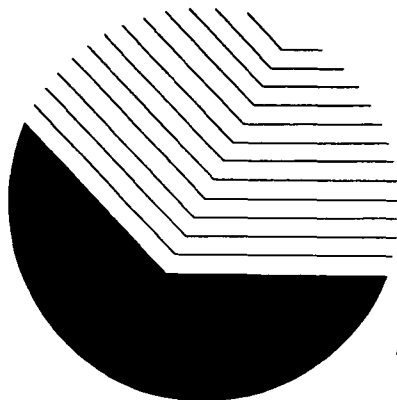


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President's Letter

—*Linda Rea*
MPLA President



A phrase you often hear at funerals is “I should have...” How many times have you passed up the opportunity to say “Thanks for ...,” write a quick note or give a pat on the back to a child, friend, staff member or colleague. I know that I have missed those opportunities more times than I want to admit.

There is still time to make up for your past procrastinations. MPLA has eight awards that are just begging to be given away to our very deserving members or people in our communities and states that have supported our libraries in some way or the other.

Don't wait until “next year.” Do it now. Check out the website www.usd.edu/mpla and select “Awards Pages” from the “What's New” column. Get your nominations in now!



More Award Information Inside!

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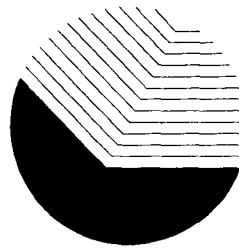
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... MPLA Board Choice Award Winners

The Board Choice Award, initiated in 1999, is a personal initiative by Board members to identify and recruit individuals with demonstrated ability in a library setting to membership in the Mountain Plains Library Association. The person is selected for their potential to benefit MPLA and the profession in a broader sense. MPLA Board members consider this award a personal quest to identify and recruit future library leaders, those who will serve their own library and their state and regional library associations well.

Board members continue to make nominations. The newest members are:

Utah

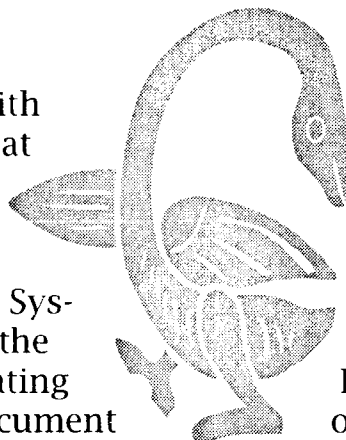
NANCY LOMBARDO, was nominated by Betty Dance, MPLA's Academic Section Chair.

Nancy Lombardo has been with the Spencer S. Eccles Library at the University of Utah since October of 1994. Her responsibilities include overseeing the Eccles Library Systems department, managing the digital video studio, coordinating the library's international document delivery services, developing and

teaching classes, contributing to the development of the library's Web server and other electronic and technology related projects.

Nancy is the coordinator of the Internet Navigator research skills course, which is electronically delivered. The Internet Navigator project was co-developed by a team of librarians, one from each academic library in Utah. The project received initial funding through the Utah State Higher Education Technology and Distance Education Initiative in May of 1995, based on a proposal, written by Wayne Peay and Nancy Lombardo of the Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library. This past year, the course has been completely revised, rewritten and redesigned by a new team of librarians and is now funded by the Utah Academic Library Consortium.

Nancy is the WebMaster for the Utah Library Association (ULA) and manages the site on the University of Utah Eccles Health Sciences Library server, with its own unique domain (<http://www.ula.org>). In addition, Nancy has served as the Chair of the ULA Health Round Table, as a long standing member of the ULA Computer Applications Round Table and as a member of the ULA Electronic Communi-



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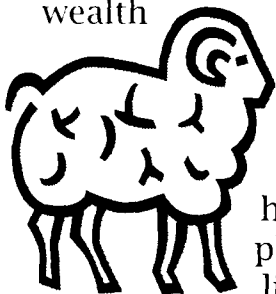
MPLA Members & Professional Development Grants

Karen Rupp-Serrano, Social Sciences Librarian/Acting Head, Collection Development, University of Oklahoma Libraries

I like to think my educational experience needn't stop with me. I hope to use what I have learned to make work easier for the bibliographers I coordinate. And beyond my own library, I would be happy to share what I have learned with other MPLA members.

Karen Rupp-Serrano attended Virtual Collection Development, a Web CT-based course offered via the Internet from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. It was offered July-August, 2000. Karen was required to read articles from the literature on collection development topics, explore recommended web sites and resources for related information, and participate in a class bulletin board to share thoughts and learn from others in the course. Karen's comments:

"It is apparent from this course that while electronic resources are here to stay, just how we offer them is still a mixed bag. Some advocate separate web resource finding aids; others are moving aggressively to incorporate web resources into their OPACs. I learned about several web-based collection development tools that will be useful to me and my colleagues and now have a wealth of licensing and copyright information sites at my fingertips..



