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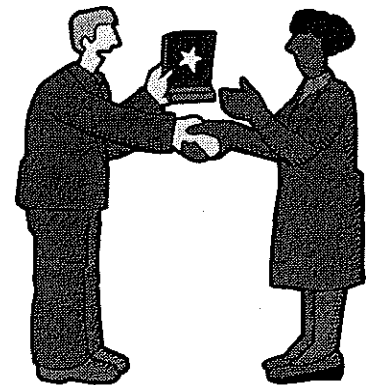
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Professional Forum Call for Papers

MPLA's Academic Section is announcing a call for papers to be presented at the joint Nebraska/MPLA conference in Omaha, Nebraska on October 25-28, 2000. Authors whose papers are accepted will present them at the Professional Forum.

Previously called the Research Forum, the Professional Forum is for the purpose of presenting new ideas and innovations which have been discovered and which would be for the benefit of the profession. Research methodology is encouraged, but not essential. **School and public librarians, as well as those from academia,** are encouraged to submit their papers before **May 15, 2000**. A first prize of \$300 will be awarded to the winning paper.



Guidelines for papers are as follows:

- Problems are clearly identified and solutions proposed
- Description may be locally implemented experiences (successes or failures), theoretical models, or state of the art reviews.
- Although papers do not require formal research methodology, they should develop clear positions or concepts.

Abstracts for the papers will be judged on:

- Significance of topics (15 points)
- Development of concept and quality of organization (20 points)
- Clarity of ideas and objectives (10 points)

Final presentations will be judged at the annual conference by the section officers or substitutes based on the following criteria:

- Evident objectives, with clear ideas and concepts (15 points)
- Quality of organization (15 points)
- Quality of presentation, use of visuals, etc. (15 points)

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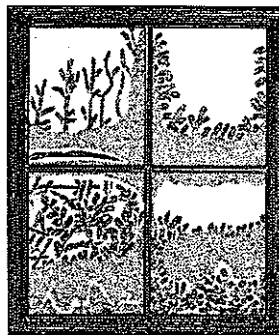
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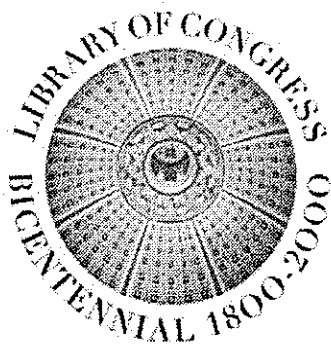
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Join the Library of Congress Bicentennial Celebration!

The Library of Congress invites all public libraries to take part of the national celebration of the Library of Congress Bicentennial.

On April 24, 2000, the first day of issue, the United States Postal Service will release a commemorative postage stamp at the Library of Congress in Washington. From April 25 through May 31, libraries around the country can hold their own ceremonies as "second-day" issue sites.

At present, 150 public libraries and approximately 30 state libraries are planning to hold events - there is no limit to the number of libraries that can take part in this collaborative venture with the Library of Congress. Libraries have great flexibility in planning a second-day issue event, and the potential is limitless!

On request, the Library of Congress Bicentennial Program Office will send an information kit which includes a timetable and checklist for planning your event, guidance for planning a ceremony, programming ideas and suggestions, information about envelope designs for your event, publicity guidelines, and many other documents to assist you with event logistics. Staff in the Bicentennial Program Office are also available to work directly with you on planning an event.

This is an exceptional opportunity to invite your member of Congress and/or local dignitaries or celebrities to take part in the second-day issue event. Holding a second-day issue event is a great way to honor a high-profile community member or to partner with interested organizations to exemplify the American Library Association's year 2000 theme "Libraries Build Community." Consider using your second-day issue event to highlight an area celebration, to kick-off a programming series, to unveil new library equipment, to dedicate a new collection, or to feature an element of your library you would like to celebrate or call attention to. One fortunate library plans to hold the second-day issue event at the opening of a new library building!

More information about the commemorative stamp second-day issue project, including an image of the stamp design, can be found at [www.loc.gov/bicentennial/items_stamp.html]. A Fact Sheet for the Library of Congress Commemorative Postage Stamp Second-Day Issue Sites Project is also available at [www.loc.gov/bicentennial/factsheet.html].

