montana Library Focus, March 1992)

## Community-Based Economic Development

Governor Ben Nelson announced plans today for a coordinated economic development effort involving individuals, agencies, and organizations from across the state and signed an Executive Order making the endeavor to create and support community based economic development official.

The Community-Based Economic Development Network is an association of professionals who have a common goal - people, communities and businesses that succeed in a global economy. Network members are committed to helping communities focus their public resources on effective actions that create and improve the quality of the local business environment - labor, finance, business services, physical infrastructure, technology and effective government.

Nebraska Online's computer bulletin board will offer a gateway to community and economic development information and to

networking activities. The Nebraska Library Commission has accepted responsibility for designing the system. Many libraries (those with a computer, modem and training), utility companies and others will be able to provide public access to the bulletin board. This system should ensure every citizen an opportunity to access development information, resources, and events at a site near their home. (Panhandle SUN, January-February)

## Nebraska and North Carolina Plan Partnership Activities

John Welch, Assistant North Carolina State Librarian, visited the Library Commission to initiate planning for a variety of cooperative activities. He met with several groups of Commission employees in brainstorming sessions to generate ideas for possible cooperative ventures. Many ideas surfaced, including the potential for developing joint summer reading programs

and for a cooperative continuing education event focusing on library telecommunications, which could be delivered nationwide via satellite. Possible areas of mutual interest regarding services for the blind and physically handicapped include exchanging information on patron satisfaction surveys, locally recorded books and/or magazines, publicity materials, and information on Friends groups. Throughout 1992, staff from both state library agencies will meet to plan cooperative efforts, sharing staff expertise and other resources for improved delivery of library and information services. (Overtones, Winter)

## What you read is what you send.

If you occasionally wonder why there is sometimes very little news from some states, the reason is that very little was received. So, please send the editor your newsletters, press releases, etc. Thanks!



## One Groundbreaking, Two Openings in Clark County

The Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, NV will break ground for the new Charleston Heights Library branch on February 26. It will be a 37,643 square foot library on the campus of Community College of Southern Nevada, and will contain a medical special collection to correspond to the curriculum emphasis of the college, along with full library services. Construction

should be complete by November 1993. The 5000 square foot storefront Sahara West Library branch opened February 16 with 20,000 volumes and a staff of six. The storefront will be the community's temporary library, open 64 hours a week, during construction of a new 102,000 square foot facility. When completed, in addition to full library service, the branch will contain a gallery and museum capable of accepting Smithsonian and other touring exhibits.

Plans call for completion in January 1995. The Blue Diamond branch, a 1200 square foot storefront facility with 5000 volumes serves a tiny rural community. A staff of 1.2 provides services including storytime; public access to a fax, typewriter, and photocopies; and hookup to the district's computerized catalog. The facility is open 20 hours a week. (Library Hotline, 2/17/92)

## North Dakota State University Looks To Future

Current plans call for the NDSU Libraries to be directly connected to the campus backbone by spring, and linked to all major national information networks by the end of 1992. This will enable us to become active participants in nationwide electronic document delivery systems.

Recommendations for future study and expansion include:

- \*develop plans to implement services enabling NDSU Libraries' users to check out materials online and receive them at campus addresses.

- \*move beyond only journal citations available online and explore the feasibility of adding journal and book information to the

electronic library

- \*transfer printed materials, where feasible, legally permissible, and appropriate, to electronic media to reduce storage requirements and permit rapid electronic transmission

- \*increase the number of citations in the online catalog to less traditional information resources

- \*emphasize collection and preservation of locally important historical documents and texts

- \*review current library instruction programs and explore the campus vision of future needs to develop a needs assessment for user education

- \*devote more attention to external funding sources, such as granting agencies,

foundations, private individuals, corporations, and affiliated friends groups. (BiblioBits, Winter)

## New State Librarian

William R. Strader has been appointed the North Dakota State Librarian effective February 21, 1992. Strader had been chief of library development at the Nevada State Library, where he had been employed since 1985. He has also been employed by the Arizona State Library, the Wyoming State Library and Window Rock (AZ) School District. He is a graduate of Montana State University and received his MLS from the University of Southern California. (News release)