For me, personally, this course was a little oasis of leisurely thought in a rush-rush professional life. More librarians should be taking advantage of resources like this. I think it helps us to remember why we got into librarianship in the first place, something that we sometimes lose sight of in the myriad little tasks that confront us on a daily basis. But the course also met my professional goals by offering information that I will use regularly as I coordinate collection development: collection development policies budgeting; selection; acquisition and evaluation tools on the internet; delivery options; copyright compliance; licensing; resource integration."

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LSTA SUCCESS STORIES WEB SITE

ALAWON, a publication of the American Library Association Washington Office announces the launch of a new Web site developed in a collaborative effort between the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA) and the ALA Washington Office.

The LSTA Success Stories Web site (<https://cs.ala.org/lsta>) contains a searchable database of stories about how Library Services and Technology Act funds have improved libraries throughout the country. The site is searchable by state and

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MPLA Board Choice Award Winners...

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cations Task Force. She has recently coordinated the transfer of the ULA Newsletter from hard copy to electronic format. Nancy has worked in libraries since 1981. Her previous places of employment include the University of New Mexico, Dartmouth College, the Denver Public Library, the National Park Service Rocky Mountain Region Library and the Salt Lake City Public Library. She received her MLS from Emporia State University in 1994.

Robert Murdoch, Utah State University, was nominated by MPLA's State Representative from Utah, Jean Jensen.

Robert Murdoch, formerly the Associate Director of Utah State University Libraries, has just become Associate Director at Brigham Young University in Provo. Robert attended Weber State in Ogden, Utah, served a two-year church mission in Scotland, graduated from Utah State University in Logan in Accounting. As a student, Robert worked part-time in the USU library. Upon graduation, he moved to a full-time position in patron services in the library. He received his MLS degree in 1981 from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, and has since served in library administration at USU.

Robert was born in Salt Lake City. He married Linda in 1970, and they have

four children. He likes to do serious, strenuous hiking, such as hiking over the Tetons from the Wyoming side to the Idaho side, 25 miles in one day. Robert is a native of Layton, Utah.

Wyoming

Trish Palluck, Wyoming State Library, was nominated by Ara Anderson, MPLA's State Representative in Wyoming.



Trish started working at the Wyoming State Library in February 1979 as a clerk in the government documents department where her primary responsibilities included processing and shelving the documents. Exactly one year later,

she transferred to technical services and spent the next nine years in cataloging processing books, typing and filing catalog cards, OCLC copy cataloging and adding the collection to the statewide bibliographic database.

In 1989 Trish moved to her current position as a database specialist in the automation office where she helps with the maintenance of the statewide bibliographic database and provides support for libraries using the WYLD DRA system. She worked diligently to establish a paraprofessional section for WLA which currently has more paying members

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MPLA Members and Professional Development Grants

Colleen Kirby, Special Collections Librarian/Assistant Professor,
Black Hills State University, South Dakota.

The Computers in Libraries conference helped me to meet my goals as Special Collections Librarian. The Computers in School Libraries conference helped me to meet my goals in teaching library media courses. I can't wait to share the things I learned with my students. I would be happy to serve as a resource for other MPLA members.

Colleen Kirby attended the Computers in School Libraries Conference in Washington, D.C. in March 2001. During the computers in Libraries conference she attended sessions that dealt with improving your home page, cataloging with CORC, developing web editorial policies, digitizing library materials, and Dublin Core. The Computers in School Libraries Conference covered topics which included how to have students create electronic portfolios, staff development, incorporating technology into the classroom, providing access to educational resources, using electronic classrooms to provide library instruction, and library media standards. Of her experience, Colleen writes:

"I came away from the (Computers in Libraries) conference with ideas on how to improve the home page for Special Collection, and how to make more materials available through the home page. It also gave me ideas that I can incorporate into the library media courses that I teach. As great as the computers in Libraries Conference was, the Computers in School Libraries Conference was even better. I came away with numerous ideas about how librarians can guarantee that the school library plays an active role in the school curriculum. The conferences added to my knowledge base. They also inspired me to stay atop of what is happening in technology and how I might be able to make use of that knowledge in my library and my teaching. "



Rocky Mountain Storytelling Festival

The 13th annual Rocky Mountain Storytelling Festival and workshops will be held August 2-4, 2001, at Palmer Lake, Colorado. It is sponsored by the Colorado Artists Showcase, Inc., and the Pikes Peak Library District.

