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## The Walrus Said...

—Judy Zelenski  
MPLA President

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Enabled by a recent addition to our house which includes a room with wall of south-facing windows, I have seriously revived my interest in house plants. Not only is the whole "conservatory" dedicated to green things, I can have blooming plants for the first time!

Quickly I've discovered that, unlike my ordinary adaptable foliage plants, the bloomers are very definite about demanding certain conditions and rejecting others. It's taken armloads of books from the library plus trial and error to begin to figure out each plant's druthers. The hibiscus, wax plants, orange trees, bougainvillea, azaleas and orchids want different combinations of water light, air and humidity. I still haven't a clue what will make the miniature roses happy. The more I read and observe the more I believe that people, in their periods of creativity and productivity, are like plants in bloom. Some thoughts:

- ◆ Blooming plants and productive people need compatible environments, and one environment doesn't fit all. I mist the gardenias but never the African violets. The azaleas get a special fertilizer in warm water and only in the mornings. They would rather have rainwater, but that's where I draw the line.
- ◆ People and plants, in their periods of blooming and creativity, are especially vulnerable to attacks by insects, slugs, and by those who say "that's not the PROPER way." Just as my gardenias were about to blossom last week the spider mites invaded and enclosed them in webs. Even with my daily efforts to undo the damage I don't know yet whether their buds will open.
- ◆ People and plants need the enjoyment of company and friends who appreciate their blooming and creativity. I've discovered that I can rarely get a lone African violet to bloom, but in groups they share command and profuse blooming periods.
- ◆ People and plants need space and rotation to develop all sides. Because my large Bougainvilleas are too large to turn their blooms are on one side. And as people who see only one side, they will probably remain set in their ways.

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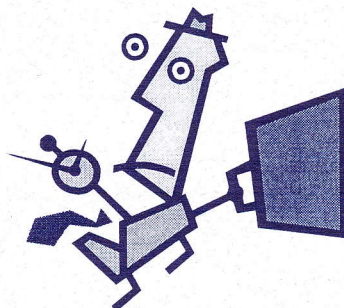
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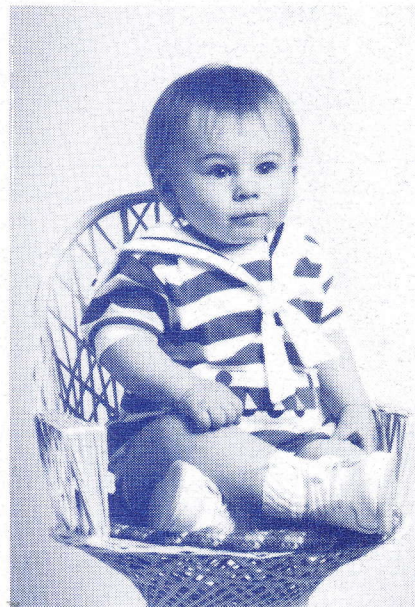


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- ◆ People and plants bloom at varying times. I've just acquired a blooming Bouvardia, whose wonderful fragrance intensifies after dark. The orange blossoms seem most intense in the early morning, and I've read that for pollination it's best to shake the tree about noon on a sunny day. To really enjoy them I need to observe their individual rhythms.
- ◆ Blossoming plants and people need rest. Plants, if not allowed to rest between blossoming periods, will literally exhaust themselves and die. Forced bulbs rarely recover to bloom again. How often does our creativity and productivity dry up because we never rest?
- ◆ I think an intriguing challenge for the MPLA would be to find new ways to provide flexible environments that encourage creativity and productivity. Can we become less time- and rule-dependent? Could there be combinations of people for offices rather than one each? Might we have board meetings via e-mail rather than at a specific time in a single place? Can structures be modified to allow individuals to volunteer for small creative tasks over short periods of time rather than be obligated to take complete responsibility for a committee or for an entire term? Are there ways to offer recognition - days in the sun - for a wide variety of member accomplishments on a non-competitive basis?

