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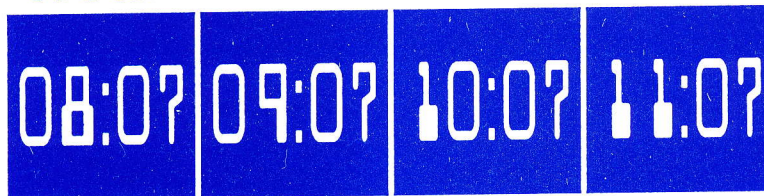
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Editor Opportunity

MPLA invites you to consider becoming the editor of its newsletter, replacing the current editor who has resigned.

As editor you would prepare 4-6 issues per year, handle advertising accounts, and work with association officers and members to maintain the newsletter as MPLA's primary communications tool.

The editor is paid and attends meetings of the executive board.

Interviews will be conducted at the Wichita conference.

If interested, please contact Blaine H. Hall, MPLA President, 5226 HBL Library, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT 84602. 801-378-6117.

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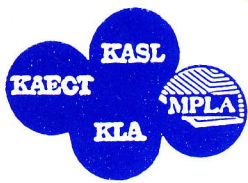
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1996 TRI-CONFERENCE: A JOINT CONFERENCE WITH MPLA

"Partnerships: Libraries and their Communities"

April 10-12, 1996
Century II
Wichita, KS

Guest Speakers

- **Sara Paretsky**, author of numerous detective/mystery books featuring V.I. Warshawski, said to be "the most engaging woman in detective fiction since Dorothy Sayers' Harriet Vane," (*Newsweek*) will be the featured speaker at the **General Session** on Wednesday.

For Paretsky the path to publication and fame was circuitous, strewn with impediments and fueled by anger. She grew up in Lawrence, Kansas, in a house where books were important and a woman's role was defined by tradition. Her mother is a children's librarian; her father, now retired, was a college professor. She was the only girl among four boys, and when her mother became ill for a long period, it was the daughter of the house who was expected to assume domestic and maternal duties. This could be the reason, Paretsky notes, why Warshawski is often so conflicted about accepting responsibility for other members of her family.

After graduating from the University of Kansas, Paretsky went on to the University of Chicago. There, aiming for a teaching career, she got a doctorate in history, though she had no compelling drive to study the subject. "I went to graduate school because I was trying to prove to my family that I was as smart as my brothers," she says now.

A mystery novel addict, Paretsky found herself dreaming of writing detective fiction and fantasizing about taking revenge on Raymond Chandler, whose books regularly featured your basic bad, sexually available woman--the female creature who deserved any punishment that fell her way. . . . Paretsky realized that what she really wanted to do was write about a character

'who was like my friends and me, someone doing a job that historically had not been open to us.'

Paretsky's books will be available for purchase and signing courtesy of Watermark Books, immediately following her presentation.

- **Dr. David Loetscher** will speak on making a difference by creating partnerships with the library media center at the **KASL Breakfast** Thursday morning.
- **Judith Krug**, Director of the ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom, Chicago, will report on current issues and how librarians should respond Thursday morning at the **Intellectual Freedom and the Internet** session. Krug's report will be followed by an audience question-and-answer period.
- Storyteller, author, and librarian **Heather McNeil**, will be the featured speaker at the **CULS Luncheon** Thursday. Title of her presentation is "The stories of the story behind the stories: Discoveries made while collecting, telling, and writing folktales." McNeil has traveled from Kenya to New Zealand to Scotland to share and collect stories. She will discuss why storytelling is important for all ages, as well as share some of her unusual experiences that are the story behind the story. You'll hear about Samburu warriors, a castle that holds family secrets, and the serendipity of dreams coming true.
- The **FOLUSA Luncheon**, also on Thursday, will feature authors **Robert O. Greer**, author of *The Devil's Hatband* published by Mysterious Press, **Swain Wolfe**, author of *The Woman Who Lives In The Earth*, publisher--HarperCollins, and a Random House author, to be announced.

- Two noted authors of the MPLA region (to be announced) will give presentations at the **MPLA Awards Reception** on Thursday. A cash bar and snacks will follow.
- The **BETA PHI MU** program, Thursday, 4-6 p.m., will be a panel discussion of the current state and the future of distance education and its impact on libraries and the library profession. The nominal charge will cover hors d'oeuvres.
- At the **FoKL Breakfast** Friday morning **Jane Rutledge**, Editor of the *FOLUSA Newsletter* and President of Indiana Libraries will speak on "Networking Friends; What State Friends Can Do," and **Sandy Dolnick**, Executive Director of Friends of Libraries USA, an extension of State Friends in the U.S., will present "Moving Friends to Center Stage in the Community."
- The **KASL Luncheon** Friday will feature author **Joan Carris**. Writing mainly for middle school readers, Carris' 18th book has recently been published. In her presentation Carris will ponder the question "WHY do we have so many non-readers?"

Exhibits

Approximately 75 exhibitors will be at the Conference. Exhibits will open at 5 p.m. on Wednesday with the **Presidents' Reception/Exhibitors' Bash** in the Century II Exhibition Hall.

Concessions

For the convenience of conference participants, concessions will be open at Century II on Thursday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. - noon.

Pre-conference Workshops

See accompanying materials for complete information about **pre-conferences**. Pre-registration is required. Mark the preconference(s) you wish to attend on the accompanying **Registration Form** and include the fee(s) in your conference registration check.



Library Tours/Open Houses

A tour of the **Ablah Library, Wichita State University** will be available Thursday from 4-6 p.m. Open house at **Friends University Library** and **Kansas Newman College Library** will also be from 4-6 on Thursday. Details will be included in the Registration packets at the Conference.

Lodging

Hotels for the Conference are the **Guild Plaza, 125 N. Market (316) 263-2101**--all rooms \$60; **Harvey Hotel, 549 Rock Rd (316) 686-7131**--room rates: single \$69, double \$79; **Ramada Hotel, 400 W. Douglas (316) 262-5000**--room rates: single \$52-65; double \$52-70, extra person \$7.

Make reservations at any of these hotels by contacting them directly. Please identify yourself as a conference participant. Staying at the conference hotels helps support the conference and keeps registration fees down. Free parking is available at all hotels.

Registration

On-site registration will be more expensive so pre-registration is advised. A **Registration Form** accompanies this conference information. Please--only **ONE** name per **Registration Form**. The **Registration Form** may be photocopied as needed. Return the completed **Registration Form** by **March 29, 1996**, to **Leroy Gattin, Hutchinson Public Library, 901 North Main, Hutchinson, KS 67501 (316-663-2501)**. All conference participants who pre-register before March 29 will be eligible to win a free year's membership in the Mountain Plains Library Association. The winner will be selected at random from the returned pre-registration forms and announced at Wednesday's General Session. Final program information, including session locations, will be distributed at registration.

For Your Information

If you need more information, contact your organization's officers or the conference chair, **Susan Willis, Chanute Public Library, 111 N. Lincoln, Chanute, KS 66720 (316) 431-3820**.