Featured storytellers are:

- **Dan McCrimmon**, Colorado folksinger, songwriter, recording artist, teacher, and historical interpreter.
- **Eldrena Douma**, traditional, family, and original storyteller from Canyon, Texas.
- **Bailey Phelps**, ordained minister, tribal member of the Cherokee Nation, storyteller, musician, and poet.
- **Kathy Totten**, Librarian, mother, singer, musician, writer, naturalist.

Other storytellers include JoAnn Pinto, Priscilla Queen, Brad Bowles, Storytelling Kids, and John Stansfield.

The Festival begins with Stories Under the Stars on August 2. The next two days feature beginner's and advanced storytelling workshops, puppet making workshops for children, storyswaps, hikes, naps, and evening storytelling concerts.



Cost of the entire Festival, including all workshops and all events, is \$55 for adults before July 30; \$65 after. Children's registration fees are \$35 and \$45. The maximum fee for families is \$175. For registration information, contact John Stansfield, Director, Rocky Mountain Storytelling Festival, P.O. Box 588, Monument, Colorado 80123; (800) 484-6963 x8253.

For an additional fee, one or two semester hours of graduate or undergraduate credit are available for the workshops and Festival through the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs. For information write: UCCS School of Education Office of Professional Development and Outreach, Box 7150, Colorado Springs, CO 80922-7150, (719) 262-4134; e-mail: pdoucett@mail.uccs.edu.



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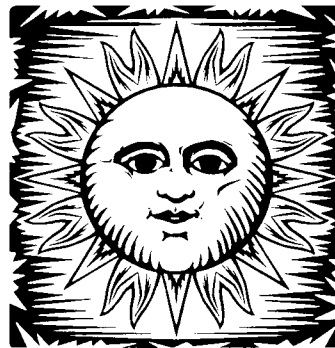
American Library Association Honors Trejo

The American Library Association has conferred its highest honor, honorary membership, upon Dr. Arnulfo D. Trejo, in recognition of his outstanding contributions and influence on Latino librarianship. During his career as a library science educator, Dr. Trejo was instrumental in creating a number of programs and opportunities for Hispanic/Latino librarians. He served as a role model and mentor to a wide range of library leaders in the Southwest, nationally and internationally. He was recognized at the ALA annual conference in San Francisco for his long and distinguished career as a librarian, author, scholar and businessman.

Convocation of Arizona Libraries, Archives and Museums

—The third annual convocation of library, archive and museum professionals was March 4-5 in Prescott. Kathie Dengler and Richard Battle from the Strong Museum, Rochester, New York were the featured speakers discussing the paradigm shift in the museum that happened as a result of their guest service priority.

2nd State Conference of Tribal Libraries, Archives and Museums—The 2nd State Conference of Tribal Libraries, Archives and Museums Blue Water Resort and Casino in Parker. The conference focused on topics related to issues of culture, community advocacy, and tribal archives.



SWIFT (StateWide Interlibrary Fast Track.) The system uses the Colorado Virtual Library (<http://www.aclin.org>) as a way to enable patrons to search libraries throughout Colorado and place requests for items electronically. SWIFT is the software that transmits requests between borrowing and lending libraries, keeps track of transactions, and provides reports on ILL use. Once a request goes to SWIFT, the patron's local library receives the request, where the software verifies bibliographic information. The system creates a routing list of owning libraries and sends the authenticated request on its way. Once a library lends the item, system messages keep both parties up-to-date on the status—shipped, received, or returned. The system is free to Colorado libraries and their patrons.

C'YAAL—Colorado Young Adult Advocates in Libraries – is a newly formed statewide organization for the purpose exchanging ideas about YA services in libraries. It also offers support and advice to others with a similar focus, drawing on shared energy and vision to create dynamic programming for young adults. The Central Colorado Library System provides logistical assistance. For more information contact Jan Knauer, Littleton (Bemis) Public Library, jaknauer@mail.littleton.org.

colorado

SWIFT ILL System—The Colorado State Library recently launched its free statewide Interlibrary Loan and document-request management system called

kansas

"Blue Skyways" honored—The "MuniNet Guide and Review" has included the Kansas State Library's web site Blue Skyways among its list of best web sites of 2000. In an article in the January 2001 issue entitled "Sites that Rise Above the Crowd: Our Top Picks for 2000," Blue

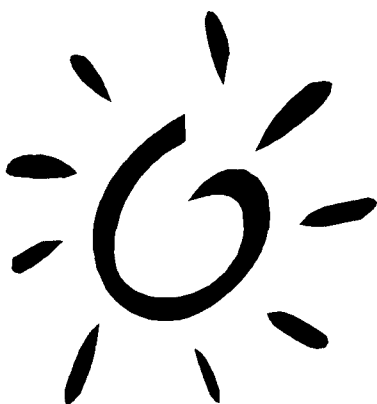
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Skyways is listed along with 53 other sites. Categories covered include cities/counties, new and/or notable city web site features, municipal finance, special service districts, and urban research and resources. Blue Skyways is one of only three state library web sites to appear on the list. The article pointed to the Legislative Research Service, collection of state documents, and reference materials as highlights of this "excellent resource." See: <http://www.muninetguide.com/Jan2001-Feature.asp> for the full story. See: <http://skyways.lib.ks.us> for the Kansas State Library's website Blue Skyways.