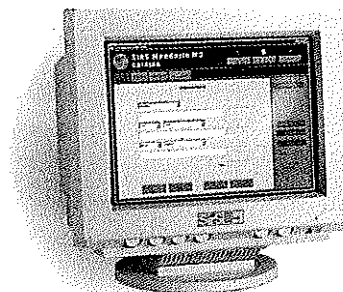


If you are interested in holding an event, need additional information, or wish to request an information kit, please contact Kathy Woodrell in the Library of Congress Bicentennial Pro-

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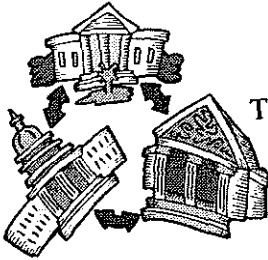
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... Around the MPLA Region



colorado

The Denver Post for January 13, 2000, reported that an agreement between Gov. Bill Owens and the State's librarians on Internet filtering is in limbo with Democrats in the Senate Education Committee. They are saying the agreement is "tantamount to censorship." Democrats had the opportunity to defeat the bill on January 12 but Senator Stan Matsunaka, D-Loveland, instead took the opportunity and delayed it. He allowed a day to "fix" the bill to resolve censorship concerns. SB 85 is the Bill sponsored by Senator Gigi Dennis R-Pueblo to grant \$2,000,000 for libraries to buy books. Colorado Library Association President Eloise May attended hearings on the bill on January 12.

The Colorado Library Association web page has been redesigned and now has site search and a site index. You'll also see a few digital pictures from the CLA Annual Conference in October in Snowmass. Check it out! <http://www.cla-web.org>

kansas

As of January 7, 2000, the membership of the Kansas Library Association has reached an all-time high of 1,117. This is the centennial year of the organization, and lots of special events are planned during tri-conference April 12-14. Our goal is 1500 members--enough to sustain a full-time executive director and lobbyist. The bulk of our new members have come from the Kansas Library Trustee Association.

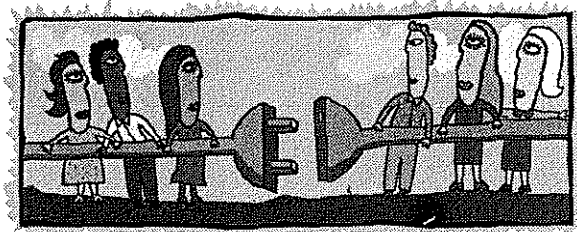
In addition to a "Boathouse Bash" at the Wichita Boathouse, a number of past presidents of KLA will be present and recognized. Marilyn Hinshaw, president of MPLA, will be an honored guest also, and present a program on intellectual freedom on Thursday afternoon.

Portions of the Research Library at the Kansas State Historical Society and the Kansas Collection of the University of Kansas Libraries will soon be available 24 hours a day. Researchers will be able to look up about 1,000 original documents from the Territorial Kansas period on the Internet thanks to a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The \$224,076 grant provides funds to scan the best Territorial Kansas information and artifacts from both institutions and put them on the Internet, as well as providing help to the libraries in developing teaching materials for instructors at middle schools, high schools, and colleges to be used with the Internet collection.

oklahoma

The Mildred Laughlin Festival of Books, held annually at the University of Oklahoma, gathers together authors and illustrators of books for young people, to discuss their work, their lives, and trends in the publishing world. Featured speakers this year were Rosemary Wells, Joann Rider, and Lawrence Yep. Held since 1980, the October 30th event had 275 attendees, who were given the opportunity to meet and share their enthusiasm for books with visiting authors.

The Oklahoma Library Association has had a marvelous increase in membership!! Up thirty-three since 1998, there are now 1,126 OLA members.



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nebraska

The Official *Nebraska Blue Book* is now online at www.unicam.state.ne.us/bluebook/index.htm. The *Blue Book* is Nebraska's official reference manual, with information about the state's government, geography, economy, history, and culture.

wyoming

US Bank of Cheyenne donated \$6,000 to the Laramie County Library Foundation for upgrades at the Burns Branch Library. Funds will be used to buy three new computers and a printer.

Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library received the Multiple Sclerosis Society's 1999 PAVE Award for its installation of automatic door openers at the library's entrance. Dan and Louise Griffith of Sheridan provided the funding.

Teton County will host the exhibit, "Whispered Silences: Japanese American Detention Camps, Fifty Years Later" in February. The Smithsonian Institution exhibit features photographs of the 10 World War II "relocation camps." A film and speaker series focuses on the history of Heart Mountain, a camp located in Northwest Wyoming between the towns of Cody and Powell.

The library is the last stop on the exhibit's tour, which has been organized and circulated by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES). The exhibit's visit to Jackson has been made possible by the Teton County Library Foundation through a gift from Tat and Paul Maxwell.

Reminder!

Renew your MPLA membership today!

new mexico

"Your Library—a Community Treasure" New Mexico Governor Johnnaon will declare April 2000 as New Mexico's Month of the Library in an official proclamation. Edward Gonzales, the illustrator of the children's book *Farolitos for Abuelo*, has been commissioned to paint a picture of a library setting. The painting will be reproduced in high quality posters and bookmarks to be given to every library in the state.

north dakota

The ND State Library is offering up to five grants to public librarians and public library trustees to attend a two-week Library Training Institute in Aberdeen SD from June 12 - 23, 2000. In addition, two \$5,000 scholarships are available for eligible North Dakotans to acquire a master degree in library science. These two scholarships are being made available with federal Library Services and Technology Act funds. More information can be found at: <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us/ndla/NDSLgrants.html>



nevada

Oyate trainers will guide participants through the murky world of children's books about Indians in a session entitled "Through Indian Eyes: Critical Evaluation of Children's Materials". Participants will learn how to evaluate children's materials for bias and how to select and where to find authentic and respectful materials. The next session is scheduled for May 12 in North Las Vegas. Contact Susan Graf, 702-633-1070 or susang@ci.north-las-vegas.nv.us.

The Nevada Library Association announces the Tom Kendall Memorial for support of the statewide children's Summer Reading Program. Tom Kendall and his wife, Sue, have both been active in the Nevada library community since the 1970's. A memorial fund has been established in honor of Tom who passed away on August 19, 1999. Tom's memorial fund will

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provide a continuous support base for the Nevada Statewide Children's Summer Reading Program, now and in the future.

Children's librarians all over the state cooperate to develop this annual program. The funding base will pay for printing of materials for the program, beginning Spring, 2000. Libraries purchase materials from the program and send payment to the Nevada Library Association, thus sustaining the memorial into the future.

montana

Little Big Horn College Library is the recipient of an \$87,222 IMLS grant to create public access to library materials at different locations on the Crow Reservation, to provide training for staff and patrons on using electronic resources, and to create Web access to Crow materials.

Bozeman Public Library has been designated as a Sister Library as part of the White House Millennium Council Project. The project is designed to pair US libraries with other libraries around the world. Programming at these libraries will focus on young adults and the opportunity to learn about other cultures. Bozeman Public Library has been paired with Bermuda National Library in Hamilton, Bermuda.

arizona

The Arizona Book Festival will transform the Margaret T. Hance Deck Park in Downtown Phoenix to a book lover's paradise on April 8th. The Festival is held to celebrate Southwestern literary traditions, promote reading, and encourage the appreciation of the book. Attendees will enjoy readings and signings by hundreds of authors, activities for children, demonstrations, entertainment, food, and browsing thousands of new and used books. The Arizona Book Festival is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 8. To learn more about it, visit <http://www.azbookfestival.org>.

At its meeting January 5, 2000, the Arizona Board of Library, Archives and Public Records unanimously endorsed proposed legislation that continues the Department of Library, Archives and Public Records under a new name: the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records.

26th Annual National Library Legislative Day, May 1-2, 2000

Mark your calendars for the 26th Annual

National Library Legislative Day
Washington, D.C.
May 1-2, 2000

Monday, May 1 will be Briefing Day at the Holiday Inn on the Hill, 415 New Jersey Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001; phone: 202-638-1616; fax: 202-347-1813; Reservations: 800-638-1116.