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Subject to Change

PRECONFERENCES

Tuesday, April 9, 1996

- 8:00 - 12:00.... ■ **Authoring a Government Documents Home Page for Your Library (Paula Duffy)**
This course will provide the basic competencies needed to author a Home Page.
- **Putting Your Community's Organizations on the Web (Deborah Ludwig)**
For those who want to include their community's organizations on the Internet World Wide Web.
- **Stop the Whining (Pat Wagner)**
Fun, informative program on how to complain effectively and how to get peers to stop complaining.
- 9:00 - 4:00..... ■ **Children and Their Future: The Library's Role (Virginia Mathews, Julie Tomlianovich, Judy Druse, Chuck Smith)**
Help for libraries planning effective advocacy and services for children in the coming financially stringent years.
- 1:00 - 5:00..... ■ **HTML for Beginning Authors (Deborah Ludwig, Brig McCoy)**
Learn the basics of writing HTML documents for the World Wide Web.
- **Intellectual Freedom and Public Relations: How to Deal with the Media in a Soundbyte Era (Pat Wagner)**
How respond positively to what could be negative TV, newspaper and radio questions.
- **Locating and Exploring Government Information on the Internet (Paul A. Arrigo, Anne Liebst, Nancy Donoghue)**
Hands-on workshop will highlight valuable Federal and State Government information resources on the Internet.
- 1:30 - 4:30..... ■ **Library Advocacy Now! (Nann Blaine Hilyard, Ethelle Bean)**
Help for libraries to become effective advocates using contacts with the media, legislators, and other forums.

Wednesday, April 10, 1996

- 8:30 - 11:30.... ■ **Assessment and the School Library Media Specialist (Mary Schumacher)**
For library media specialists who know little about assessment

CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Wednesday, April 10, 1996

- 7:00 - 5:00..... ■ **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**
- 8:00 - 9:00..... ■ **Build Your Own Technology Endorsement (Dr. Alan A. Aagaard, Mary H. Brown)**
Exploration of what is currently available in higher institutions in the field of technology.

- 8:00 - 10:00.... ■ **Tantalizing Toddler Time (Judy Nichols)**
The author of "Storytime for 2-Year-Olds" will present ideas and hints for toddler storytimes.
- 9:00 - 10:00.... ■ **Is Your Technology Plan Working? (Dr. Alan A. Aagaard, Mary H. Brown)**
Share your success and/or horror stories in this roundtable discussion of district and/or school technology plans.
- **Making a Library Inviting to Kids (Beth Hager, Linda Springer, Nancy Laird, Kate Thompson)**
Each presenter will provide tips on how to make the planning and preparation easier for everyone.
- **MPLA Children and School Library Section (Immediately following "Making a Library Inviting to Kids")**
- 10:00 - 11:00... ■ **BCR Update**
- 10:00 - 12:00... ■ **Building Collaborative Partnerships between Technical and Public Services Departments in an Academic Library (Althea Aschmann)**
This presentation will focus on the benefits and experiences with the formation of cooperative partnerships between Reference and Technical Services departments.
- **Fee Based Services: A New Opportunity for Service (Andi Kounas, Susan G. Fowler)**
The presenters will provide a history of JCL Research Plus and discuss why libraries should consider this unique form of service to their communities.
- **Foundation Center Cooperating Collections Supervisors Meeting (Beth Kewitzky)**
- **GODORT Business Meeting**
- **Providing Public Access to the Internet (panel)**
A panel representing various types of libraries will share their plans, policies and the pitfalls they've experienced in bringing their patrons and students up on the 'Net.
- **Reading and Telling Stories to Children of the Multi-Media Age (Bob Gasch)**
Simple and effective techniques for reading and telling stories that capture the imagination of children.
- **The University Librarian: Blue Chip Player on the Faculty Team (Patricia Renn-Scanlan)**
Washburn University presents examples of collaborative work, research, and instruction models.
- 11:00-12:00.... ■ **KLA Reference and Information Services Roundtable Business Meeting**
- 11:00 - 1:00.... ■ **MPLA Board Meeting**
- 12:00 - 1:15.... ■ **KLA Council Meeting**
- 12:30 - 2:30.... ■ **Assessing Learning Across Subject Areas (KASL Research Committee)**
The Research Committee presents its model for use by library media specialists working with teachers.

1:30 - 2:30 ■ **The Care and Feeding of a Library Friends Group (Ronelle K.H. Thompson)**

This program will consider advantages and challenges associated with starting and maintaining a library friends group.

■ **Educational Services Partnership With You (Elsbeth Gordon-Ross)**

Educational Services forges a partnership with the school districts it services.

■ **Flexible Access (Christine Hazen)**

See all the advantages of flexible access to the library for teachers and their students.

■ **Help Your Community Locate Relevant Disability Information (Cindy Higgins)**

This presentation will identify patron needs and offer recommendations on disability sources and materials.

■ **Hindsight is 20/20: Library Directors Reflect on Building Projects (panel)**

A panel of six public library directors who have survived building or renovation projects.

■ **Information Resources for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (Mona Huggins)**

A seminar to present specific informational resources related specifically to the deaf and their cultural community.

■ **Internet Resources for Technical Services (panel)**

Discussion of resources available through internet and WWW.

■ **KLA PLA/Trustee Business Meeting (Linda Slack) (immediately following "Hindsight is 20/20")**

■ **KPLACE Business Meeting (Claudia Gibson)**

■ **Student Assistants Revived (Jim Hathaway)**

Looking for librarians interested in forming an organizational nucleus for junior-senior high school students.

■ **Technology: What a Word! (Kip Dawson)**

What are CD-ROMS and what hardware do I need? "What's Hot and What's Not?"

2:45 - 3:45 ■ **GENERAL SESSION**

4:00 - 5:00 ■ **Adventures in Imagination: A Business-Education Partnership for Literacy (Beth Welsh, Margie Coggins, Jane Imber)**

This presentation will share the successes of a K-12 business- education partnership that promotes literacy.

■ **How to Reach the Unreachable Child (Sharon Aillslieger, Elaine Scheuerman)**

How do libraries reach Socioeconomically disadvantaged and minority children?

■ **ITV: New Pathways to Teacher Training (Michael Connet)**

Kansas City Public Television has built an ITV teleclassroom and has been offering classes on the use of educational technology for teachers and librarians.

■ **If Your Students are in the Middle: A Look at the Kansas State Reading Circle Junior High Book Favorites (Shelia K. Blume)**

A look at some of the picks for the 1996-97 Kansas State Reading Circle Catalog.

■ **Instruction From A Disk: Using Software to Create the Illusion of Online/CD-ROM Demonstrations (Rachel Vukas)**

A practical demonstration/description of using computer software to create programmed instruction sessions and demonstrations of electronic resources.

■ **Is Technology Having an Impact in the Technical Services Workplace? (Lois Schneberger)**

The presenter will review findings of a survey of the impact of technology in technical services.