Institute for Continuing Education—The Emporia State University School of Library & Information Management (SLIM) has formed the Institute for Continuing Education (ICE) to provide quality education opportunities for library and information professional staff and library trustees. ICE is collaborating with state agencies, professional organizations, and library systems in Kansas and other Midwest and western states to contract with various education providers to offer short courses, workshops, online courses, and educational products. Three primary elements of ICE are: 1) a Library Services Certificate for library workers; 2) A Library Trustee Education Program, and 3) continuing education for librarians and administrators beyond the professional degree requirement. For more information contact Cathy Hoy, Director of ICE, hoycathy@emporia.edu; or 800-552-4770.

Award Winners—The Kansas Library Association bestowed two Presidential Awards at its spring conference. Jeff Hixon, Director of Library



Information Technology at the Kansas State Library, received the Library Personnel Award. Wichita Public Library's local historian, Heidi Dressler Kelly, received the award for New Professional.

montana

Mary Bushing Named Montana Librarian of the Year—Mary Bushing sees herself as a human version of the interlibrary loan. As Montana State University's Information Resources Development Librarian, part of her job involves traveling to the state's rural libraries doing outreach work. It's because of this work and the work that she does at MSU, that this dynamo of an individual recently received the Sheila Cates Award for Librarian of the Year, given to a Montana librarian in recognition of outstanding leadership and accomplishment in library service. Bushing was a reference librarian in Billings and a Library Development Officer for the Montana State Library in Helena before she came to MSU in 1989 as Collection Development Officer. She received a doctorate in Adult and Higher Education from MSU in 1995. She has also been active in MPLA and is the mother of eight adopted children. She is married to James Allard, an MSU philosophy professor.

Cheryl J. Hesper of the Rosebud County Library in Forsyth, MT, announced that the library will be a partner with the National Park Service to host the corps of Discovery II traveling Lewis and Clark educational exhibit. It is one of the outreach projects related to the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial

nebraska

"Research Wizard" Wins Award—The University Library, University of Nebraska at Omaha, is the 2001 recipient of the Gale Group Award for Excellence in Reference and Adult Services for its "Research Wizard." The citation and \$3,000 award recognizes a library for developing an imaginative and unique library resource to meet patrons' reference needs. "Research Wizard" is a versatile, database-driven Web application that utilizes the power of modern electronic and Web programming to take the traditional pathfinder into the electronic age. It allows librarians to create anticipated and custom web-based research guides that access a broad range

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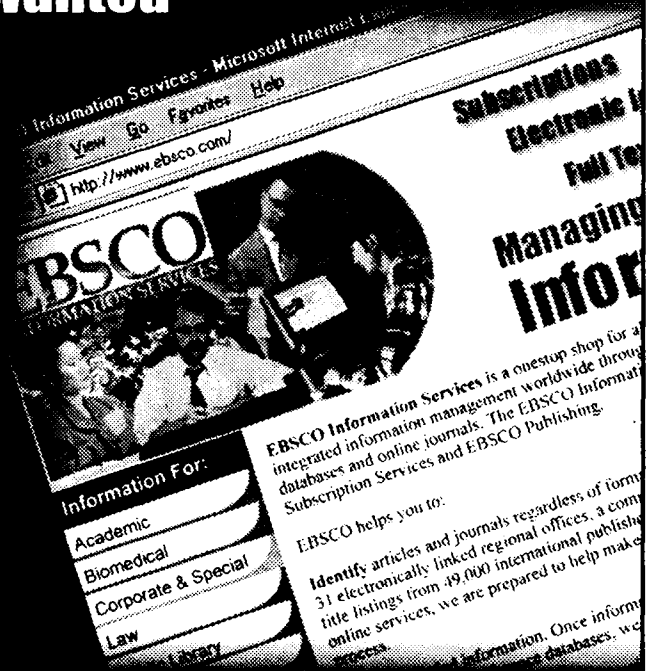
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of resources and proved content as well as bibliographic information. It checks link vitality, provides statistics on use, and reports new terms by which users are attempting to access information. Marc Davis, manager of support services, Karen Hein, librarian in reference and electronic services, and Jared Davis, lead programmer, comprise the team who created "Research Wizard."