Over the past 19 years MPLA has provided a most compatible environment for me in which to grow. I've received support, friendship, and warmth. Now, as soon-to-be-past-president, I'm looking forward to my rest. Thank you all so much.

Judy Z



Here's my last "presidential portrait" – our growing, thriving grandson Tanner at one-year-old!

## MPLA Offers Professional Development Assistance!

Association members are encouraged to apply for grants, mini-grants, and international grants, all of which may be used for 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.)

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## MPLA Professional Development Grant Evaluative Report

— **Brenda K. Standiford**  
*Interlibrary Loan, Rapid City Public Library, SD*

During the fall of 1996, I enrolled in a graduate course in the education field at Black Hills State University. The class, Philosophical Boundaries of Education, was chosen to fulfill part of my requirements for my masters degree in library science which I am working towards through the University of Arizona. I am required to complete six credits outside of the library science major and six credits of research methods courses. The requirement exists so that library science students are able to develop a more rounded education through other courses.



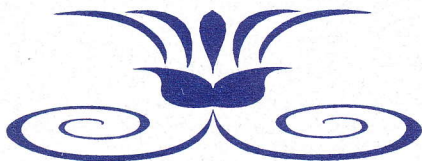
The class emphasized effective teaching methods and how children learn best via teaching methods and teacher expectations. Throughout the program, students were required to visit areas schools and write reports, read pertinent articles and submit reviews, participate in class discussions and present class demonstrations.

I believe any class that studies education is valuable to a person in a library science program. Not only does it show what children are learning and how they are learning in schools today, but it also shows how librarians can be better informed to meet the research needs of school children. In my position, I teach computer classes twice weekly on how to use our online catalog, and effective teaching classes help in this respect also.

In taking this class, I was able to meet half of the requirements of my library science program and will be enrolling for another class for Spring 1997 semester. In addition, I became interested in one day going back for a second master's degree in education.

My enrollment in this class benefits MPLA because it is a step in my becoming a librarian and bringing the knowledge I am receiving through these courses to the library where I work as well as to the committees I serve on for MPLA and SDLA (South Dakota Library Association).

I would certainly recommend this class to other students seeking graduate credit, and hope to one day be able to enroll in another class taught by Dr. Connie Pollard. She not only made the class enjoyable, but the variety of learning activities presented also helped the class become more involved in the learning process.



Editor's Note: Watch for Professional Development Grant Evaluative Reports to become a regular part of the MPLA Newsletter!

*Más Que libros  
Más Que Nunca*  
S U B I B L I O T E C A

## Arizona's PR Campaign for Libraries

— **Carol Hammond**  
*AZ MPLA Representative, and  
member of the Arizona Library PR  
Committee*

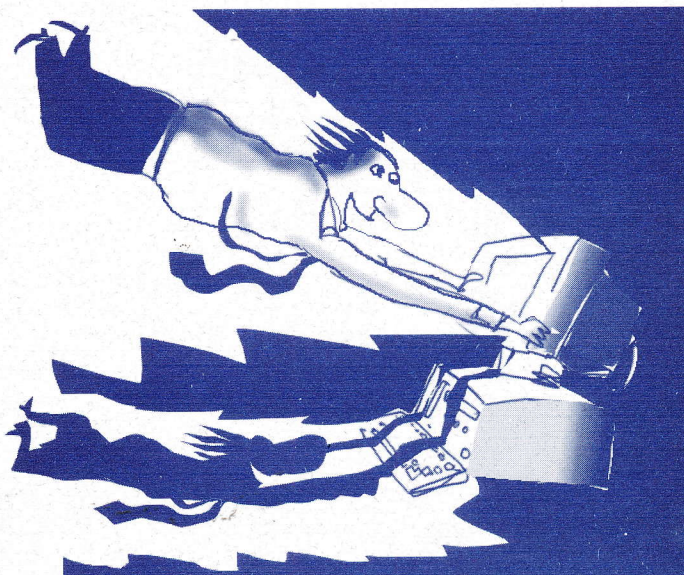
Libraries in Arizona have begun a public awareness campaign to bring attention to the role that libraries play in communities, education, business and leisure. A goal of the campaign is to reach all citizens, including political decision makers and those who influence public policy, which a positive message about our libraries. The campaign is to demonstrate how libraries contribute to economic development, the quality of life, and meeting the challenges of technological change in our lives.