■ **Investment Reference Sources (Lynn Gunderson)**

A variety of reference sources, both print and electronic, will be presented.

■ **KLA Intellectual Freedom Roundtable Business Meeting (Rhonda Hiebert)**

■ **KLA KLOA Roundtable Business Meeting**

■ **MPLA Intellectual Freedom Committee Business Meeting (Robbe Sokolove)**

■ **MPLA New Members Roundtable Business Meeting (Metta Nicewarner)**

■ **Non-Book Catalogers Networking Session (Merry Bower)**

This is a forum for the discussion of all types of non-book cataloging issues, including music, A-V, etc. Issues/questions may be sent prior to the meeting to Merry Bower, Kansas State University Libraries, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506.

■ **Small Group Curriculum Integration (Colleen Lunsford)**

Integrating the library program with curriculum in small groups with developmentally appropriate activities.

■ **Teaching Stations for Technology Instruction: An Integrated Approach (Susie Bridgson)**

At Santa Fe Trail Junior High School, an I-search assignment is combined with training on all of the major sources of information--print and nonprint--in the media center. This session will explain how the goals of training all the seventh graders on the stations is accomplished.

■ **University Libraries and Community Partners: Leveraging Technology Investments and Enhancing Service Quality Through Collaborative Efforts (Daryl C. Youngman)**

This program examines incentives for seeking partnerships.

■ **Where Did You Get That Idea? (Marquita Boehnke)**

Review of resource books for public and school librarians to assist in planning creative storytime programs and classroom activities for Pre-K through elementary students.

5:00 - 8:00 ■ **PRESIDENTS' RECEPTION/EXHIBITORS' BASH**

Thursday, April 11, 1996

7:30 - 5:00 ■ **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

7:15 - 8:30 ■ **KASL Breakfast (David Loertscher)**

Making a difference by creating partnerships with the LMC is where it's at in the '90s.

8:30-9:30 ■ **KLA Interlibrary Loan Roundtable**

- **Learn the Wilber Wiggle: Reading Incentives Programs for Elementary Schools (Carol Robison)**

Successful grade school reading incentive programs will be described and discussed.
 - **New Ways of Teaching: Rethinking Reference in Today's Electronic Environment (Terri Pedersen Summey)**

This program will examine new methods of bibliographic instruction.
 - **Programs for YAs: Crisis or Opportunity? (Nancy Knepel)**

Programs for young adults don't have to be elaborate productions.
 - **The School Librarian and Instructional Television (Terry Rinehart)**

A practical workshop for school librarians to assist them in managing the resource of instructional television.
 - **SLIM Info: Who We are and What We're Doing (Janet Anderson-Story)**

Faculty from the School of Library and Information Management, Emporia State University, will present information about the curriculum, current activities and technologies.
 - **Statewide Collaboration on Behalf of Kansas' Limited English Proficient Students: The Kansas State Board of Education's English for Speaker of Other Languages and Bilingual Education Lending Library at Emporia State University (Kim Kreicker)**

KSBE's Lending Library provides a rich collection of ESOL and bilingual materials, available on interlibrary loan to educators throughout the state.
 - **What Is Going Online? (Mike Modares)**

Learn how to design a good-looking home page to attract Web surfers.
 - **What's New in YA Literature! (Dixie Talbot, Marcia Cooper)**

The best of 1995 adopted books will be shared. Accelerated Reader tests for some will be available.
- 8:30 - 10:30.... ■ **Intellectual Freedom and the Internet (Judith Krug)**
- ALA/OIF report on current issues and how librarians should respond.
- **J. & J.'s Best Picks for '95 (Julie Tomljanovich, Jerri Garretson)**

Julie and Jerri will discuss their choices of the best children's books for 1995.
 - **KLA Children's Section Business Meeting (Immediately following "J. & J.'s Best Picks")**
 - **Schools of Tomorrow--Today (Howard Pitler)**

Various applications of software and hardware that are used to enhance rather drive outcomes-based curriculum will be shown and discussed.
- 9:30 - 10:30.... ■ **Bits and Pieces Together (Betsy Losey)**
- See activities using quilts for a year-long theme. "Bits and Pieces Together" covers self-esteem activities as well as ideas for curriculum support.

- **Comics and Graphic Novels for Young Adults (Judy Druse)**

What comics do young adults read? What are graphic novels? Who reviews this stuff? How would one justify having these in your library? Answers to these questions and more including graphic novel on CD-ROM will be provided.
 - **Curriculum Design for the 21st Century: The Team Concept (Dennis Franz, Bryan Ackley, Steve Hoffman, Jack Koehn)**

The KSU-Salina curriculum design/production team develops education programs using the Internet, multimedia, etc.
 - **Employment Networking (Janet Anderson-Story)**

This informal session will familiarize employers with the current pool of potential applicants and inform those seeking employment what qualities employers desire.
 - **Lifeguarding: Tossing a Life Preserver to Library/Archival Materials (Roseanne B. D. Bory)**

Preserving, maintaining, and cataloging a photographic collection on limited funds.
 - **MPLA Preservation Section Business Meeting (Immediately following "Lifeguarding")**
 - **National Teacher Training Institute for Technology--Demonstration Lesson (Terry Rinehart)**

Demonstration of how to use short video segments to spark student participation.
 - **Partnerships: Academic Library and Campus Computer Center as Partners in Providing Electronic Resources (Rebecca Bostian)**

Mabee Library, Washburn University, found a way to bypass creation of a CD-ROM LAN/WAN by partnering with the academic computer center on campus to provide electronic resources.
 - **SSRT/LED (Immediately following "Un-STRAIGHTEN-ing Your Collection")**
 - **Un-STRAIGHTEN-ing Your Collection (Rob Melton)**

Discussion of how to identify, evaluate and select materials in this genre for public and academic libraries.
 - **Using a DISK Approach (Kay Good)**

This session will demonstrate how a district has met student expectations and how the students help peers and faculty.
 - **Winnebago Users' Group--Beginners (Lois Thiessen, Doris DeHoogh)**
- 10:30 - 11:30... ■ **EXHIBITS ONLY**
- 11:30 - 1:30.... ■ **CULS Luncheon (Heather McNeil)**
- Presentation title, "The Stories of the Story Behind the Stories: Discoveries Made While Collecting, Telling, and Writing Folktales."
- 11:45 - 12:45... ■ **FOLUSA Luncheon**
- 11:45 - 1:15.... ■ **KAECT Board Lunch (Donna Walker)**
- 1:30 - 2:30 ■ **Biographies Too Good to Miss (Cynthia Liegler)**
- Exciting biographies for elementary grades.