Gates Foundation Funding—Nebraska is one of sixteen states scheduled to benefit from funding through the U.S. Library Program of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Grants will be awarded and computers installed in libraries from summer 2002 through fall 2003. Public libraries that serve communities with more than ten percent poverty that were not previously eligible for a grant from the foundation will be invited to apply. Grants support expanding public access to computers, the Internet, and digital information in libraries that serve low-income

communities. Libraries use the funds to purchase computers, networking equipment, and telecommunications services for Internet access. The grants also provide training and technical support to the library staff, covering network administration, computer and Internet applications, and computer systems management. Microsoft Corporation donates software to libraries receiving foundation grants. For more information, see the Nebraska Library Commission home page announcements at www.nlc.state.ne.us and www.gatesfoundation.org.

nevada

Washoe County Library Looks to Future—Just what could the Washoe County library of the future look like? At a visioning session sponsored by the Washoe County Library System, about 50 people came to share their ideas of what the library of the future should look like. Washoe County voters in November approved bonds to build two new libraries

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in regional parks, one in Spanish Springs and one in the South Valleys that should be open by 2003. In addition, Washoe County will decide this spring whether to build a new library in Incline Village or expand the old one. Major renovations to the Sparks library should be completed by this summer and then the downtown Reno library would get a new look in the next year.

Return of the Mobile Library—Washoe County Library System recently brought back an old friend: the Mobile Library. The sleek, state-of the art \$220,000 vehicle, the first traveling library to operate in Washoe County since about 1990, made its debut at a Cinco de Mayo celebration and hit the road in June. The money for the vehicle came from private donors and grants. Even with Washoe County paying vehicle upkeep and the salaries for two full-time and two part-time employees, the mobile library is a bargain. Ten local donors contributed \$175,000 to the vehicle. Contributions and a library technology grant covered the cost of about \$220,000, including the library materials.

New Library—Pahrump Community Library opened with fanfare on March 24, 2001. The 20,000 square foot facility designed by Leo A. Daly features a welcoming circulation/information desk, reference and



research area, small computer lab, reception area, youth services area with space for children's programming and meeting rooms.

Carson City Literacy Coordinator—New Literacy Coordinator Susan Graf, formerly Family Services Librarian at the North Las Vegas Library District, comes with a long list of ideas for literacy programs and projects throughout the state. She aims to expand and support literacy activities in public libraries, especially the rural areas of Nevada, expand prison literacy projects, and bring additional services to Nevada tribal organizations. She was the project director for an LSTA-funded Family Literacy demonstration project, LISTOS PARA LEER/READY SET READ! The project successfully integrated corporate, federal, and private funding. Currently President of the Nevada Library Association, Graf holds an MLS from Texas Women's University and a bachelor's degree in

English from Utah State University with a teaching certification in secondary education.

Nevada Library Institute—The 2001 Nevada Library Institute will take place September 10-14, 2001 at the JFDI Executive Retreat in Alamo, Nevada. Thirty-six participants from libraries throughout Nevada will be invited to participate in the intensive week-long institute.

oklahoma

Beta Phi Mu Award Winner—Lotsee Patterson, professor at the graduate school of library and information science at the University of Oklahoma, Norma, is the 2001 recipient of the American Library Association Beta Phi Mu Award. She was selected to receive the award for being the foremost proponent of Native American libraries through training programs, for securing funding through LSCA, for co-chairing the second Native American preconference to the White House Conference on Library and Information Services, and for consulting. She holds a bachelor's degree from Oklahoma College for Women and a master's in library science and doctorate from the University of Oklahoma.

utah

Robert Murcoch at BYU—Robert Murdoch, Associate Director of Utah State University Libraries in Logan, accepted the position of Associate Director at Brigham Young University in Provo, to oversee the Technical Services Department, starting June 1. Robert received his MLS degree in 1981 from BYU, served in various positions at USU since that time.

Sterling Albrecht Receives Award—The Utah Library Association held its annual conference May 2-4 in Sandy, a suburb of Salt Lake City. Sterling Albrecht, University Librarian at Brigham Young University, received the ULA Distinguished Service Award. This is the Association's most prestigious award, presented to persons who have sustained achievements of the highest caliber for several years.

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Sterling earned his MLS in 1970, served as director of the BYU library since 1979. Under his leadership, the library added two major building additions totaling nearly 500,000 sq. ft; expanded its collections by over a million volumes, moved from the card catalog to a leader in library automation.

Peggy Erickson Honored—At the ULA conference, Peggy Erickson, Library Director at the Tooele City Public Library, received the ULA Librarian of the Year Award. Peggy has worked at the library in Tooele for 14 years.