To stay at the Holiday Inn (rate: \$149 single; \$159 double), call 800-638-1116 and ask for the "ALA rate." Tuesday, May 2 will be National Library Legislative Day on Capitol Hill.

For more information go to <http://www.ala.org/washoff/legday.html> or call the ALA Washington Office at 800-941-8478.

See you there!

Sponsored by the District of Columbia Library Association, the American Library Association Washington Office and other participating organizations.

Board members of the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records are supporting new legislation that sets up a more effective state documents depository system through collaborative partnerships with the Mesa, Phoenix and Tucson public libraries and the libraries of Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona. The Department is working with the Government Information Technology Agency to acquire and preserve electronic state publications. The system will also be used to make legal information available to Arizonans at their local libraries.



National Library Week April 9—15

Deborah Davis
ALA Public Information Office

How can libraries celebrate National Library Week 2000? The American Library Association (ALA) is sponsoring several exciting opportunities to help libraries get involved in this annual event.

To kick off National Library Week (April 9-15), libraries are invited to participate in a national Connect for Kids Day @ the Library on Saturday, April 8. Sponsored by ALA in partnership with the Benton Foundation, Connect for Kids Day is designed to showcase resources for children and families in their communities.

The event will provide a "one-stop" shopping experience for families to learn more about community programs that can benefit them. Along with special programs, presentations and displays, a special highlight will be the Benton Foundation's Connect for Kids Web site, which provides a weekly electronic newsletter, a monthly e-zine and links to more than 1,500 Web sites and 1,750 organizations working on behalf of children and families.



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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 Member News

On January 15, 2000, on her birthday, **Shirley Flack** retired after 31 years as Director of the Scottsbluff Public Library. She began her 43-year career with the City's Library in 1951 while she was still in high school, working as a library page. She served as Children's Librarian from 1953-1954. After taking a few years off to be at home with her own small children, she returned to the Library in 1960. She was appointed Acting Director in 1967 and became Library Director in 1969. Shirley twice served as Chair of MPLAs Public Library Section.

MPLA Nebraska Representative **Verne Haselwood** received an award at the 1999 NLA/NEMA convention in Lincoln, Nebraska in October. "The Nebraska Library Association and the Nebraska Educational Media Association in recognition of an esteemed career in the field of library science education and in appreciation for the contribution of time, talents and energy to this profession do hereby honor Dr. Verne Haselwood."

Long-time MPLA member **Larry Gurreri** retired January 13, 2000 after 24 years at Pikes Peak Community College where


he served as Resource Information Specialist.

MPLA Past President **Vince Anderson**, Library Director at the Mesa, Arizona, Public Library for almost twenty years, retired on November 30, 1999. He began his career in the 1950s in Duke University's Library, alphabetizing catalog cards and shelving books while an undergraduate student assistant. He received his Master of Science in Library Service from Columbia University in 1959. His career included work in public, special, and state libraries from Brooklyn, New York, to King County and Longview in Washington. He worked for the North Carolina Museum of Art; North Carolina's Sandhill Regional Library; and the State Libraries of North Carolina, Tennessee, Colorado, and South Dakota. He is a Past President of the Mountain Plains Library Association and served for seven years on the Board of Directors of the Bibliographical Center for Research in Denver. Anderson was a founding member of the Film Library Information Council (FLIC), of the Western Council of State Libraries, and of the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA).