- 1:30 - 3:30** ■ **Cloud with a Silver Lining: the Statewide Community Information Database on Blue Skyways** (Deb Ludwig, Patti Mersmann)
 Demonstration of Kansas community information via the World Wide Web.
- **Continuing Education Alternatives Roundtable** (Beth Hager)
 Continuing education providers at regional and statewide agencies are invited to discuss and share the various types of formats being offered for professional growth opportunities.
- **The Future and Library Services to Children** (Therese Bigelow)
 Discussion of challenges and opportunities of the 21st Century.
- **KLA Business Meeting**
- **Librarians--REACT!** (LaDonna Nelson, Kay Good)
 An overview of the Lincoln junior/senior high school media center program focusing on new technologies.
- **MPLA State Agencies, Cooperatives and Systems Section Business Meeting** (Beth Hager)
 Anyone who has statewide or regional responsibilities is invited to this meeting.
- **Preparing School Library Media Specialists for the 21st Century** (Steve Scott)
 Examination of how Pittsburg State University is integrating electronic technologies and traditional library media concepts and skills to produce library media specialists for the 21st century.
- **Restructuring Technical Services: The University of Arizona Experience** (Nancy Simons, Jennalyn Tellman)
 Rationale behind the restructuring of technical services at the University of Arizona will be explained.
- **Surf No Longer: Proven Internet Sites for Educators** (Jo Ann Wahrman)
 A look at Internet Web, gopher sites and listserves that pertain to education 7-12.
- **Winnebago Users' Group--Advanced** (Linda Roberts)
- **KLNB Networking Forum** (Jim Bingham)
 KLNB members and guest speakers will discuss noteworthy networking developments.
- **MPLA ILL Interest Group Business Meeting** (immediately following "Picking Up the Pace")
- **Picking Up the Pace: Meeting Patron Expectations for Timely Delivery of Materials** (Michele Reid, Deborah Hagemeir)
 Panel discussion concerned with approaches for improving delivery of materials to meet patron expectations for timely, reliable interlibrary loan service.
- **Using the Internet as a Classroom Tool for Learning** (Howard Pitler)
 Presentation will focus on using the Internet as a classroom tool.

- 2:45 - 3:45** ■ **Everything I Needed to Know to Run a Library I Did Not Learn in Kindergarten (or Library School)** (Tim Rogers)
 A panel of library professionals will discuss the most important aspects of their jobs and how their educations have (or have not) enabled them to be successful.
- **Get a Leg Up the Career Ladder: Develop the Skills You Need to Secure the Job of Your Dreams!** (Metta Nicewarner)
 Learn how to make a prospective employer pick you from a pool of equally-qualified candidates.
- **Partnerships, Priorities, and Persistence in Services to Children and Their Families** (Virginia H. Mathews)
 Children, adolescents, and their families are of major concern to librarians.
- **Placing Ourselves in GPRD ("Jeopardy"): Using a Relational Database to Manage Information for a Government Documents Depository Collection** (Nan Myers)
 Presenting the Government Documents Processing Relational Database (GPRD) based on Paradox, for managing claims/rainchecks, item number changes, map holdings, and as a deselection tool.
- **Surf No Longer: Proven Internet Sites for Educators--Elementary** (JoAnn Wahrman)
 A look at Internet Web, gopher sites and listserves that pertain to elementary levels.
- **Understanding and Responding to Unreasonable Patrons** (Gail Evans)
 Gail Evans, corporate customer service trainer, discusses methods which librarians can use when confronted by patrons exhibiting rude or unreasonable behavior.
- **Wahoo! Take a Wild Ride Certified with the Magic School Bus!** (Therese Strobel)
 Take a "Wild Ride Certified," exciting and hands-on look at utilizing PBS' Magic School Bus video series in the classroom.
- 2:45 - 4:45** ■ **Environmental Resources--Help Yourself, Help the Public** (Sandra Isaacson)
 An introduction to environmental resources, using a variety of media, including electronic; for public, academic, school and special library staff.
- **Library Copyright Update** (Rosemary Talab)
 All you want to know copyright, etc.
- 4:00 - 5:00** ■ **An ABC of Writing Activities** (Linda Wilbur)
 This presentation will focus on a year-long writing project for 6th graders.
- **Being Prepared: How Policies and Procedures Can Save the Day** (Pat Hasson)
 Having your policies and procedures lined up before the crisis--or surprise question--can save your bacon!
- **Community College Librarians Information Exchange** (Janine Johnson)
- **Continuing Education Programs and Library Instruction: Evolving Partnerships** (Cynthia Akers)
 A panel will address issues of library instruction in a variety of forms for students in distance learning/continuing education programs.

■ **Count on Reading (David Loertscher)**

An AASL initiative, Count on Reading challenges the youth of the nation to read a billion books!

■ **Developing Internet Policies (Beth Welsh, Mike Eitschinger)**

This presentation will discuss the committee structure and procedures for development of various policies to govern use of the Internet.

■ **Different and Same: A Prejudice Reduction Project for Early Elementary Children (Diane Richards)**

A program for early elementary school children to help them identify, cope with, and prevent racism.

■ **Follett Users Group**

■ **GED on TV: Reaching a Growing Community (Karyn Johnson)**

Discover how telecommunications has enhanced adult basic education and the non-traditional 7-12 student's basic skills through KCPT's GED on TV Outreach Project.

4:00 - 6:00 ■ **Distance Education Today and Tomorrow (Mary P. Fenlon)**

A panel will discuss the current state and future of distance education and its impact on libraries and the library profession.

■ **Open house at Friends University Library and Kansas Newman College Library**

■ **Tour of Ablah Library, Wichita State University**

5:00 - 6:00 ■ **AASL Regional Affiliate Meeting (Sue Eckhardt)**

■ **Kansas School Library Media Directors' Meeting**

■ **MPLA Awards Reception/General Membership Meeting**

A brief membership meeting including awards and the presentations of two noted authors of the MPLA region. A cash bar with snacks will follow.

5:00 - 7:00 ■ **Story Swap (Jean Hatfield, Judy Nichols)**

5:30 - 7:00 ■ **Kocktails with KAECT**

A great opportunity to mingle, meet friends (old and new) and make dinner plans in the Old Town District (including the Larkspur!)

Friday, April 12, 1996

7:30 - 9:30 ■ **FoKL Breakfast (Jane Rutledge, Sandy Dolnick)**

7:30 - 10:00 ■ **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

8:30 - 9:30 ■ **AECT President-Elect Showcase (Franz Frederick)**

■ **The English Classroom and the Library: Hand in Hand in Research (Jan Renberger, Lynne Stype)**

Collaboration on a research unit where the library becomes an integral part of the curriculum.

■ **The Information Super Highway--Is It For You? (Bonnie Brunk)**

This session is for those who are thinking about merging onto the Information Super Highway.

■ **MPLA Technical Services Business Meeting (Lois Schneberger)**

■ **No Time??? Set Priorities and Abandon!!! (Sue Buhler, Nina Flax)**

The issue of management of available time is a high concern in the K-12 librarian's professional day. This session will discuss setting priorities and abandoning practices that are not efficient.