Wyoming

Wyoming's Future in the Eyes of Kids—Libraries around the state have added one new book to their collection thanks to the Laramie County Republican Women's Club. "Dear Mrs. G: Wyoming's Future Through the Eyes of Its Kids," is the result of Sherri Geringer, Wyoming's first lady, challenging Wyoming's children to write an essay describing their vision of the state in 2025.

Cooking with Insects—University of Wyoming professor Jim Wangberg presented one of the National Library Week Programs at the Laramie County Library. The topic was "Cooking with Insects."

Pigeons Close Library—In early March, pigeon droppings forced a one-day closure of the Wyoming Room at the Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library.

State Library Employees Honored—Alta Hepner and Venice Beske of the Wyoming State Library were recently recognized for their years of service to the Wyoming State Library. Hepner of bibliographic services/federal documents was recognized for five years of service; Beske, statewide information services manager, was recognized for her 10 years of service. Governor Jim Geringer presented the awards.



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New Members

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- Betty Marcoux, University Of Arizona School Of Info Res
- Beverly Wilson, Chandler Public Library
- Cheryl Fox, Tempe Public Library
- Dale Steele, Arizona State Library
- David Huizingh, Student
- Gail Rathbun, Tempe Public Library
- Julie Huelsbeck, Mohave County Library District
- Linda Montgomery, Arizona Braille & Talking Book Library
- Pamela Comello, Sedona Public Library
- Pat Dilgard, Phoenix Elementary School District
- Robert Lindley, Student - University Of Arizona
- Susan Blixt, Aslpr
- Teri Metros, Tempe Public Library



- Carolyn Haase, Trustee - Fort Collins Public Library
- Claudia Nickell, Fort Morgan Public Library
- Diane Turner,
- Edie Hoggenmiller, Pikes Peak Library District
- Gretchen Beatty, Weld Library District
- Josie Diaz, Fort Morgan Public Library
- Judy Seeley, Tutt Library, Concordia College
- Lawrence Grieco, Gilpin County Public Library
- Lisa Lister, Tutt Library, Concordia College
- Marla Whitney, Faxon
- Norm Union, Adams County Library
- Sharon Crane, Library Board Chair, Aurora Public Library
- Shirley Coleman, Windsor Severance Library District
- William Duncan-O'neal, Retired

COLORADO

- Annette Choszczyk, Glendale Library
- Antionette Massengale, Student, Emporia State University
- Bett Kopit,

KANSAS

- Cheryl Alexander, Dodge City Public Library
- Heather Woltje, Dodge City Public Library
- Janet Anderson-Story, Flint Hills Technical College



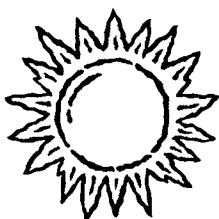
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- Laura Loveless, Kansas City, Kansas. Public Library
- Penny Donaldson, Atchison Library
- Robert Grover, Emporia State U School Of Library & Information Management
- Romona Newsome, Great Bend Public Library
- Scott Alexander, Dodge City Public Library
- Victoria Herl, Central Kansas Library System

MONTANA

- Diane Vangorden, Trustee, Fallon County Library
- Joan Bishop, Trustee - Lewis & Clark Library
- Jon Andrews, Publishers Representative
- Renne J. Vaillancourt,



NORTH DAKOTA

- Diana Schneider, Williston Junior High
- Doris Ott, North Dakota State Library
- Janet Essency, Minot State University
- Kaaren Pupino, Thormodsgard Law Library, Und
- Kathy Olson, Minot Public Library
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- Margaret Blue, Retired
- Pamela Drayson, North Dakota State University
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- Traci Juhala, Bismarck State College

NEBRASKA

- Charlene Maxey-Harris, Univesity Of Nebraska-Lincoln

- Jim Aitken, Stephenson School Supply
- Jo Tudor, Auburn Memorial Library
- Karen Everett, Elkhorn High School
- Larry Parker, King Science Center Ops
- Mary Griffen, Omaha Public Library
- Michael Schawang, Indian Hill School
- Nadine Dibacco, Gering Public Library
- Nannette Bedrosky, Creighton University Health Sciences Library
- Renee McArthur, Springfield Elementary School
- Robin Bernstein, Bellevue University

NEW MEXICO

- Jan Mccullough, Cannon Base Library
- John Powers, Library Technology Student
- Shaunessy Everett, Rio Rancho Public Library