## Computers and the Physically Disadvantaged

The Americans with Disabilities Act goes into effect this year. This federal legislation will have a significant impact on library services across the nation. Technology may have an important role in some new services that libraries can offer to their patrons. Computers play an important role as devices for transmission and storage of information. The Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in Oklahoma City (next door to ODL) is in the forefront of providing state-of-the-art technology for persons with special needs. Computers are available there that can enlarge the on-screen print of micro-computer software, read aloud scanned or input texts, or print out input text into Braille format. The University of Central Oklahoma Library in Edmond has a microcomputer with large print software capabilities that is being used to make the library's public access the visually impaired. The Pioneer Library

system in Norman has also received a grant to enable the purchase of similar large print software capabilities to provide access to its public access catalog. (OLA News release)

## New Year's Eve Celebrated at the Library

Oklahoma City (OK) residents could go to the library for a New Year's Eve celebration that doesn't leave a hangover. For the fourth consecutive year 22 downtown locations participated in "Opening Night", a community celebration which attracted thousands to the city center. Some 1,500 people visited the library which hosted a storyteller, a mime and a clown act on one floor and a theatrical production of "The Ugly Duckling" on another. Eighteen staff members worked the event directing traffic and checking to see that those entering had an admission button (a \$4 button was necessary to gain admission to entertainment sites), helping the performers and doing other tasks. For further information: Julia Fresonke, Metro-

politan Library System, Oklahoma City, OK 73102-6499 (405/235-0571). (Urban Libraries Exchange, March)

## OLTN

Progress continues on the development of the Oklahoma Library Technology Network (OLTN). Installation of the CD-ROM hardware, which will be used to operate the system, has begun in some libraries. Phase I of the installation has targeted 76 libraries to receive the equipment. Eventually all libraries in the state will be linked and have access to the statewide database. May 1 is the date for the "debut" of OLTN; by then the hardware should be in place and CD-ROM disk, which includes all machine readable records available from Oklahoma libraries, will be delivered by OLTN's conversion vendor. Funding for the project is being provided by supplemental appropriations from the Oklahoma state legislature. (MPLA representative report)



### Arizona Offers MLS Program

The South Dakota State Library has taken the first step and enrolled South Dakota as a participating state in the University of Arizona Graduate Library School/WICHE Cooperative Program. The State Library appointed Ethelle Bean to serve as State Coordinator for the program. Ms. Bean is a former President of the South Dakota Library Association and is currently the Director of the Library at Dakota State University. As State Coordinator, Ms. Bean is responsible for setting up approved sites, determining factors which will govern in-state costs for delivery of the courses, arranging for local instructional assistants at each site, and establishing program delivery in South Dakota within the guidelines provided by

The University of Arizona Extended University. She is in the process of doing this now.

Once the details are finalized, students may enroll in the program. To enroll in the master's degree program students must go through the regular degree admittance procedures established by The University of Arizona Graduate Library School. This process includes taking the GRE examination. Students may enroll in classes while they are going through the admittance process. Courses will begin in Fall, 1992. (Book Marks, March-April)

### Campus Networked

In an era of dwindling budgets and increasing costs, it's a pleasure to be able to

add services for library clientele. Mikkelsen Express!, a library document delivery service for Augustana College (Sioux Falls) faculty and staff, was inaugurated in February. The advent of Internet to the campus in December meant that most faculty members had terminals in their offices and could easily connect to the online catalog. Library staff took the next logical step and created the document delivery service, enabling faculty members to call the library and request that items identified through the online catalog be delivered to their office building. Deliveries are made twice a day Monday-Friday by work-study students in conjunction with equipment deliveries to campus buildings. (News release)

### Utah State University Computer Lab is Specialized for Disabled

Disabled students at Utah State University now have a computer lab outfitted to meet their needs. The lab in Room 410 of the Merrill Library opened this fall and contains \$30,000 in specialized equipment, including headmasters for paraplegics and quadraplegics, television for the deaf, a Braille printer, a textbook scanner, and special monitors.

A headmaster headset is worn on the head with a cord placed in the mouth. The user can move his or her head to direct an arrow on the screen to the letter or function desired, and thereby use the computer program.

Television for the deaf has captions on the bottom of the screen. The monitors can enlarge print or say typed words aloud.

The lab is designed to meet the needs of the more than 150 students on campus who are disabled. It is also used by education students to become familiar with the new developments in technology that are available for teaching students with special needs. (Directions, February)

### Computerized At Its Opening

The Quinney Natural Resources Research Library at Utah State University will soon be completed. The Quinney family foundation donated \$1.6 million to build the facility. Much of the material will be stored on computer databases rather than basic

journals and books. Computer controlled collapsible shelving will permit the library to store information more efficiently. (MPLA representative report)

### RLG's CitaDel™ at BYU

CitaDel™, the new citation and document-delivery service from the Research Libraries Group (RLG), will be previewed this spring at Rutgers and Brigham Young universities.

