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President's Letter

Dear MPLA Colleagues,

As I write this letter, it's the end of April in northern Wyoming, but the weatherman is not providing much Spring. My crocuses have bloomed, been blown over flat in the wind, survived several freezing rainstorms and today are getting a blessing of snow. Rising proudly behind the crocuses are daffodils, irises, and tulips which will soon bloom.



Those hardy Wyoming flowers are much like the library colleagues with which I work; we are buffeted by social and economic trends over which we have no control, we are baffled, delighted and occasionally dismayed by the technology with which we provide resources and services to our clientele; we retire colleagues who have finished their library careers, and we take in new colleagues and orient them to the workplace; and, as we cheerfully juggle all of these themes, we are endlessly challenged to do more.

Why do we do it? For most of us the answer lies in the rewards we find in our work – in the exultant look on a student's face as she prints the last page of a successfully researched paper, in the relieved look on a father's face as he finds an article of interest in the new issue of a parenting magazine, and in the happy sound of a chemistry instructor's voice as she calls to say "that video tape gives me exactly what I need for a class."

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And, how do we do it? Most of us do it by constantly reinvesting ourselves in our field; we take classes; we attend workshops and seminars; we visit with colleagues as we bump into professional co-nundrums; we read professional journals and newsletters; and we belong to the associations which support us in these activities.

MPLA can be a part of the way you ingest the methodology of your field; it can be the forum for enriching the base skills you already possess; it can stretch you to new levels as you try on new professional roles; and it can give you a network of friends and allies with whom you can bemoan or exult over the situations you encounter.

Make plans to attend the annual tri-conference in Fargo; the programs promise to be both professionally rich and personally entertaining. Consider new ways you might be a part of MPLA – volunteer for a committee, submit an article for the newsletter, e-mail an idea to an association officer or staff member, apply to attend our exciting Leadership Institute, nominate a friend or co-worker for an award.

Enjoy your summer; refresh yourself while the weather is kind in the plains and mountain states; plan how you'll get to Fargo in October; and be an active MPLA member.

With best regards,

Debbie



**Tri-Conference Program
begins on page 9
of this issue!**

OKLAHOMA

BOUND FOR SANTA FE
THE ROAD TO NEW MEXICO AND
THE AMERICAN CONQUEST, 1806-1848
By Stephen G. Hyslop
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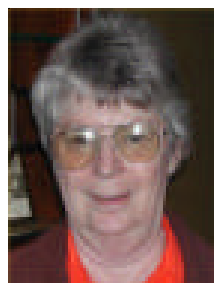
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MPLA Offering Exciting Opportunity for Leadership Development

After two years of planning, the Mountain Plains Library Association is set to launch the MPLA Leadership Institute @ Ghost Ranch. Linda O'Connell has been selected as the Leadership Institute Coordinator, while Maureen Sullivan, well known facilitator, has been selected to lead the Institute.

The Institute will meet at Ghost Ranch, New Mexico, Nov. 10-14, 2002. Thirty candidates from MPLA's 12-state region will be selected to attend. For further information, go to MPLA's Website at <http://www.usd.edu/mpla> or contact the MPLA Leadership Institute Coordinator at mplaleader@worldnet.att.net.



Linda O'Connell,
Institute Coordinator

MPLA Institute Leaders



Maureen Sullivan,
Institute Leader



MPLA LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE AGENDA**

Introduction and Overview

- Purpose and goals
- Review of schedule and activities
- Learning approach and resources

Understanding Your Work and Leadership Styles

- Situational Leadership Theory
- Assessing your style and preferences
- Improving your effectiveness as a leader

Interpersonal Communication

- Key components for effective communication
- Basic skills and techniques
- Skill practice: active listening and feedback

Managing Differences

- Diagnosing sources of conflict and disagreement
- Individual responses to conflict
- Negotiating skills

Risk Taking

- Factors in risk taking
- A process for making risky decisions

Using Power and Influence

- Understanding personal power
- Styles of influence

Working with Others: Creating a Culture of Commitment

- Understanding motivation
- Empowerment
- Coaching and mentoring

Working with Groups and Teams

- Stages of group development
- Characteristics of effective teams
- Consensus decision making

Leading Change

- The leader's role as change agent
- Key steps in large-scale change
- Building commitment

Achieving Your Potential: Personal Planning

- Developing commitment to personal change
- Planning your development

Guidelines for Continuing Your Leadership Development Opportunities for Leadership Experience

- Library organizations and other venues
- MPLA opportunities

**This is a semi-final draft of the Agenda. Additional planning and on-site experience may also result in slight variations. The content of the Agenda will remain substantially as represented.