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Upcoming Events

2000

- 26 – 29 April — Off-Campus Library Services Conference, Portland, Oregon. Presented by Central Michigan University Libraries, the conference will examine issues dealing with the provision of library services to students who take courses away from their central campus. www.lib.cmich.edu/ocls/conference/portland.htm
- 26 — 29 April — Montana Library Association Conference, Billings. "Metamorphosis: New Tools, Old Trade" www.mtlib.org
- 26 — 29 April — Oklahoma Library Association Annual Convention, Tulsa. "Libraries: Roots to the Future" www.pioneer.lib.ok.us/ola/
- 27 — 28 April — 31st Annual Colorado Interlibrary Loan Conference, Denver Public Library, Denver.
- 3 – 6 August — REFORMA National Conference, Tucson, Arizona. Theme: "The Power of Language: Planning for the 21st Century." cnet.ucr.edu/library/reforma/rnc2/
- 20 — 23 September — North Dakota Library Association Annual Conference, Dickinson. "North Dakota Libraries at the Dawn of a New Century" ndsl.lib.state.nd.us/ndla/
- 23 — 27 September — Banned Books Week, "Celebrate the Freedom to Read"
- 23 – 27 October — National Libraries: Interpreting the Past, Shaping the Future, Library of Congress. The conference will deal with the role of national libraries or a single library within a national or international cultural context. Cosponsors include ALA's Library History Round Table and IFLA's National Libraries Section and the Library History Round Table. www.lcweb.loc.gov/loc/cfbook/
- 30 November — 2 December — "Vision, Mission, Reality: Creating Libraries in the 21st Century" A Library Administration and Management Association (LAMA) National Institute, Palm Springs, CA. www.ala.org/lama/vision.



Future MPLA Conferences

- 2000 — Nebraska Library Association/Nebraska Educational Media Association, Omaha, late October.
- 2001 — Arizona Library Association, Phoenix, November/December.
- 2002 — North Dakota & South Dakota Library Associations, Fargo, ND, Oct. 2-3.
- 2003 — Nevada Library Association, Lake Tahoe.
- 2004 — Colorado Library Association, Snow Mass.
- 2005 — Wyoming Library Association, TBA.

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Guidelines for submission:

- Authors must be current members of MPLA
- Papers must be original (not published or presented elsewhere)
- Selected authors will make 20 to 30 minute presentations at the conference
- An abstract must be submitted of 1 ½ to 4 pages in length

Deadline for abstracts is May 15, 2000. Abstracts that do not meet the above guidelines will not be considered by the jury.

Send abstracts to:
Betty Dance, Reference Librarian
Merrill Library
Utah State University
Logan, UT 84322-3000

Selected authors will be notified in July, 2000.



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William Taylor, retired
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Bonnie Johnson, Northern Arizona University
Beth Miner, Aspc-Eyman
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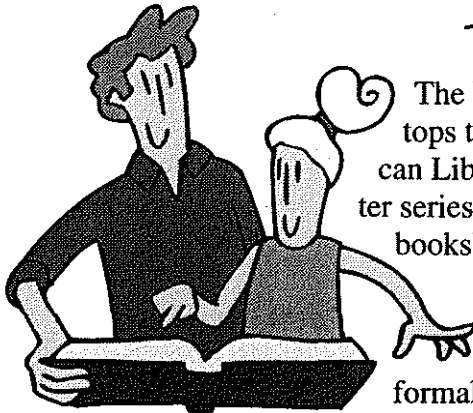
Utah

Steven Decker, Cedar City Public Library

Welcome!

Harry Potter Series Tops List of Most Challenged Books of 1999

ALA Public Information Office



The best-selling Harry Potter series of children's books by J.K. Rowling tops the list of books most challenged in 1999, according to the American Library Association's (ALA) Office for Intellectual Freedom. The Potter series drew complaints from parents and others concerned about the books' focus on wizardry and magic.

The ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom received a total of 472 reports of challenged titles last year. A challenge is defined as a formal, written complaint filed with a library or school about a book's content or appropriateness. The majority of challenges are reported by public libraries, schools and school libraries. According to Judith F. Krug, director of the Office for Intellectual Freedom, the number of challenges reflects only incidents reported. She says that for each challenge reported, as many as four or five remain unreported.

The "Ten Most Challenged Books of 1999" reflect a wide variety of themes. The books, in order of most frequently challenged are:

- Harry Potter series, by J.K. Rowling, for its focus on wizardry and magic.
- Alice series, by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor, for using offensive language and being unsuited to age group.
- "The Chocolate War" by Robert Cormier (the "Most Challenged" fiction book of 1998), for using offensive language and being unsuited to age group.
- "Blubber," by Judy Blume, for offensive language and unsuited to age group.
- "Fallen Angels," by Walter Dean Myers, for offensive language and unsuited to age group.
- "Of Mice and Men," by John Steinbeck, for using offensive language and being unsuited to age group.
- "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," by Maya Angelou, for being too explicit in the book's portrayal of rape and other sexual abuse.
- "The Handmaid's Tale," by Margaret Atwood, for its sexual content.
- "The Color Purple," by Alice Walker, for sexual content and offensive language.
- "Snow Falling on Cedars," by David Guterson, for sexual content and offensive language.