■ **Stories and Stuff: Using Stories, Songs, and Creative Dramatics in the Library Setting (Steve Johnson)**

Presenter will guide participants through the planning and preparation required for designing a story.

■ **Web Wizards in Kansas: Setting Up a State Library Webserver (Blue Skyways) (Patti Mersmann)**

Background explanation and demonstration of "Blue Skyways."

■ **Welcome to the Kansas Heritage Center (Noel Ary)**

This resource center provides materials and services about the history of Kansas and the Old West to libraries and schools throughout the state.

8:30 - 10:30.... ■ **The Academic Library of the Future**

Networking and mentoring theory and practice will provide the basis for discussion of activities to foster the growth and development of individuals and the profession.

■ **Current Issues for Young Adults (Becky Pasco)**

Students from Becky Pasco's Information Transfer and Young Adult (ESU/SLIM) class will offer discussion, bibliographies, and book talks on selected current issues which affect young adults today.

■ **Hot Ideas for Hot Times: Summer Reading Program Exchange (Jean Hatfield)**

Table talk discussion groups will focus on plans for summer programs.

■ **Hypermedia in the Elementary Classroom (Howard Pitler)**

Participants will be guided through the process of book design from inception to completion. Staff and students will discuss and demonstrate HyperStudio applications.

■ **Mainstreaming Government Documents: Techniques to Successfully Integrate Government Documents into the Library Collection (Fred Schmidt)**

Panel presentation will discuss successful strategies to integrate a government documents collection into the library's main collection.

■ **MPLA Academic Libraries Section Business Meeting (immediately following "The Academic Library of the Future")**

■ **MPLA Government Documents Business Meeting (Paula Duffy)(immediately following "Mainstreaming Government Documents")**

■ **Oral Narratives and the At-Risk Child (Richard and Judy Dockrey Young)**

At-risk children find their folkways missing from textbooks and lessons; using oral narratives validates their experience and leads them naturally to reading and writing.

9:45 - 10:45... ■ **Connections to Your Roots: Non-legal Uses of LEXIS/NEXIS for Historical and Genealogical Research** (Nancy Sprehe, Tim J. Watts)

LEXIS/NEXIS can provide information for those doing historical and genealogical research.

■ **Homeschoolers and the Public Library** (Marsha Cousino, Julie Jog, Chari Lyons, Julie Tomlianovich)

A panel of children's librarians discuss how their libraries serve homeschooling families.

■ **KAECT Brainstorming Session** (Donna Walker)

This session is a roundtable discussion about the future of KAECT.

■ **The Library Is Not Just a Room at the End of the Hall** (Patti Ashley, Linda Paul)

A variety of new fiction and non-fiction will be reviewed.

■ **MPLA Public Library Section Business Meeting**

■ **One Hundred and Seventy Five Years of the Santa Fe Trail—Bring It Alive for Your Students** (Marilyn and Jim Peterson)

As this anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail is observed, participants will learn how to incorporate this event into their curriculum through the use of slides, resources and activities.

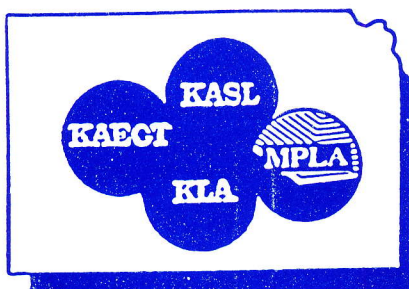
■ **Outreach at the University of Kansas, or, The Complete After-Lunch Speaker** (Barbara K. Gaeddert)

The presenter will share slides, experiences, suggestions, and techniques.

■ **Power Point: The First Step to Multi-Media** (Brendon G. Sullivan)

Explanation of the fundamentals of Power Point multi-media presentations with examples of how to create and use them.

10:45 - 11:45... ■ **EXHIBITS ONLY**



11:45 - 12:45... ■ **Community Analysis: A True Story of Kansas** (Martha Hale, Freda Dobbins)

Kansas' only two-county public library and ESU-SLIM joined forces to develop a unique and revealing analysis of Wabaunsee County.

■ **Continuing Education Needs Discussion** (Janet Anderson-Story)

Faculty from SLIM seek input regarding issues and topics that will help energize/update those in the field.

■ **It's In the Bag: \$100 Paperback Collection for Young Adult Readers** (Nancy Knepel)

Attendees will receive a shopping list of about 40 current titles, and the presenter will give a quick plot and character sketch for each.

■ **KLA PAL Business Meeting** (Joseph Forte) (Immediately following "The Present and Future of Library Services...")

■ **KLA LIRT Business Meeting** (Cynthia Akers)

■ **KLA SLIM Alumni Business Meeting** (Andi Kounas)

■ **LSCA or What Is Left of It** (Roy Bird, Marcia Ranson, Virginia Mathews)

Federal, state and local perspectives on the pros and cons of anticipated changes in focus and distribution of Library Services and Construction Act funds.

■ **Out From Behind the Desk: Librarians, Faculty and Students Working Together** (Cathy Reeves, Denyce Gammell)

A panel of academic librarians will present unique ways they are working with other groups on their campuses to promote the library.

■ **The Present and Future of Library Services to Distance Learners** (Henry Stewart, James Bingham, Joseph Forte)

Three methods for providing library services to distance learners.

■ **What Is Happening in the World of Patents** (Arlene Moore)

This discussion covers changes in patent law, personal applications, online searching using APS (Automated Patent Searching) and related information.

11:45 - 1:15... ■ **KASL Luncheon**

Joan Carris, children's author, ponders this question with us: WHY do we have so many non-readers?

11:45 - 1:45... ■ **Electronic Databases and Student Research: What Instructors Need to Know** (Andrea Kempf, Christine Godin)

A discussion of student research, using electronic databases.

■ **KLA Automation Roundtable Business Meeting** (Deborah Ludwig) (Immediately following "Electronic Databases and Student Research")

12:45 - 2:45... ■ **MPLA Board Meeting**

**AUTHORING A GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS
HOMEPAGE FOR YOUR LIBRARY
Pre-Conference**

Tuesday, April 9, 1996
8 a.m. - noon
Friends University

Limit: 24

Presenter: Paula Duffy
Assistant Professor/Business & Government Information Librarian
Montana State University

Join the growing number of document librarians with their own web Home Page. This four-hour course will provide participants with the basic competencies needed to author a Home Page. Instructional materials, sample Home Pages and expert instructors will be provided.

*Registration fee: \$10.00. Sign up on
Conference Registration Form*

**PUTTING YOUR COMMUNITY'S ORGANIZATIONS ON THE WEB
Pre-Conference**

Tuesday, April 9, 1996
8 a.m. - noon
WSU Computer Lab

Limit: 24

Presenter: Deborah Ludwig and the
Statewide Community Information Taskforce
Overland Park, KS

A training session for local developers of Community Information databases who want to include their community's organizations on the KLN B CLOUD database accessible through the Internet World Wide Web.