Business Sense

Jean Anderson
Business Librarian

Fort Collins Public Library, CO

E-Commerce

E-Commerce is the practice of buying and selling products and services over the Internet, utilizing technologies such as the Web, electronic data interchange, e-mail, electronic fund transfers, and smart cards.

The following list of Websites may be viewed as a beginner's introduction to the topic, providing links to various aspects of e-commerce including international commerce, online journals and newspapers, and industry and association guides.

About.Com: Electronic Commerce

ecommerce.about.com

Stop by this site to find a well-designed and easy-to-use Internet guide to electronic commerce with feature articles, Website guides, newsletters, discussion forums, and chat. Among the topics that are included are building a Web store, B2B resources, start-up ideas, banner advertising, portal sites, jobs, and security and privacy.

Business 2.0

www.business2.com

This megasite contains a large e-business section as well as an E-commerce Web guide. The links include information for manufacturers, retailers, and service businesses that want to develop or expand a Web presence. Users can search the archives for magazine articles from Business 2.0 and eCompany.

Ecommerce Guide

ecommerce.internet.com

Sponsored by IBM, this site offers many useful links to reviews, news, products and services, columns, and resources. If you are a novice when it comes to e-commerce, click on the glossary or site builder. The Ecommerce Guide also helps users

locate industry trends and newsletters and check domain names.

CommerceNet

www.commerce.net

CommerceNet is an industry association for Internet Commerce launched in April 1994. Today membership has grown to over 600 companies and organizations worldwide, including banks, telecommunications companies, VANs, ISPs, online services, software and services companies, as well as major end-users. The Website includes information on e-commerce resources, membership services, pilot projects the association has undertaken, an online research center that includes statistical and demographic information, and a calendar of events.

Electronic Commerce Resource Center

www.ecrc.ctc.com

The ECRC serves as a network for small and medium sized businesses utilizing electronic commerce. Information about education and training, technical support, and online resources are included in the site. The ECRC Webpage also provides a list of services and links to regional ECRC newsletters.

Global Business Dialogue on Electronic Commerce

www.gbd.org

This multinational group focuses on finding solutions and providing input on regulation or business self-regulatory codes of conduct in consultation with governments, administrations, and international governmental organizations. The Website includes a calendar of events, newsletter, information on the group's various working committees, press releases, papers, speeches, and conference information.

Internet Retailer

www.internetretailer.com

This electronic magazine site offers e-business strategies for merchants and catalogers. Special departments cover e-tailing issues such as supply

chain, online marketing, fulfillment and returns.

Business Week's E-biz

www.businessweek.com/ebiz

Business Week offers this searchable site, updated daily, devoted to e-commerce. Topics include global business, small business, technology, investment, and more.

Ecommerce Times

www.ecommercetimes.com

The E-Commerce Times is a free online publication, with daily news and feature articles for entrepreneurs and companies doing business on the Internet. The site includes news from around the world, letters to the editor, an editorial page, a stock index, small business adviser, industry guide, job listings, special reports, and a search engine.

Electronic Markets

www.electronicmarkets.org

This is a quarterly journal focusing on global electronic commerce. The site provides current articles as well as a searchable archive going back to the journal's first issue in 1991. Links to recent news stories and discussion forums are also available.

EXEC: The Executive's Guide to Electronic Business

www.unisys.com/execmag/index-ns.htm

Exec's feature articles address topics such as business improvement, human capital and e-business. Case studies describe how organizations are deploying technology to achieve business success. Interviews with business experts and editorials from thought leaders address the challenges faced by today's senior managers. Exec Resources provides a weekly compendium of articles from dozens of online business and technology magazines, including *Fortune*, *Business Week*, *Fast Company*, *Barron's*, *InformationWeek*, and others.

Internet News: E-Commerce

www.internetnews.com/ec-news

Internet News provides daily updates on e-commerce news. Archives of older articles are available.