Off the list this year, but on the list for several years past, are The "Goosebumps" and "Fear Street" series, by R. L. Stine, which were challenged for being too frightening for young people and depicting occult or "Satanic" themes, and "It's Perfectly Normal," a sex education book by Robie Harris, for being too explicit, especially for children.

For more information, contact Linda Wallace or Belia Ortega, ALA Public Information Office, 800-545-2433, ext. 5042/1546, lwallace@ala.org or bortegea@ala.org.



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A free Connect for Kids Day poster with tips for organizing an event, is available from the ALA Public Information Office. Telephone: 800-545-2433, ext. 5044/5041. E-mail: pio@ala.org. An online version is posted on the ALA Web site at www.ala.org/kidsday.

National Library Week also will kick off LIVE at the Library 2000: Building Cultural Communities, a two-year project sponsored by ALA with major support from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund.

Hundreds of libraries across the country, as well as authors, artists and arts organizations, will be eligible to apply for support to present theme-based cultural programs for family and adult library audiences. The programs will feature "live" appearances by literary, visual and performing artists exploring important issues and ideas facing communities across America.

For more information about LIVE at the Library 2000, including grant proposal deadlines, see the ALA Public Programs Web site at www.ala.org/publicprograms/live.html or contact the ALA Public Programs Office at 800-545-2433, ext. 5412, or cwatkins@ala.org.

National Library Week is an opportunity to thank elected officials for their support of our nation's libraries. Libraries are encouraged to support a national Thank You Day, to be held April 11, to highlight and celebrate library programs and "success stories" made possible through the support of legislators and library funding.

The goals of Thank You Day are to: 1) educate elected officials about the importance of libraries; 2) demonstrate how legislators are helping to make library programs and services possible for their constituents; 3) illustrate the use of technology in libraries and how the E-rate program has benefited library users; 4) encourage libraries to apply for more local, state and federal resources.

To learn more about Thank You Day and for planning ideas and customizable materials (in text and PDF formats), check out www.ala.org/washoff/thankyou.html or contact the ALA Washington Office at 800-941-8478 or alawash@ala.org.



For background information about National Library Week, see www.ala.org/pio/nlw.html. For additional tips, resources and ideas for celebrating National Library Week and other year-round library promotional events, see the ALA Web site at www.ala.org/celebrating.

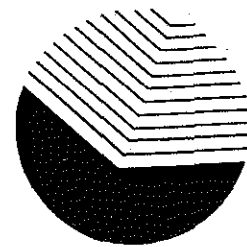


MPLA Board Meetings

MPLA Executive Board Meetings are held in Denver. The spring meeting is scheduled for *April 8, 2000*.



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Denver Public Library Western History and Genealogy Department Manager Denver, CO

The Denver Public Library has an opening for the premier job of the 21st century. The position of Manager for the Western History and Genealogy Department is available to the best-qualified candidate. We are seeking a manager who can sustain and enrich the and collection that the individual staff members have been developing since this collection opened to the public in January 1935.

The successful candidate will have the knowledge and experience to provide and promote reference and research services involving specialized library collections. He or she will guide and coach a staff that will be trained in providing service to customers who represent a diverse population and a wide geographical area, including the 50 states and foreign countries.

The successful candidate will recognize that the value of the Collection is in its accessibility. He or she will have the knowledge and skills to employ modern technology to allow further access to the Collection while continuing to emphasize books, manuscripts and images. The skill to promote and emphasize the ability to conduct family searches will be vital. This candidate's level of expertise will provide a focus for ongoing efforts to continually renew the Collection of historical manuscripts, genealogical resources, photographs, books, maps, scrapbooks and ephemera.

The candidate will also have skill in directing conservation and preservation efforts and in the development of security protocols for collection materials. The successful candidate will develop contacts and sources that will assist in the acquisition of collection materials and funding. He or she will be responsible for developing and managing a budget of special funds that will be used strategically to continually improve collections, services and outreach.