No registration fee but please sign up on Conference Registration Form

STOP THE WHINING: HOW TO COMPLAIN EFFECTIVELY **Pre-Conference**

Tuesday, April 9, 1996
8 a.m. - noon
Ramada Inn--Plaza Room

Presenter: Pat Wagner
Pattern Research
Denver, CO

Something is obviously not right, but why won't they listen to you? Are you as effective as you want to be in influencing changes in your work place? You will learn how to evaluate problems, improve your influence in group situations, and establish credibility with the people higher up. Also, what about those annoying co-workers who love to complain instead of getting the work done? And what if they have a reasonable complaint? You will learn how to set appropriate limits with chronic complainers, how to prevent sabotage in meetings and how to prevent bad attitudes from spreading throughout the organization.

*Registration fee: \$15.00. Sign up on
Conference Registration Form*

CHILDREN AND THEIR FUTURE: THE LIBRARY'S ROLE **Pre-Conference**

Tuesday, April 9, 1996
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Ramada Inn--Crystal Ballroom II

This pre-conference is intended to help librarians of all types plan effective advocacy and library programs for children in coming financially stringent years. The program will feature Virginia Matthews, a long-time children's advocate in the areas of library service and education. She has been one of the driving forces behind the successful partnership between public libraries and Head Start.

The afternoon program will offer three concurrent sessions. Afternoon presenters will include Judy Druse, director of the Curriculum Resources Center at Washburn University, Julie Tomlianovich, children's consultant at the South Central Kansas Library System, Elizabeth Hager, Assistant Director of the High Plains Regional Library System in Colorado and Shelia Blume, a past-president of KASL who helped establish one of the three school-public library programs in Kansas.

*Registration fee: \$30.00. Sign up on
Conference Registration Form*

**LOCATING AND EXPLORING GOVERNMENT
INFORMATION ON THE INTERNET
Pre-Conference**

Tuesday, April 9, 1996
1-5 p.m.
Friends University

Limit: 24
Presenter: Paul A. Arrigo
Anne Liebst
Nancy Donoghue
Washburn University School of Law Library

This hands-on workshop will highlight valuable Federal and State Government information resources on the Internet. Details on locating government resources via World Wide Web search engines, large gateways, and research guides.

*Registration fee: \$10.00. Sign up on
Conference Registration Form*

**LIBRARY ADVOCACY NOW!
Pre-Conference**

Tuesday, April 9, 1996
1:30-4:30 p.m.
Ramada Inn--Crystall Ballroom III

Presenter: Nann Blaine Hilyard, Fargo Public Library
Ethelle Bean, Karl Mundt Library, Dakota State University

The focus of this exciting workshop is helping everyone who cares about libraries--staff, trustees, Friends--to become more effective advocates by using contacts with media, legislators, and other forums by building the case for library support at the local, state, and national levels.

*Registration fee: \$15.00. Sign up on
Conference Registration Form*

HTML FOR BEGINNING AUTHORS Pre-Conference

Tuesday, April 9, 1996
1-5 p.m.
WSU Computer Lab

Limit: 24

Presenters: Deborah Ludwig
Johnson County Community College Library
Overland Park, KS
Brig McCoy
Southeast Kansas Library System
Iola, KS

Participants will learn the basics of writing HTML documents for the World Wide Web. This program is designed for those with no previous experience in writing HTML.

No registration fee but please sign up on Conference Registration Form

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM & PUBLIC RELATIONS: HOW TO DEAL WITH THE MEDIA IN A SOUNDBYTE ERA Pre-Conference

Tuesday, April 9, 1996
1-5 p.m.
Ramada Inn--Plaza Room

Presenter: Pat Wagner
Pattern Research
Denver, CO

Librarians have to be proactive with PR and their relationships with the media. PR campaigns done "after the fact" are too late. This program will give you ideas on how to build public influence, how to control emotions when dealing with hostile people, and how to build community and support networks.

*Registration fee: \$15.00. Sign up on
Conference Registration Form*

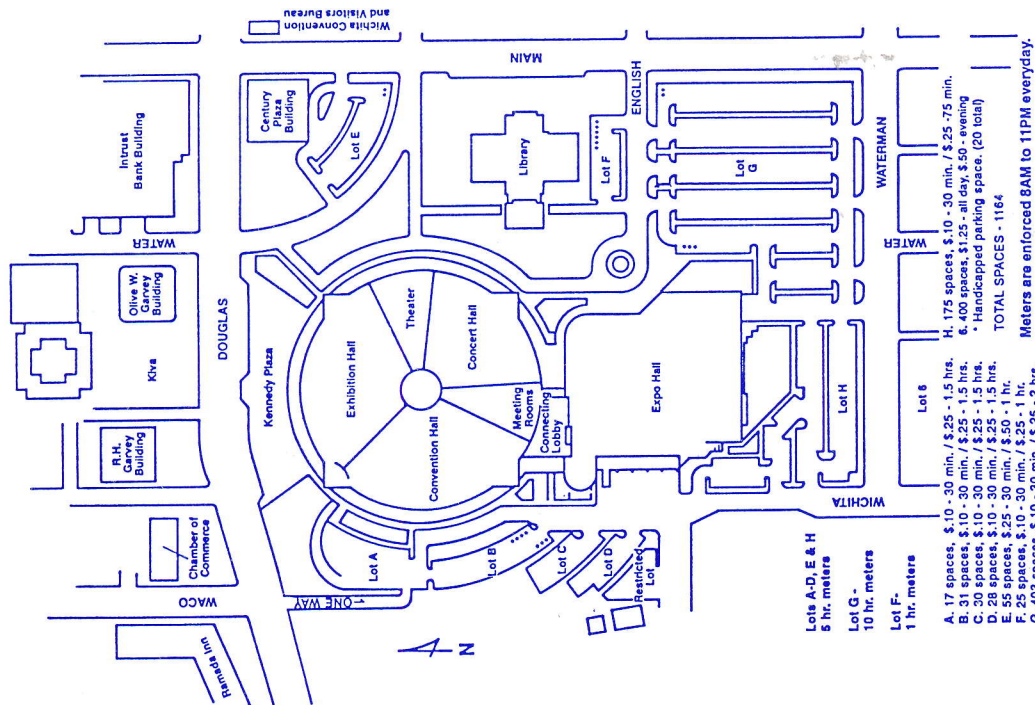
ASSESSMENT AND THE SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST Pre-Conference

Wednesday, April 10, 1996
8:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Room 204--Century II

Presenter: Dr. Mary Schumacher
Director of Library Media Services
Wichita Public Schools

For library media specialists who know little about assessment--an overview of techniques that can be used when assessing learning. Includes various types of performance assessment strategies, portfolio assessment, and a definition of terms.

**Registration fee: \$10.00. Sign up on
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CENTURY II PARKING

More Conference Local Arrangements Information

Lodging

There are only two lodging establishments within walking distance of the conference site: the Ramada Hotel at Broadview and the Guild Plaza Hotel. The Ramada is an o hotel and rooms are on the small size. It is right across the street from the convention center. Rates are \$52 single; \$59 double, \$84 for three, and \$91 for four.