CIO Magazine: E-Business Research Center

www.cio.com/research/ec

This site offers current articles plus a well-organized set of strategic topics. Look for links to legal issues, case studies, metrics, e-learning, and many more.

Jean Anderson is the Business Librarian for the Fort Collins Public Library. Suggestions for future columns are welcome: anderson@julip.fcgov.com



Call for MPLA Award Nominations

It's time to nominate some of our wonderful library folks for some

awards! Please see below and remember, nominate early and often!

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 strengthen MPLA. So please take a minute and get started. Nominations are welcome anytime up to July 12, 2002. The time is fast approaching, please recognize those outstanding individuals, libraries, agencies, and organizations around you.

The Awards Nomination Form is available at: <http://www.usd.edu/mpla/committees/awards/awardsform.html>.

For questions regarding MPLA awards, please contact:

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Revvng up for MPLA Tri-Conference in Fargo

Greetings to all MPLA and SDLA members!



Kaaren Pupino, NDLA President-Elect

Remember the Red River Valley? No? You don't? Well that's probably because you have never been here before! There are a lot of fun things to do and see in Fargo, North Dakota! Don't let the cold winter weather, past floods, or the movie "Fargo" keep you from coming to the conference! The average temperature for October 3rd is 51 degrees. October is a great month to come to North Dakota and the cities of Fargo-Moorhead offer a variety of activities and sights. Bring your family along. There is something here for everyone!

Fargo is home of the North Dakota State University and it has a nice public library with a branch library that will be opening this summer.

There are many wonderful attractions in Fargo. The Children's Museum at Yunker Farm offers hands-on discovery for the entire family. The museum is home to more than 50 exhibits, including a children's railroad and carousel, providing a fun family experience. Another great place to take children of all ages is Bonanzaville where there are fifteen fascinating acres of historic buildings, ranging from a sod house to a church, court house and country store. Specialty museums house antique cars, airplanes, farm equipment and other memorabilia. It is still open Monday-Friday through October.

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South Dakota excited to welcome you too!

Ann Smith, SDLA President

South Dakota is excited about the prospect of joining with our neighbors to the north and our colleagues in the 12-state Mountain Plains region to "Explore New Pathways to Information." As Kaaren Pupino, Jean Hatfield and I have explored our own pathways to planning this conference, we have discovered what a refreshing and powerful thing it is to collaborate! Through the joint efforts of our three organizations we are able to bring some exceptional programs, including Keith Curry Lance speaking on the connection between school

libraries and student achievement, Walter Minkel from *SLJ* with his "7 Commandments for Library Websites," and, thanks to financial support from the South Dakota State Library, Patrick Jones, noted YA librarian and author of *Connecting Young Adults and Libraries*. I hope you will come to Fargo to enjoy some outstanding programming, meet new friends, catch up with old friends, and look for opportunities to experience the power of collaboration while "Exploring New Pathways to Information."

Mark **Oct. 2-5, 2002** on your calendars and make plans to come to Fargo, North Dakota to begin "**Exploring New Pathways to Information**" with your colleagues from NDLS, SDLA, and MPLA. It's going to be a great conference, with authors Ben Mikaelson and Jane Kurtz, *School Library Journal's* Walter Minkel, ALA President Maurice (Mitch) Freedman, young adult specialist Patrick Jones...plus many others!

There will also be practical information, such as Becky Bell's session on preparing for a system migration, as well as entertainment including Amy Mossett's presentation on Sakakawea.

Watch the conference Website (<http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us/ndla/02conf.htm>) for the latest information...**see you in Fargo!**

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Across the road from the Ramada Inn Plaza Suites is the West Acres shopping mall, the largest shopping mall in the region. For those of us who tire of all those meetings and would like to indulge in a bit of retail therapy there is Marshall Fields, Sears, Pennys and Herbergers anchor stores, plus a number of smaller shops like Stabo Scandanavian Imports, Creative Kitchen, Things Remembered Personalized Gifts and more. You can begin your Christmas shopping right there! Don't miss the Fargo Antique Mall with over 7,000 square feet; two floors of the finest in antiques and collectibles. Fargo is the home town of baseball's great athlete Roger Maris. The Roger Maris Museum is located within the West Acres Mall. Maris gained fame when he hit 61 home runs during the 1961 season, breaking the longstanding record of the great Babe Ruth. At the exhibit you will see actual film of Roger's last 12 homers of 1961, along with his uniforms, baseball equipment and other memorabilia. There are also stores here that carry everything from ribbons to sock yarn!