Working with Nordensson-Lynn Advertising of Tucson, Arizona and with support from the Arizona State Library, the Maricopa County Library Council and others, a theme and logo have been developed. Featuring the "More than Books, More Than Ever/Your Library" message, promotional materials have been developed including stickers, t-shirts, pencils, camera-ready copy of the logo, and other items. The logo is available in both Spanish and English, as are the stickers and other materials. Media packets containing all of these items, as well as permission to freely reproduce the copyrighted theme logo, are being distributed to all Arizona libraries for use in a state-wide campaign. Advice will be provided by Nordensson-Lynn about the wide variety of ways the materials can be

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## MPLA Executive Board Brainstorming Ideas for Increasing the Association's Value

—Judy Zelenski  
MPLA President



At its January, 1997, meeting the MPLA Board held a brainstorming session to explore ways the association can be most valuable to the membership. The summary is provided from the meeting minutes recorded by Cynthia Berner.

### Why do people join MPLA?

- ◆ travel opportunities
- ◆ networking
- ◆ to obtain a broader view of own field of librarianship
- ◆ fun group
- ◆ professional development grants
- ◆ good conferences
- ◆ looks good on resume
- ◆ good newsletter
- ◆ more manageable than ALA but bigger than state conferences
- ◆ good to see what peers in other states are doing
- ◆ gives members an "ALA voice" by working together

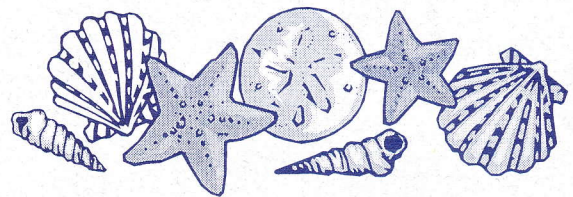
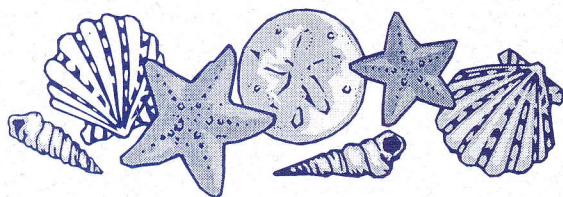
### Why is membership not larger?

- ◆ cost of travel to conferences
- ◆ cost of membership (if libraries pay for only one, the state's comes first)
- ◆ can't afford conferences
- ◆ school librarians can't take the time
- ◆ some people just don't join associations
- ◆ get what is needed from state association with less travel
- ◆ no money from institutions
- ◆ too many choices of conferences and associations
- ◆ increasing dues of all associations

### New directions to explore?

- ◆ more continuing education using satellite downlinks, technology
- ◆ alternative delivery of continuing education to supplement conferences
- ◆ coordinate teacher certificate renewal among states, perhaps with certification credit
- ◆ find a different niche than other groups
- ◆ have annual special focuses
- ◆ find projects that states could work on together instead of separately
- ◆ annual event or publication to bring MPLA name to forefront
- ◆ look for technology to reach more people simultaneously such as with listserv, web site
- ◆ political action committee to focus on issues of rural areas - what we have in common is distance
- ◆ solicit student members

Members of the association are invited to contribute their ideas as well. Send comments to Judy Zelenski E-mail: [zelenski@netcom.com](mailto:zelenski@netcom.com); Fax: 303/431-9752; Mail: Central Colorado Library System, 4350 Wadsworth #340, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033. The board will continue the discussion at its first meeting at the Joint MPLA/OLA Conference later this month.