NEVADA

- Barbara Talbot, O'brien Middle School
- Betsy Johnson, Malcolm Branch Library
- Demesthenes Papaeliou, University Of Nevada, Reno
- Jeanne Munk, Pershing County Library
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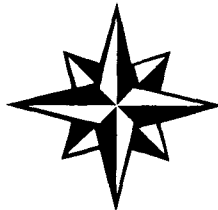
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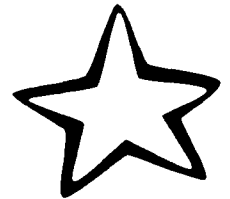
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- Lori Wagner, Mitchell Public Library
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- Rae Brecht, Brookings Public Library
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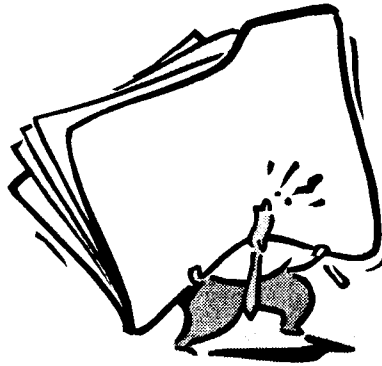
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Anne Sibi, Teton County Library (Student)
Beth Walker, Campbell County Public Library



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- Dory Cauffman, Burlington School
- Karen Lange, University Of Wyoming
- Mary Lynn Eisenmenger, Fremont County School District
- Peggy Jording, Student - Black Hills State University
- Sandra Munger, Big Horn County Library
- Sherri Randall, Upton Branch Library
- Susan Cuthbertson, University Of Wyoming
- Tobi Lieder Bell, Washakie County Library





PROFESSIONAL FORUM

Call for Papers

The Mountain Plains Library Association's Academic Section and the College & University Libraries Division (CULD) of AzLA are announcing a call for papers to be presented at the joint Arizona Library Association/MPLA conference in Phoenix, Arizona on December 5-7, 2001. 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 August 10, 2001. 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)

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

- Objectives are evident, with clear ideas and concepts (15 points)
- Quality of organization (15 points)
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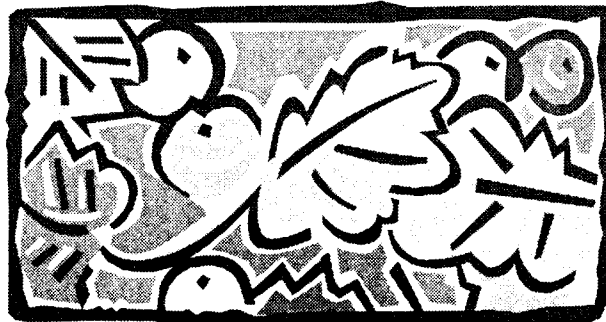
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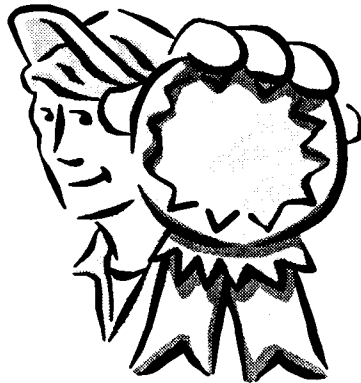
- ✓ Authors must be current members of MPLA *or* AzLA
- ✓ Papers must be original (not published or presented elsewhere)
- ✓ Selected authors will make 30 to 40 minute presentations at the conference
- ✓ Submission must include:
 - An extended abstract must be submitted of 1 ½ to 4 pages in length
 - Name, institution/library affiliation, address, phone number, e-mail, program title

Deadline for abstracts is August 10, 2001 (postmarked). Abstracts that do not meet the above guidelines will not be considered by the jury.

Send abstracts to:

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CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

Of all the important things to do in a healthy organization, recognizing the efforts and accomplishments of others is among the most vital. The time it takes is small compared to the value it provides for everyone. Awards are how we celebrate one another.

MPLA has eight standing awards, which may be presented every year, and we would like to strive to grant an award for all categories in Phoenix. A copy of the Awards Nomination form is available on the MPLA Web site. Take a look at each award and then ask yourself who you know who would be qualified for the award.

Each of the eight awards should be receiving multiple nominations every year. A host of people serve MPLA in ways that should qualify them for the Distinguished Service Award. We have faithful exhibitors who should be recognized with the Carl Gaumer Award. Among eleven states there should always be individuals, groups, and news media organizations deserving of the Legislative Leadership Award or the News Media Support Award. There are always talented new librarians among us who should be recognized with the Beginning Professional Award.

As librarians, we should be keenly aware of authors whose writings further an understanding on one or more parts of the Mountain Plains region. The Youth Services Award recognizes excellence in library services to youth and a new award, the "Intellectual Freedom Award," will be given to an individual or group making significant contributions to the enhancement of First Amendment rights.