The Guild Plaza is a short 2-1/2 blocks/6 minute easy walk from the convention center. This is a modern hotel with an indoor pool. There is one rate: \$60, covering from one to four occupants

The third conference hotel is the Harvey Hotel, located seven miles East of the convention center on Kellogg Street. Its rates are \$69 single; \$79 double; \$89 for three, and \$99 for four. The Harvey Hotel could not provide a registration card, so call 316-686-7131.

An airport shuttle service is available from all three hotels. The Harvey House offers service only on even hours. You are asked to call each hotel when you arrive at the airport.

Rental Cars

Please make arrangements with the rental agency of your choice.

Special MPLA Travel Discounts

Organizers, Etc. of Denver guarantees the lowest possible airfares to travel to the conference. Call 800-283-2754 for schedules and rates and mention that you are calling as a member of the Mountain Plains Library Association.,

HOTEL RESERVATION FORMS

<p>Guild Plaza Hotel 125 N. Market 316-263-2101 Wichita, KS 67202 800-445-9097</p> <p>Type of Accommodations Required Rate: \$60 per room (from 1 to 4 occupants)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Single (one person) <input type="checkbox"/> Double (two persons/one bed) <input type="checkbox"/> Double (two persons/two beds) <input type="checkbox"/> Triple (three persons/two beds) <input type="checkbox"/> Quad (four persons/two beds) <input type="checkbox"/> Smoking room <input type="checkbox"/> Non-smoking room</p> <p>MPLA Conv. April 10-12</p> <p>Arriving by: <input type="checkbox"/> Plane <input type="checkbox"/> Driving Arrival _____ # nights _____ Departure _____</p> <p>PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE</p> <p>Name(s) _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Credit Card type _____ Your Phone _____ Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____ Signature _____</p> <p><small>Policy: If guaranteed rooms are not canceled 48 hours in advance, you will be responsible for one night's lodging cost.</small></p>	<p>Ramada Hotel at Broadview Place 400 W. Douglas 316-262-5000 Wichita, KS 67202 KS 800-362-2929</p> <p>Type of Accommodations Required Rate: \$52 single, \$59 double, \$84/three, \$91/four</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Single (one person) <input type="checkbox"/> Double (two persons/one bed) <input type="checkbox"/> Double (two persons/two beds) <input type="checkbox"/> Triple (three persons/two beds) <input type="checkbox"/> Quad (four persons/two beds) <input type="checkbox"/> Smoking room <input type="checkbox"/> Non-smoking room</p> <p>MPLA Conv. April 10-12</p> <p>Arriving by: <input type="checkbox"/> Plane <input type="checkbox"/> Driving Arrival _____ # nights _____ Departure _____</p> <p>PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE</p> <p>Name(s) _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Credit Card type _____ Your Phone _____ Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____ Signature _____</p> <p><small>Policy: Reservations are held until 4 P.M. unless guaranteed by credit card or advance deposit.</small></p>
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JOBLIST

Deadline: February 23

Director

Salt Lake City Public Library System
\$70-80,000

Key leadership position as administrator of metropolitan library system comprised of a Main Library and five community branches. Serves an independent policy-making Board of Directors and is responsible for the planning, implementation, supervision and evaluation of all library services and programs.

Seek person with broad knowledge of the principles and practices of library science; commitment to a philosophy of dynamic and shared leadership, including the concepts of employee participation and empowerment; knowledge of information services, collection development and programming, knowledge of current trends and developments in library service, knowledge of human resource management including supervision, training and staff utilization principles, knowledge of information technology, knowledge of legal and political issues affecting public libraries, and knowledge of sound fiscal practices for government agencies.

Candidates must have at

least 10 years of progressively responsible public library experience, five of which will have been in senior level public library administration; an advanced degree in library science or closely related field, or an equivalent combination of education and experience which provides the required knowledge and abilities. Candidates will also be expected to demonstrate superb written and oral communication skills, and experience in the support of intellectual freedom, participative management, capital building projects, government and community relations, successful financial management and fund-raising. Additional language skills desirable.

The Board of Directors will give priority to applicants who submit a resume and names of 3 professional references prior to February 23, 1996. Address to: Chair, Search Committee, 209 East 500 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84111.

Visit our director search web site at: http://www.state.lib.ut.us/slcpl_dr.htm.

Deadline: February 16

Director

Fremont County, WY Library
\$30-35,000

For multisite county library system near beautiful Wind River Mountains in west central Wyoming. Access to community college. ALA/MLS. Innovative, energetic, progressive, self-starter. Politically and financially astute. 3-5 years increasingly responsible administrative experience. Excellent written and verbal

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Send resume and 3 professional references to: Chairman, Fremont County Library Board, 451 W. Second St., Lander, WY 82520 by Feb. 16. EEO

Deadline: March 1

Library Director

Chadron, NE Public Library
\$26-30,000 & benefits

ALA-MLS preferred. Seeking dynamic individual with strong communication and organizational skills, knowledge of library automation, experience in planning, budgeting and supervision.

Send resume with transcripts and names, addresses and phone numbers of three professional references to: Bob Zahm, President, Board of Trustees, PO Box 1000, Chadron, NE 69337.

Deadline: March 1

Dean of Libraries

Colorado State University
The university, a major land-grant institution and a Carnegie I comprehensive research university, consists of 8 academic colleges, a graduate school, a professional veterinary medicine program, with an enrollment of about 22,000 students, and a faculty and staff of approximately 1,400. The dean of libraries, the chief administrative officer for the libraries, is a member of the deans' council; is responsible for 5 facilities with aggregate holdings of over 2 million

volumes; a staff of approximately 40 professional librarians with faculty rank in the university and approximately 100 support personnel; and a budget of over \$8.5 million. The libraries hold membership in the Association of Research Libraries, OCLC, CARL Alliance, and the Greater Midwest Research Libraries Consortium and support the 36 PhD programs at CSU. The libraries are in the midst of a building expansion totaling \$20 million and is migrating to INNOPAC.

Seek candidate with ALA-MLS, with preference for an advanced degree as well; at least 5 years progressively responsible administrative academic or research library experience required; a record of scholarly and professional achievement that would qualify the individual for tenure at the level of Professor.

To apply, send a letter of application, a current resume, a statement of leadership philosophy, and related qualifications, along with the names, addresses, phone numbers, fax numbers, and e-mail addresses of 5 references to: John C. Raich, Chair, Search Committee for Dean of Libraries, College of Natural Sciences, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 80523. 970-491-6864.

JOBLINE #S

The following numbers may be used in calling the MPLA Jobline: 605-577-5757 (nationwide 24 hrs/day) or 800-356-7820 from any of the eleven MPLA states, during the following hours: Sunday-Thursday 11 pm-8 am; Friday-5 pm to Sunday-5 pm your local time.