## Summarized Annual Report of the Mountain Plains Library Association

The following is a the past year's selected summary from those in MPLA who hold elected and appointed positions. Eleven states, 7 sections, 1 interest group, 1 roundtable, 11 committees, 73 committee members, 4 officers, and the executive secretary and newsletter editor are represented. A long version of the annual report will be available at the Oklahoma conference or can be requested from Judy Zelenski.

"The Time has come," the Walrus said,  
"To talk of many things:  
Of shoes--and ships--and sealing wax--  
Of cabbages--and kings--  
And why the sea is boiling hot--  
And whether pigs have wings."

— The Walrus and the Carpenter

### Some Favorite Children's Books

of MPLA

### Board Members

"...what is the use of a book,"  
thought Alice,  
"without pictures or conversations!"  
— Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

At the January MPLA board meeting, members attending included their favorite children's books in the introductions. (The list does not include Joe Edelen's which was Tom Clancy's Executive Orders.)

Some of the favorites:

Goodnight Moon

Nancy Drew series

Huckleberry Finn

Dr. Seuss books

Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse

Dawn

Best Christmas Pageant Ever

Little Women

Grimm's Fairy Tales

King Bidgood's in the Bathtub

Paul Bunyon

Curious George

Wind in the Willows

Sam and the Firefly

The Little Engine That Could

Dame Wiggins of Lee and Her Seven Wonderful Cats

Green Eggs and Ham

Pippi Longstocking

Brown Bear Brown Bear

Love You Forever

The Thirteen Clocks

### STATES

#### State Representatives

Arizona - Carol Hammond, American Graduate School of International Management, Glendale.

Colorado - Susan Awe, Jefferson County Public Library, Arvada.

Kansas - Jean Hatfield, Johnson County Library, Shawnee Mission.

"What sort of insects do you rejoice in,  
where you come from?" the Gnat inquired.  
— Through the Looking Glass



- Montana - Avis Anderson, Retired, Glendive.  
Nebraska - Sharon Osenga, Meridian Library System, Kearney.  
Nevada - Sylvia Bartak, Silver Peak Community Library.  
North Dakota - Melody Kuehn, Minot High School.  
Oklahoma - Peggy Cook, Norman Public Library.  
South Dakota - Colleen Kirby, Black Hills State University, Spearfish.  
Utah - Lori Andreason, Syracuse.  
Wyoming - Bobbi Thorpe, Wyoming State Library, Cheyenne.



## Three states have appointed new State Librarians in the past year:

GladysAnn Wells in Arizona  
Karen Strege in Montana  
Mike Jaugstetter in North Dakota

## Some innovative state projects include:

- \* More Than Books - More Than Ever - Your Library, a PR campaign for all Arizona libraries, developed with assistance of a professional PR firm Nordensson-Lynn Advertising
- \* Libraries for the 21st Century campaign to increase per capita funding for libraries in Nebraska.
- \* Strength and Diversity: Japanese-American Women, 1885-1990, a national multi-media exhibition at the Nevada State Library.
- \* Vision 2004, an eight-year plan for to develop a network of libraries in North Dakota to provide statewide access to information.
- \* South Dakota Library Association sponsorship of a booth at the South Dakota State Fair, including internet terminal and story hours for children.
- \* Dubbed The Conference of the Century, the Colorado Library Association and the Colorado Educational Media Association held their first-ever joint conference in August, 1996.
- \* Colorado and Kansas joined in a cooperative FirstSearch Agreement, which provides discounted searches of selected databases. It is sponsored by the Colorado Library Resource Sharing and Information Access Board and the Bibliographical Center for Research.
- \* Oklahoma is hosting the joint OLA/MPLA conference, held in Shangri-La. The conference theme, Libraries: On the Frontier, embraces both the idea of the great western tradition and the new frontiers that libraries will continue to face.
- \* The Oklahoma Library Association has added a new award - the Ruth Brown Memorial Award - to encourage and recognize programming that addresses issues of social concern as they impact libraries and their communities.