Nominating someone doesn't take much time, and you can expect willing cooperation. You will do a lot of good for deserving people, and you will

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strengthen MPLA. So please take a minute and get started. Nominations are welcome anytime up to September 1st. The Awards Nomination Form is available at: <http://www.usd.edu/mpla/committees/awards/awardsform.html>
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Future MPLA CONFERENCES

2001 — Arizona Library Association, Phoenix, December 5-7.

2002 — North Dakota & South Dakota Library Associations, Fargo, ND, Oct. 2-5.

2003 — Nevada Library Association, Lake Tahoe.

2004 — Colorado Library Association, Snow Mass.

2005 — Wyoming Library Association, TBA.

2007 — New Mexico Library Association, TBA.

... Things & Stuff

The ALA Annual Report is now available online at www.ala.org/pio/ar00.htm. The report includes highlights from the past fiscal year, including public awareness efforts, membership, conferences, publishing, honors, leadership and grants. The ALA membership reached an all-time high of 61,103.

ACRL Project: Several libraries in the MPLA region are participating in the Association of College and Research Libraries project "Assessing Student Learning Outcomes in Information Literacy Programs: Training Academic Librarians." They include Western State College, Colorado; Dakota State University; Lewis and Clark College; University of Northern Colorado; and Montana State University, Bozeman.

AASL's Kidsconnect, the question-answering, help and referral service for K-13 students in the Internet has added a new feature: KCTools (www.ala.org/ONN/kctools.html) which leads students through a basic inquiry and response framework. It was created to help students contemplate the research they are working on as they move through the research process using the Internet, as well as expanding their way of thinking about, searching for and using information. It takes them through four stages: "I wonder; I find; I evaluate; and I share."



EdLibs

— Judy Zelenski

This issue is brought to you by a substitute editor because Heidi, the current editor, just had a new baby boy who arrived three months early.

It's been fun to try to preserve Heidi's vibrant style. Her eclectic selection of type faces is quite apparent. But have you ever noticed the little stars at the end of each article? Or those lines with a diamond at the midpoint? Her use of space and fonts and clips and typographical touches add up to most lively pages. So I've enjoyed the opportunity to explore the nuts and bolts and dingbats behind the pages, which has been more like play than work.

It's also been great to be back in touch with all my MPLA colleagues and report the very interesting and exciting happenings among the people and states!

Now the newsletter is headed for bed (and so am I).



UPCOMING EVENTS

2001

- August 8 — 11: Pacific Northwest Library Association, Corvallis, OR
- September 26 — 29: Wyoming Library Association, Cody.
- September 26 — 28: North Dakota Library Association, Williston
- October 3 — 5: South Dakota Library Association, Aberdeen
- October 4 — 7: Nevada Library Association, Las Vegas
- October 11 — 14: LITA National Forum, Milwaukee, WI
- October 16 — 19: ACRL, Washington, DC
- October 17 — 19: Nebraska Library Association, Kearney
- November 4 — 8: American Society for Information Science, Washington, DC
- December 5 — 7: Mountain Plains Library Association/Arizona Library



Rising to New Heights!

AZ-MPLA Conference December 5-7

Librarians from twelve western states will be in Phoenix December 5-7, 2001 to attend the joint Arizona Library Association and the Mountain Plains Library Association.

A number of local and national speakers have been confirmed including artist, author, and Arizona media personality, Bob Boze Bell. Gerda and Kurt Klein will relate their moving and inspiring experiences as authors writing about the Holocaust. Santa Fe mystery author, Michael McGarrity, novelist Laura Van Wormer and author and naturalist Craig Childs are on the program. Emily Sheketoff from the ALA Washington Office is expected to provide a legislative update.

Winner of the 2000 Robert Downs Intellectual Freedom Association Joint Conference Award, Nancy Garden, the young adult author will speak. The founder of Motherhead will talk about how her passion for literacy has become a national program.

Complete conference and association information is available on the Arizona Library Association's website at www.azla.org.





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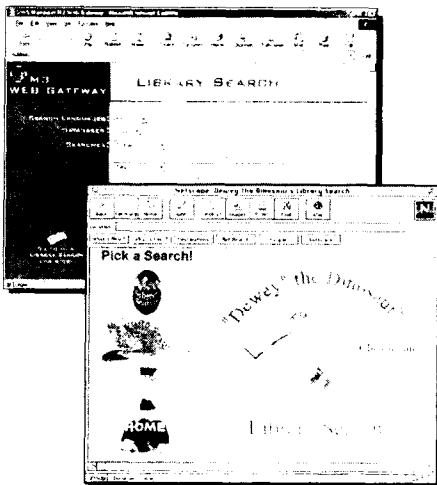
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