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Snowbird Leadership Institute '96

March 11 application
deadline

Applications to attend the 1996 Snowbird Leadership Institute are being accepted through March 11, 1996. The Institute is designed to identify, train and network potential library leaders of the future. This year's Institute will run from August 8-13, 1996 at Snowbird, Utah.

The Institute was conceived and developed by the late J. Dennis Day, Director of the Salt Lake City Public Library System for nearly 20 years. Since its inception in 1990, it has met with great success and is now regarded as one of the finest leadership development programs in the country. Previous participants have rated the program as a critical milestone in their career development. The commitment of the Snowbird Leadership Institute Advisory Board to continue the program serves as a lasting legacy to the memory of Day. It was Day's hope that the Institute would provide a forum for young librarians to examine their personal leadership style, identify career goals, and develop a higher level of professional and personal confidence.

Ameritech Library Services is the continuing sponsor of the Snowbird Leadership Institute. A substantial portion of the

Institute's costs will be paid through the support of Ameritech Library Services.

Applicants must be nominated by a dean or director of a graduate library school, chief officer of a state library agency, or president of a state library association. Letters were mailed in early January to library leaders across the country inviting them to submit names of nominees to the Snowbird Advisory Board. Only individuals nominated by one of the three groups noted above will be considered for acceptance to the Snowbird Leadership Institute.

Nominees are responsible for transportation expenses to and from Snowbird, Utah, a registration fee of \$695, and any personal or incidental expenses. Nominees may be sponsored by the nominating agency or their employer to help defray the costs of attending the Snowbird Leadership Institute.

Montana Library Association Spring Conference

Theme: Librarians Celebrate Community and Honor Diversity
Helena, April 25-27

Pre-conference includes WLN's Charlie Crawford and Tom Crisp and advanced uses of LaserCat. Keynote speaker is Thomas B. Quarton, President of Ameritech Library Services. Special speakers include Barb Smith (Maryland's Sailor Project), Chris Crutcher (YA author), Susan Elliott (Alaska's SLED Project), Abe Abramson (NCLIS), and Montana Governor Marc Racicot.

For registration information contact Polly Taggart—polly@mcn.net or 406-373-5331.

Living the Future: Process Improvement & Organizational Change at the University of Arizona Library

Tucson, Mary 1-4

This three-and-a-half day conference, designed for administrators, professional and staff at academic, university, and other libraries, promises to challenge existing paradigms of library organizations, services, and staff roles.

University of Arizona Library staff at all levels will share experiences and insights about library restructuring and developing a team-based organization, founded on their own expertise gained during the last three years. Some issues addressed include: library restructuring from hierarchy to team-based organizations; changing roles of librarians and staff as decision makers; valuing diversity; staff-driven planning, budgeting, and business process reengineering.

Conference registration: \$290. Registration brochures are available from The University of Arizona, Extended University, PO Box 210158, Tucson, AZ 85721-0158. Or call: (602) 621-8632; (800) 478-9065. WWW address: <http://www.library.arizona.edu/conference.html>.

MPLA Newsletter

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Professional Development Grants Activity for 1995

MPLA provides its members with professional development grant opportunities which encourage coursework, institutes and workshops, and independent study.

Twelve grants were approved in 1995 and eight of those projects were completed by the end of the year. For 1995 actual and encumbered grant awards came to \$4608. In addition seven grants totaling \$3567 were awarded from funds encumbered from the 1994 budget.

Applicants in 1995 represented six states: AZ-1, CO-1, KS-4, NE-2, SD-2, WY-2. There were no applicants from MT, ND, OK, UT. Seven applicants worked for public or county libraries and five worked in academic libraries.

Three grants were awarded for individuals attending the MPLA/SDLA/NDLA Tri-Conference in Sioux Falls. Three grants were for course work towards advanced degrees. Two grants were for international projects. The rest were for various conferences around the country. Two grant recipients were presenters at conferences.

Here is a sampling of grant activity for 1994 & 1995:

94	Ailslieger	\$600	PLA National Conference, Atlanta
94	Boettcher	\$517	Mazza Summer Institute of Children's Picture Books, Ohio
94	Gobel	\$271	Snowbird Leadership Institute
94	Olsen	\$600	ACRL National Conference, Pittsburgh
94	McNeil	\$600	Storytelling Festival/Presenter, Scotland
94	Norrod	\$600	Children's Literature Program, China
94	Sokolove	\$600	Intellectual Freedom Leadership Development Workshop, IL
95	Coffin	\$497	LOEX Conference, Denton, TX
95	Colborn	\$150	Tri-Conference MPLA/NDLA/SDLA, Sioux Falls
95	Hittle	\$150	Tri-Conference MPLA/NDLA/SDLA, Sioux Falls
95	Howard	\$600	Course work: Research in Library & Information Systems
95	Nerud	\$600	European Library Forum/Presenter - Warsaw, Poland
95	Rosenquist-B	\$511	Integrated Online Systems & Nat'l Online Mtg. - presenter
95	Summey	\$150	Online '95, Chicago
95	Gurreri	\$600	Vatican Library Intern/Consultant Kyrgyz Library - Summer '96

Professional Development Assistance

Seminars Institutes Workshops Coursework Conferences Independent Learning/Research Projects

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. (Members are eligible after one full year of membership.)

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



Plan ahead now for your 1996 continuing education opportunities. Please contact us for application information.

MPLA an Association that works for you

When considering membership in an Association, you naturally ask, "What will it do for me?"
When you join MPLA, we say, "What can we do for you?"

Members of the Mountain Plains Library Association can tell you it is one Association that places member needs first, with outstanding results.

MPLA offer members

- Information exchanges and educational programs on technological develops and innovative library programming undertaken by MPLA libraries;
- Professional Development Grants to members for coursework, institutes and workshops, and independent study;
- Preconference Grants to member state associations to provide special educational opportunities for members and others;
- Through its newsletter, information about continuing education available throughout the region and information about outstanding library programs through news and feature articles;
- Support of regional bibliographic efforts;
- Support of regional bibliographic efforts;
- Sponsorship of an annual convention to provide a forum for personal contact among members and with national leaders in the profession;
- Recognition of outstanding contributions to local, state and regional library services;
- Publication of an annual membership directory;
- Access to JOBLINE, a telephone-accessed listing of current job vacancies in our region;
- Special Project Grants, to fund research on ways to develop and improve library services;
- Opportunities to be involved with type of service sections and interest groups, working closely with people who share your common concerns.

MPLA

is an eleven-state regional association of libraries and friends of libraries in Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming, with a primary purpose of improving present and future library services in the Mountain Plains regional through development of librarians, trustees, and library employees.

MPLA

bases its success on an active, enthusiastic, sharing membership. Where our people are so few and distances so great, each librarian and each library is a vital resource to be shared.

MPLA

invites you to make an investment in your future by joining us, and laying the foundation for your career development. And participating with MPLA's present membership — all active leaders in our region's outstanding libraries.

Take advantage of our special **half-price new member application** on the next page.



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