## SECTIONS, INTEREST GROUP, and ROUNDTABLE

### Chairs, elected by each group are:

- Academic Section - Juanita Karr, Great Basin College Library, Elko, NV  
Children's and School Section - Donna Gilliland, Sioux Falls, SD  
Government Documents Section - Paula Duffy, Montana State University, Billings  
Interlibrary Loan Interest Group - Michele Reid, South Dakota State Library, Pierre  
New Members Roundtable - Sally Dockett, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks  
Preservation, Archives and Special Collections Section - Roseanne Bory, University of Southern Colorado, Pueblo  
Public Library and Trustees Section - Linda Rea, Hastings Public Library, NE  
State Agencies, Cooperatives & Systems Section - Dorothy Liegl, South Dakota State Library, Pierre  
Technical Services Section - Jean Anderson, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks

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"Now here, you see, it takes all the running you can do, to keep in the same place. If you want to get somewhere else, you must run at least twice as fast as that."

— Through the Looking Glass

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Every section spent a great deal of thought and time in planning Oklahoma conference programs. Their creativity shows in the varied and excellent offerings. In addition:

The Academic Section continues their juried Academic Research Forum and will consider future publication of the papers.

The Preservation Section was renamed the Preservation, Archives, and Special Collections Section and bylaws altered in order to expand its focus, increase participation, and promote additional programs. The Section is also co-sponsoring a Disaster Preparedness/Recovery Workshop with the Colorado Preservation Alliance and the Colorado Library Association's Preservation Section. The program will be held May 29-30 in Denver.

Jean Anderson, chair of the Technical Services Section, sent two mailings to all section members in an effort to make a personal contact with section members beyond the quarterly newsletter.

## COMMITTEES

### Committee Chairs:

Awards - Diane Lunde, Colorado State University, Fort Collins

Bylaws and Procedures - Dana Boden, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Chapter Relations - Juanita Karr, Great Basin College Library, Elko, NE

Continuing Education - Lola Todd, Hardesty South Regional Library, Tulsa, OK

Electronic Communications - Brian Greene, Wyoming State Library, Cheyenne

50th Anniversary Commemoration Committee - Blaine Hall, Retired, Orem, UT

Finance - Blaine Hall, Retired, Orem, UT

Intellectual Freedom - Heather McNeil, Bemis Public Library, Littleton, CO

Nominating - Robert Nash, University of Nebraska, Omaha

Public Relations and Membership - Marcia Wright, Campbell County Public Library, Gillette, WY

Professional Development Grants - Jane Dotterer, Salt Lake City Public Library, UT

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"What does it matter where my body happens to be," the White Knight said.  
"My mind goes on working all the same."  
— Through the Looking Glass

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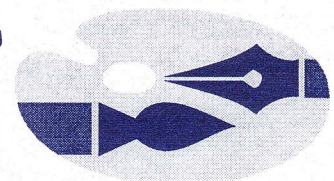
Practically all committee work is carried on at a distance, either by telephone or e-mail. The fact that e-mail is widespread in the library world makes doing the work of the association far easier than just a few years ago. Some committee highlights:

- The Bylaws Committee brought several items to the Board's attention for review and/or clarification. The proposed adjustments to the bylaws, with a ballot, were included with the election ballots sent to the membership in late February.

- The Electronic Communications Committee celebrated its first birthday in April, 1997. The MPLA-L listserv has grown to over 200 subscribers in its first year and the committee's goal is to bring the number to 400 in the next year. The new committee also continues to coalesce the efforts of the MPLA listserv, Newsletter, and web pages.

- The Nominating Committee contacted a combined total of 25 potential candidates for the office of Vice-President and Recording Secretary. Only two were willing to run at this time, resulting in one candidate for each position. Both candidates were at the top of the priority lists. In addition the chair obtained ballot information from all 8 MPLA sections and the necessary 16 ballots were prepared for distribution to the membership.