The Library seeks an accomplished library professional to build on the successes of the Western His-

tory and Genealogy Department and in the establishment of relationships with other Library departments, City agencies, library and professional organizations and the community. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to join one of America's best libraries, renowned for outstanding customer service, beautiful new and renovated buildings, advanced use of information technology, and a high level of public interest and support.

A Master's Degree in Library Science from an American Library Association accredited program and three years of experience as a supervisor in the above areas is required. Salary range is \$42,000 - \$66,000 with excellent benefit and retirement packages. Interviews will begin in February. Denver Public Library, Human Resources, 10 West 14th Avenue Parkway, Denver, CO 80204. The Denver Public Library is an Equal Opportunity Employer, committed



Missoula Public Library Youth Services Librarian Missoula, MT

Missoula (Montana) Public Library is looking for a youth services librarian with interest and training in young adult library services.

This team player will perform professional duties associated with children's, young adult and adult readers' services and programs. (S)he will plan and implement programming, develop and maintain young adult materials collection, maintain contacts with schools and other youth organizations, cover chil-

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dren's and reference desks, and participate on the library's management committee. This person should have extensive knowledge of young adult literature, experience in working with young adults, reference and readers' services experience, and a basic knowledge of computer fundamentals and the Internet.

Requires Bachelors degree and three years of professional experience in a library setting. ALA/MLS degree could substitute for three years of experience. Public library experience and experience working with young adults preferred.

Salary \$12.29 per hour with excellent benefits. Submit Missoula County application and college transcripts to the Office of Personnel and Labor Relations, 200 West Broadway, Missoula, MT 59802 by 5:00 P.M., 3/24/00. FAX: 406-523-4863; PH: 406-721-5700, Ext. 3299. Email: mpruitt@co.missoula.

**Wegner Health Science
Information Center
Head of Information &
Access Services
University of South Dakota
School of Medicine
Sioux Falls, SD**



Position: The Wegner HSIC is seeking an enthusiastic and creative individual to provide leadership and vision as Head of its Information and Access Services. This challenging position will allow the successful candidate to evolve and grow with a health science information center that is a model for 21st century libraries. Responsibilities include but are not limited to circulation, ILL, and document delivery. Contributes to classroom, individual and outreach instruction in the use of print, web-based and other electronic services. Shares in reference desk rotation including some evenings and weekends. Assists in collection development and embraces a team approach to information service delivery. This is a non-

tenure track faculty position. Position has supervisory responsibility and reports to the Director of the Wegner HSIC.

The Karl & Mary Jo Wegner Health Science Information Center is a new addition to health information resources in South Dakota. The facility is located on the campus of the University of South Dakota and Sioux Valley Hospital. It consolidates the collections and serves the clientele of the USD School of Medicine, Sioux Valley Health Systems, the Veteran's Affairs Medical Center-Sioux Falls, and the South Dakota University Affiliated Program. Additional partners in the project include Mt. Marty College, USD Department of Nursing, South Dakota State University, the Center for Ethics and Caring at Sioux Valley Hospital and the Dakota Association of Community Health Centers. The Wegner HSIC works closely with the USDSM Lommen Health Sciences Library in Vermillion. Wegner HSIC has a staff of 11 including five professionals.

Funded entirely by private contributions from foundations, businesses, health professionals, and interested citizens, the \$2.8 million facility opened to the public in January 1998. The facility is a three-level, 22,000 square-foot structure with a connecting tunnel to Sioux Valley Hospital and parking ramp and has the capacity to hold 100,000 volumes and 1,000 journal subscriptions as well as 100 individual study stations and 70 multimedia computer workstations.

Qualifications: Master's degree in Library Science from an ALA-accredited library school; excellent public service, communication, and problem-solving skills. Demonstrated computer literacy.

Salary/Compensation: Commensurate with qualifications and experience. Minimum \$35,000

Application Procedure: Applications including cover letter, current resume and names of three references can be sent to Kay Wagner, Director, Wegner HSIC, 1400 W. 22nd St, Sioux Falls, SD 57105.

Application Deadline: Applications will be reviewed starting February 23, 2000 and continue until the position is filled. EO/AAE





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