From April 6 through May 22, the two RLG-member institutions will provide their campus communities with unlimited online access to five CitaDel files: ABI/INFORM® Periodical Abstracts, Newspaper Abstracts, Ei Page One™, and Current Bibliography in the History of Technology.

RLG's CitaDel service provides libraries and campus information networks with online access to some of the most popular and interesting scholarly citation databases available today. Institutions need only a connection to RLIN (RLG's information network) to be able to subscribe to CitaDel. All loading, maintaining, and updating of CitaDel files is done centrally at RLG, which has designed the service for multiuser access and quick response. One easy-to-learn, easy-to-use search interface is used for searching all CitaDel files.

BYU—as part of the Utah College Library Council, an 11-member consortium of Utah private and public college and university libraries—will be previewing CitaDel with an

eye towards eventual use by the entire consortium. During the preview, CitaDel will be available through BYU's local information network, at all BYU campus libraries and academic departments. University of Utah and Utah State University, through the state's library network, will also have access to CitaDel during the preview. (News release)

### We Believe in Heroes

The Freedom Foundation held their annual "We Believe in Heroes" luncheon recently. The Foundation is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization that promotes model citizenship, leadership and patriotism. Among those honored by the group were the staff and volunteers of the Weber County Library. They were honored for "unwavering commitment and volunteerism" in sponsoring innovative programs to bring books and information to the community. Among the list of achievements were the "Reading is Fundamental" program for preschool and school-age children, and the library's adult literacy program that has served over 600 people since its inception. (Directions, March 1992)





## Read-Aloud Theme for Family Event

"People in Uniform" was the theme of the Laramie County Library System's Night of a Thousand Starts Family Read-Aloud. The library joined hundreds of libraries around the country in celebrating National Library Week with this event, during which members of the community read stories to children.

"This year we thought it would be fun for the children to be read to by people they could perceive as role models in the community," says Laramie County Librarian Lucie Osborn. "We have representatives from the fire and police departments, a girl scout, and a nurse from Memorial Hospital among our readers."

Families are encouraged to attend the sessions together, and may come and go at any time throughout the evening. (Library Letter, Winter/Spring 1992)

## State Library Challenged by Fund Cuts

With substantial cuts to the state's general fund and the threat of no federal funding, it is a challenging time at the State Library.

The Joint Appropriations Committee's action on the library budget included terminating a vacant principal librarian's position and a part-time technician's position; adjusting the budgeted salaries of two newly hired librarians back to base salary; and transferring the money to another budget series. Transfers will affect updating of the Union List of Periodicals and one-time computer equipment purchases related to upgrading the WyLD system.

With the \$96,500 that the governor recommended and the approximately \$48,000 budget shift made by the appropriations committee, the library would still fall short of the \$229,000 for the WyLD upgrade. (The Outrider, February 1992)

**Greene**, currently a senior library technical Assistant at the Florida Mental Health Institute, is the WyLD circulation manager at the Wyoming State Library... ☐ **Rod Wagner**, Nebraska Library Commission Director, was elected chair of the Library and Information Science Distance Education Consortium Advisory Council.

## Newly Minted

202(+) Microcomputer Software Packages to Use in Your Library: Descriptions, Evaluations and Practical Advice (101 Micro series), by Patrick R. Dewey, ALA \$24.75.

Administration of the Small Public Library 3rd ed., by Darlene E. Weingand, ALA, \$22.50.

The Best of OPL, SLA, \$27.50.

Books About the Future, brochure, LITA, ALA Graphics, \$28/100.

Corporate Library Excellence, by James M. Matarazzo, SLA, \$25.

Deafness: An Annotated Bibliography and Guide to Basic Materials, edited by Gail Kovalik, Melanie Norton and Susan Meek, ASCLA, \$27.

Dictionaries for Adults and Children, Sandy Whiteley, editor, ALA, \$4.45.

Directory of Government Document Collections & Librarians, 6th ed., Congressional Information Service, Inc., \$49.50.

Guidelines to Subject Analysis of Audiovisual Materials, ALCTS, free, ALCTS Office, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611, send SASE.

Instant Pagemaker Handbook, by Thomas L. Hart and Nancy Everhart, Libraries Unlimited, \$34.