- The Professional Grants Committee awarded money for 6 completed projects, to:
  - Cathleen Butler, Wyoming - for course work
  - Pamela Blome, South Dakota - for course work
  - Lorenzo Gurreri, Colorado - Vatican Library intern - Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana
  - Polly Stewart, South Dakota - course work
  - Nancy Jane Haas, South Dakota - Snowbird Leadership Institute
  - Brenda Standiford, South Dakota - course work







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They sought it with thimbles, they sought it with care;  
They pursued it with forks and hope;  
They threatened its life with a railway share;  
They charmed it with smiles and soap.

— Hunting of the Snark

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## OFFICERS

### Elected MPLA Officers:

President - Judy Zelenski, Central Colorado Library System, Wheat Ridge

Vice-President/President-Elect - Carol Connor, Lincoln City Libraries, NE

Past-President - Blaine Hall, Retired, Orem, UT

Recording Secretary - Cynthia Berner, Wichita Public Library

Officers of the association deal mainly with details of the day. They also seek the future with care, pursuing it with hope. Some of their work includes:

- Cynthia recorded minutes of all the Board meetings, reported on the meetings in the MPLA Newsletter, and published the minutes on the association's two listservs: MPLA-EX and MPLA-L.
- Judy prepared agendas and presided at all board meetings.
- Blaine chaired the Finance committee which prepared the year's budget; He also oversaw the evaluations of the executive director and newsletter editor.
- Carol was the MPLA representative to the OLA/MPLA Conference Planning Team, attending several meetings in Oklahoma and coordinating all the MPLA programs. She also chaired an ad-hoc committee to examine conference policies.

## STAFF

### Staff:

Executive Secretary - Joe Edelen, University of South Dakota, Vermillion

Newsletter Editor - Heidi Nickisch, University of South Dakota, Vermillion

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For the Snark's a peculiar creature, that won't  
Be caught in a commonplace way,  
Do all that you know, and try all that you don't;  
Not a chance must be wasted to-day!

— Hunting of the Snark

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Joe and Heidi, besides "working for" MPLA are regular members. They are invaluable to our continuity. They are flexible and gracious in working for the entire board and membership - over 800 "bosses." Some of their work of the past year includes:

- Joe moved MPLA to a new era with the first extensive use by officers of electronic communication via e-mail. A listserv was set up and all but a couple of officer who do not have electronic mail are using the list for communication between board meetings.
- Joe hosts a listserv for members and other interested parties. It currently has over 250 members. The list carries a variety of information including jobs posted to the jobline.
- Joe is overseeing a web page which is under construction. It should be available before the conference in Oklahoma.
- Heidi brings a renewed enthusiasm and lively format to the newsletter. This is her 5th issue as editor.

## FINAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Among the various groups to which I belong, the Mountain Plains Library Association is my favorite by far. It's hard to explain, but it's "friendlier." The members of groups which comprise MPLA--representing states, types of libraries, and types of service--work cooperatively rather than competitively. It's wonderful to find an association in which "territories" aren't defended but blended.

Many, MANY thanks to all who have participated in MPLA during my terms as VP and President, and my very best wishes to you for

"'Twas brillig, and the slithy toves  
Did gyre and gimble in the wabe  
All mimsy were the borogoves  
And the mome raths outgrabe."

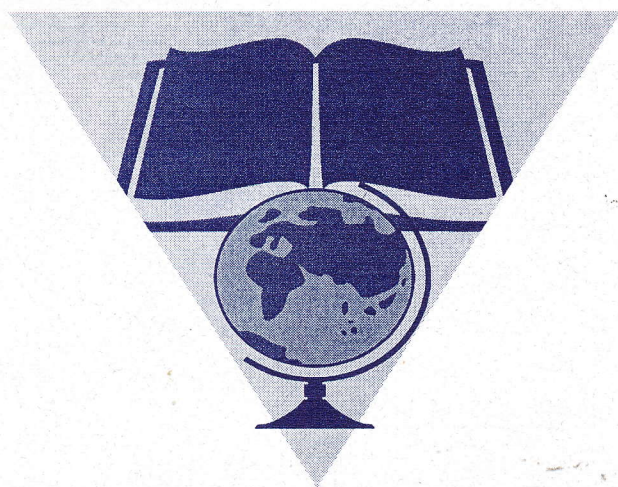
— Jabberwocky

In the midst of the word he was trying to say,  
In the midst of his laughter and glee,  
He had softly and suddenly vanished away--  
For the Snark was a Boojum, you see.

—The Hunting of the Snark



## Upcoming Events



### May 1997

- 1-2 May – Colorado Interlibrary Loan Conference, Boulder
- 13-15 May – National Online, New York, New York
- 22 May – Information Transitions: South Dakota ACRL Chapter Workshop, Vermillion
- 24-27 May – Medical Library Association Conference, Seattle, WA
- 29-30 May – Contingency Planning and Disaster Recovery of Library and Archive Collections Workshop, Lakewood, CO
- 29-31 May – Nebraska Governor's Conference on Information Technology, Kearney, NE

### June 1997

- 8-11 June – Special Libraries Association Conference, Seattle, WA

### June/July 1997

- 28 June - 1 July – American Library Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA

### July 1997

- 16-20 July – Snowbird Leadership Institute, Snowbird, Utah
- 19-25 July – American Association of Law Libraries Conference, Baltimore, MD

### October 1997

- 1-4 Oct – South Dakota Library Association, Huron
- 9-14 Oct – Colorado Library Association Annual Conference, Copper Mountain
- 9-13 Oct – Nevada Library Association Conference, Carson City
- 20-22 Oct – Online World, San Francisco, CA

### November 1997

- 1-2 Nov – 5th Annual Rocky Mountain Book Festival
- 5-8 Nov – Arizona Library Association Conference

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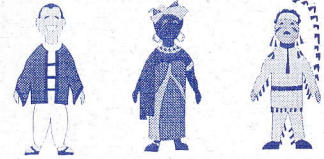
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## Noses In the News, or: Hail and Farewell

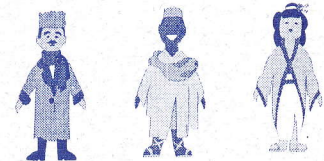
### Nancy Tessman

Is the new director of the Salt Lake City Public Library in Salt Lake City, UT



### Linda Saferite

Has been appointed the new executive director of the Tulsa City-County Library System in Tulsa, OK



### Ford A. Rockwell

Former long-time MPLA member, Wichita Public Library Director, and MPLA Newsletter Editor, died recently at age 89 following a brief illness.



## HERE COMES THE INFORMATION SUPERHIGHWAY.

### COULD LIBRARIES BE LEFT IN THE DUST?

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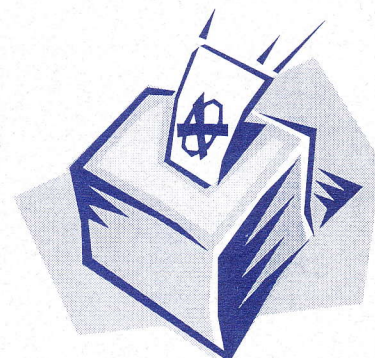
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Thanks to all who agreed to run for  
all these MPLA leadership offices.



## Contingency Planning and Disaster Recovery of Library and Archive Collections Workshop May 29-30, 1997 in Lakewood, CO

The Colorado Preservation Alliance, the National Archives and Records Administration, the Colorado Library Association Preservation Roundtable, and the MPLA Preservation, Archives, and Special Collections Section will hold a joint annual meeting/workshop on May 29-30, 1997 at the Federal Center (National Records Center, Rocky Mountain Region) in Lakewood, Colorado. The workshop will be devoted to contingency planning and disaster recovery of library and archive collections. Registration fees start at \$65 for the whole package. One day registration is available. The fee is \$100 for registrations received after May 5.