Journal Locator, 15th ed., Colorado Council of Medical Librarians, \$75

Library Service to Children: A Guide to the Research, Planning, and Policy Literature, by Phyllis Van Orden, ALA \$22.50.

Map Cataloging Manual, Library of Congress, \$30

A Micro Handbook for Small Libraries and Media Centers, 3rd ed., by Betty Costa and Marie Costa, Libraries Unlimited, \$27.00.

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## Super Ideas

### Promotion Idea from Denver

A State Library Division staff member came home from a recent visit to the Denver Art Museum with an idea for library promotion. The current exhibit at the Museum was "The Eight: Painters of a New Century." Featured near the end of the exhibit was a bibliography, "Read More About It at the Denver Public Library—The Eight: Painters of a New Century." The bibliography included biographies of artists, titles on American art, and titles of social history (an item most of the paintings documented). At the end of the bibliography was a simple statement: "These books are available from any Denver Public Library location," and the library's logo. This is a very good example of how a library can extend itself beyond its traditional four walls. (Directions for Utah Libraries, March 1992)

### Silly Month at Carbon Valley Library

Librarian Nancy Pressly labeled January "Silly, Silly, Silly Month" at the Carbon Valley Library in Frederick.

Anyone who tells the librarian a joke during January can return overdue library books without a penalty.

A Funny Bones Contest was also featured. Patrons are asked to submit a joke in writing and the best joke submitted each week will win a free lunch.

Several other "silly" activities are scheduled including silly stories during library story time, silly hat contests, and silly movies. (Greeley Tribune, 1/3/92)

### "Starting the Fire" To Motivate Students

Pamela Childers, a high school librarian in North Carolina, created a research project for students based on Billy Joel's hit song, "We Didn't Start the Fire." Students use encyclopedia and other reference sources in the library to come up with the who, what, when and where of the 119 references to historical persons, places, and events mentioned in the song's lyrics. Each student is given a copy of the lyrics and a 9-page worksheet to fill out over a 6-week grading period. Ms. Childers told *Library PR News* that readers who like a copy of the worksheet should send a stamped (2 oz. first class postage) self-addressed envelope, to her attention at Rutherford High School Library, P.O. Box 668, Forest City, NC 28043. (Library PR News, May/June 1991)

## About You

☐ **Mary Davis**, formerly Children's Assistant with the Laramie County (WY) Library, is the new media specialist at the Plainview School in Sheridan Lake, Colorado... ☐ **Shirley Flack**, Scottsbluff (NE) Public Library, was named 1991 Panhandle Business and Professional Woman of the Year... ☐ **Brian**



Songs, and Other Things, Frances Laveme Carroll and Mary Meacham, editors, ALA \$13.50.

Output Measures for Children's Services in Public Libraries, by Virginia A. Walter, ALA, \$18.

Photograph Preservation and the Research Library, Research Libraries Group, \$5.

Preferred Futures For Libraries, by Richard M. Dougherty and Carol Hughes, Research Libraries Group.

*Rated "A" for Adult: A Guide to Library Programming* is now available from the Colorado Library Association, PO Box 489, Pinecliffe, CO 80471, for \$4 plus shipping for Colorado orders. Out-of-state orders are \$8. Sponsored by the Public Library Division of the Colorado Library Association and the State Library and Adult Education Office, Colorado Department of Education, the 50-page manual is an adult programming resource list, including a subject index and bibliography on library programming and public relations.

## Continuing Education

June 18-20

### Storytelling: Planting the Seed

University of Iowa School of Library and Information Science

This workshop will introduce sources and strategies for using storytelling in classrooms and libraries. Topics will include: sharing personal experience and family stories, using multi-cultural stories, teaching children to become storytellers, and adapting stories and making them your own. Designed for both the novice and more experienced storyteller, the workshop is appropriate for those working in elementary or middle schools or in public libraries.

1 semester hour of graduate credit (with written project required). \$138 (credit or audit).

Write or call Ethel Bloesch, School of Library and Information Science, The University of Iowa, 3087 Library, Iowa City, IA 52242. 319-335-5707.

May 7-8

### 1992 Colorado ILL Workshop

Estes Park Conference Center

The Colorado Interlibrary Loan Committee invites interlibrary loan personnel within the MPLA region to attend its upcoming

1992 workshop.