For registration information, contact:  
Eileen Bolger, NARA, Rocky Mountain Region  
P.O. Box 25307, Denver, CO 80225  
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The agenda includes:

Day 1:

- Aden Hogan, Jr., former Assistant City Manager of Oklahoma City at the time of the bombing, and current Town Administrator of Parker will discuss the Integrated Emergency Response of OKC and the lessons learned from this tragedy
- *Contingency Planning: Preparing for the Unexpected* Ellie Myler, Associate Consultant, Graham Information Management, CDRP, CRM and Mark Ferguson, National Archives & Records Administration, CRM
- *Interactive Exercise for Disaster Recovery Planning* Facilitator Lance Peterson, State Exercise Training Officer for Utah, will lead small groups through disaster recovery scenarios with applications for their respective institutional plans
- *Panel Discussion, "Living to Tell About It"* First hand experience in recovering from recent disasters from Rob Jackson of Denver Public Library, Diane Lunde of Colorado State University, Steve Fisher of Denver University, and Mona Hutchinson of Mesa Verde National Park and Silverton

Day 2:

- *Recovery of Electronic Media and Data Bases*, Judy Cahoon, CDRP, Arcus Data Security,
- *Hands-on Recovery* of damaged library materials



## EdLibs

—Heidi M. Nickisch  
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This has been an amazing year for me as the Association's Newsletter Editor. I have made the acquaintance of many librarians from the MPLA states, and have nothing but good things to say about the people who make up MPLA.

I treasure the compliments on the Newsletter, I've tried to take the suggestions to heart, and I promise to continue to try to improve your Newsletter. Please keep the suggestions/comments/criticisms coming, and help to make this publication the best of its kind!

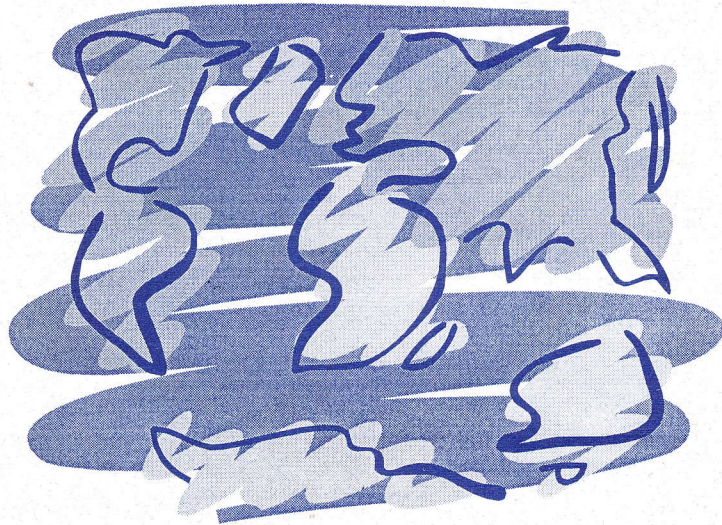
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## **1996-97 ALA Library Fellows Program Includes Librarians From the MPLA Region** — ALCTS Network News

ALA has selected participants for the 1996-97 Library Fellows Program. Celebrating its 10-year anniversary, the ALA Library Fellow Program will provide fellowships for 10 American librarians to undertake projects in Brazil, the Czech Republic, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Israel, Jordan, Kazakstan, and Ukraine.

Funded by the U.S. Information Agency and administered by ALA, the program has sent 140 information ambassadors to more than 80 countries since 1987.

The 1996-97 ALA Library Fellows from the MPLA region:

Marie Paiva, general reference librarian at the University of Utah's Marriott Library, will spend six months at the National Library in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Paiva will provide training to staff in the areas of general cataloging and classification, acquisition of print and non-print materials, management, and reader services.

John Sheridan, head librarian of Colorado College's Tutt Library, will undertake a six-month fellowship at the Library of the University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy in Kyiv, Ukraine. Sheridan will help to establish an Aleph-base automation system, provide information on various automation systems and library software and teach seminars on various aspects of library management.

Victoria York, acting associate professor at the Montana State University Libraries, will undertake a four-month fellowship at the Faculty of Applied Social Studies and the Department of Information Science & Documentation of the University of Brasilia in Brazil. York will train students, faculty, and government librarians in the use of the Internet and CD-ROMs by teaching a regular course and special seminars.



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