The agenda will include: concurrent training sessions on ILL basics and advanced ILL technologies, and presentations on the impact of technology on ILL, Internet/Supernet and its uses, the changing job market for women, and brief statewide interlibrary loan updates. Richard Lee, a Las Vegas librarian and cartoonist regularly featured in *American Libraries* and other library publications, will be the featured luncheon speaker.

The registration fee for the conference is \$38 and includes a Thursday evening wine and cheese reception at the new Estes Park Public Library and the Friday luncheon. Reduced room rates are available at the Estes Park Holiday Inn: \$45.00 for single/double accommodations, \$53.00 for triple accommodations.

For more information contact: Kathy Hansen, MPLA Interest Group, Brigham Young University, 801-378-3624 or Ed Volz, Workshop Committee Chair, Denver Public Library, 303-640-8861.

May 13-15

### Quality Assurance in Preservation Microfilming: Implementing the RLG Guidelines

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

This 3-day workshop will offer the preservation specialist practical hands-on instruction in technical aspects of preservation microfilming. The newly published RLG *Preservation Microfilming Handbook* will be the text for the workshop.

Workshop tuition is \$750 and includes a copy of the new RLG handbook and instructional materials. Attendance will be limited to the first 25 registrants.

For more information, please contact Nancy Elkington at the Research Libraries Group, phone 415-691-2375; email BL.NEE@RLG.BITNET or BL.NEE@RLG.STANFORD.EDU.

September 13-16

### LITA IS COMING TO DENVER!!

LITA, the Library and Information Technology Association (a division of the American Library Association) will hold its 3rd National Conference on September 13-16, and this time it's right in your back yard: DENVER!! You're closer than ever to the action, and you won't want to miss this one!

The program is jam-packed with high-

quality programs and events for all types of librarians working in all types of libraries. Highlights include:

- Network connectivity for everyone! LITA will provide conference participants access to the Internet to keep in touch or see what all the fuss is about. Special sessions throughout the conference will focus on what you need to know to make your own Internet connections and get involved in the world of networked information.

- A Research Forum to present results and spark discussion of research topics in the area of information technology.

- Exhibits! We're expecting more than 160 of the information technology field's most advanced and exciting vendors to display their latest and best products and services.

- Much more!

The LITA 3rd National Conference will take place in the beautiful new Colorado Convention Center. Several social opportunities are also planned, including the All-Conference Reception in the stunning Denver Museum of Natural History, a chuckwagon supper and show at the Flying W Ranch in Colorado Springs, and post-conference nature, gambling, and—oh yes!—library tours.

Request more information from: LITA 3rd National Conference, 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611.

October 14-17

### North American Cartographic Information Society

Annual Meeting, St. Paul, MN

NACIS is a young, interdisciplinary organization with membership including professionals from government, academic and private organizations in Canada, the United States, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central American nations.

This year's conference will include programs on cartographic activities in Latin America and Canada, spatial development in children, cartographic education, design, mapping software, geographic information systems, navigation, and map library technology. There will be a mixture of contributed papers, invited papers, keynote speakers, poster displays, panel discussions, exhibits, and field trips. In addition a full day workshop on animated cartography will be offered (registration for this workshop



is limited).

For program and registration information contact Dr. Jeffrey C. Patton, Program Chair for NACIS XII, Department of Geography, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, NC 27412. 919-334-5388.

October 21-25

### **American Association of School Librarians National Conference**

Baltimore, Maryland

For registration and program information contact: AASL/ALA, Sixth National Conference Registration, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611.

### **SLA Introduces New Self-Study Courses**

The Special Libraries Association recently announced two new Self-Study courses: "Subject Indexing: An Introductory Guide" and "Owning Your Numbers: An Introduction to Budgeting for Special Libraries."

SLA's Self-Study courses are specifically designed for independent, "at-your-own-pace" study. Their content stresses pragmatic solutions using library/information problems and case studies.

SLA's Self-Study Program also offers courses in business writing, time management, marketing, database design, subject indexing and budgeting. All courses are available in workbook format, and a selected few are available on floppy disk.

For more information contact SLA's Ordering Department, SLA, 1700 Eighteenth Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20009-2508, or by calling 202-234-4700.

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## **Joblist**

**Deadline: April 24**

**Deputy Library Director (\$48,480-79,500)**  
Tucson Pima Library System

Position reports to Library Director; responsible for Public Services and Technical Services Divisions of Tucson-Pima Library System administered by City, but serving County by agreement and joint funding. Public Services Division includes Main Library, eighteen branches, bookmobiles and homebound services. Collection 1,227,000; circulation 4,809,000; total library budget \$10.7 million; 240 employees.

Requires Master's in Library Science, and six years of progressively responsible library management experience at the mid-management level or above. Brochure available.

Resume to Shannon Associates, 1400 K Street, Suite 311, Sacramento, CA 95814. 916-447-8022.

AA/EOE-Qualified women and minorities strongly encouraged to apply.

**Deadline: May 1**

**Public Services Chair (Upper \$30 + DOQ)**  
University of Nebraska at Omaha

Manages public services (reference, circulation, reserve/media, stacks, copy center, and ILL) with a staff of 25 FTE. Serves as a member of the library management team and is actively involved in planning and policy making.

Requires ALA/MLS, with minimum of 4 years supervisory experience in public services. Strong management, analytical, planning and problem-solving skills. Superior interpersonal communication and writing abilities, combined with flexibility and initiative. Knowledge of Innovative Interfaces integrated library system software and microcomputer applications highly desirable.

Send letter of application, resume, and three references to Jan Boyer, University Library, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE 68182-0237.

AA/EOE

**Deadline: July 1**

**Library Director (\$25-30,000)**

Finney County (KS) Public Library

For 75,000 volume library serving Finney County in southwest Kansas. Responsibilities include administration and supervision

of staff, development of programs and collection, attention to needs of a culturally diverse population, and management of a fully automated circulation system. Position requires energetic, creative leader for 10 full-time and 10 part-time employees.

MLS is desirable, but not essential. Three years of Professional library experience in a supervisory capacity is required.

Send letter of application and resume to Mary Ann Robison, Finney County Public Library, 605 E. Walnut, Garden City, KS 67846.

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### **SPECIAL JOBLINE INFORMATION**

The MPLA Jobline lists jobs available within our eleven-state area at no charge to institutions within this region. Jobs from institutions outside the MPLA region can be listed for \$10/week.

The Jobline updates its listing each Friday morning.

Send listings to Joe Edelen, I.D. Weeks Library, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD 57069. 605/677-6082.

### **JOBLINE #s**

The following numbers may be used in calling the MPLA Jobline: 605/677-5757 (nationwide 24 hours/day) or 800/356-7820 from any of the eleven MPLA states, during the following hours:

Sunday—Thursday 11 pm—8 am each day; Friday—5 pm to Sunday—5 pm your local time.

### **NEWSLETTER JOBLIST**

MPLA institutional members may place job advertisements in this newsletter's Joblist section at no charge.

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Send Joblist ads to Jim Dertien, MPLA Newsletter, Sioux Falls Public Library, 201 N. Main Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57102.





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## AWARDS 1992

### Nominations Requested for MPLA Awards

#### Award Categories:

**Carl Gaumer Exhibitors Award:** To be given to the individual or company whose positive support of the Mountain Plains Library Association is demonstrated by constant conscientious endeavors towards libraries, library staff, trustees and professional activities.

**MPLA Distinguished Service Award:** To be given to an MPLA member who has made notable contributions to the library profession or has furthered significant development of libraries in the Mountain Plains region, or has performed exemplary service for an extended period of time. In the case of retired individuals, the nominee may be a past member of MPLA.

**MPLA Legislative Leadership Award:** To be given to an individual or group (state legislature, city council, board of education, etc.) in recognition of exemplary legislative leadership or support for growth and development of a library or libraries in the MPLA area within the last two years.

**MPLA News Media Support Award:** To recognize the news media organization in the MPLA region making the strongest effort, either in a single presentation or in ongoing coverage, within the past two years, to promote libraries and library activities to the community. Criteria will include amount and effectiveness of coverage and manifestation of a positive commitment to generate public interest in a library or libraries.

**MPLA Literary Contribution Award:** To be given to an author whose published writings are most successfully furthering an understanding and appreciation of the Mountain Plains region. The author need not reside in the region, and the selection may be based on either a single work or a body of works. Nominees will be evaluated on the basis of literary worth, readability, and evidence of responsible research.

**MPLA Beginning Professional Award:** To recognize an MPLA member, who as a librarian/media specialist within the first five years after receiving a library/media masters degree, has made a positive impact on the quality and role of library service. Factors such as innovative programming and planning, use of resources, and special projects will be considered.

Please take the time to share this request for nominations with key members of your library community and send your nominations to:

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**The last date any nominations can be considered is July 1st.**