There are many attractions in the Fargo-Moorhead area. There is the Celebrity Walk of Fame which is a growing collection of more than 100 star signatures, handprints and footprints in cement. It's our touch of Hollywood here in Fargo-Moorhead. The Comstock House is an 1882 Victorian home with the original furnishings of Moorhead pioneer (1871) Solomon G. Comstock. A state senator, Comstock is considered the founder of Moorhead State University, and with his wife Sarah, was instrumental in establishing the first public library in Moorhead.

Moorhead is Fargo's sister city across the Red River in Minnesota. That is where you will be able to board the Hjemkomst Viking Ship located at the Heritage Hjemkomst Interpretive Center. There you will find photographs, recordings, and an award-winning documentary chronicling the construction of the 76-foot, hand-built Viking ship Hjemkomst, and its incredible 6,000-mile voyage across the Atlantic in 1982. The ship is on display at the center, along with other national traveling exhibits.

There are 173 restaurants in Fargo including 18 Mexican, five Italian and nine Chinese food, not to mention the Space Alien Bar and Grill.

Come to Fargo, North Dakota – You will find more than you expect!

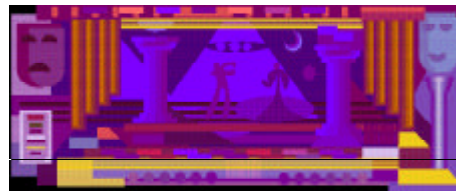
Other events of interest:

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Tales of a Fourth-Grade Nothing

Fargo-Moorhead Community Theatre, Fargo

Contact: (701) 235-6778



Peter Hatch has a terrible problem his little brother Fudge. And, for some odd reason, the grown-ups in his life just cant see there is something wrong with a two year old who breaks his front teeth trying to fly, decides that he is a dog, goes on a no-eat strike, and scribbles all over his brothers homework. Peter is at his wit's end when Fudge gets at his pet turtle, Dribble. What happens next, and how Peter's parents save the day make for a mixture of hilarity and a little more understanding on everyone's part.

October 05 - 06, 2002

Craft & Gift Bazaar

Time: Sat 10 am - 5:30 pm & Sun noon- 5 pm

Moorhead Center Mall, Moorhead

*For more items of interest in the
Fargo/Moorhead area, check out
www.fargomoorhead.org/*

Preliminary Program MPLA Tri-Conference

Oct. 2-5, 2002, Fargo, ND

Wednesday, Oct. 2

PRE-CONFERENCES:

8:30 – 5:00 pm *Managing Technical Services*

Debra Wilcox Johnson, Johnson & Johnson Consulting, Waunakee, WI



If there is one constant in library technical services work, it is that it keeps changing. This technical services pre-conference examines the elements of change and explores our personal reactions and coping strategies for dealing with it.

8:00 – 1:00 pm *How To Find the Census Data You Need*

Jerry O'Donnell, U.S. Census Bureau

Explore the wealth of economic and population data available at the community level through this hands on computer workshop. Learn how to find useful information easily and quickly through the Census Bureau's website – www.census.gov. Participants will create community profiles, customize data tables, perform data search functions and generate reference and thematic maps. (to be held in NDSU Computer Lab)

Staying Committed When Your Workplace Is in Chaos

Pat Wagner, Pattern Research, Inc., Denver CO

A simple shift in attitude can change your relationship to your troubled or stressed-out workplace. Learn how to think of employers as customers, and to stay productive even while you work on career goals during times of change. Discover how to evaluate the situation (should you stay or leave) and give yourself stability and job satisfaction when your workplace can't or won't. Also useful for any new hires or supervisors wanting to help employees over rough spots in their careers.

1:00 – 5:00 pm *Fargo Public Library: Branching Out – How To Start A Branch Library In A Mall*

Charles Pace, director Fargo Public Library, Moderator. Panel includes an architect, board member, and others for a panel presentation/discussion

This program will be a journey into how to expand library services through the process of planning, and constructing a branch library. A panel will lead participants from site selection and working with architects, and outside agencies like the city government, construction companies and end up at the final implementation of a branch library.

Figuring Out What You Have: ID and Dating Your Photograph Collections

Laurie Baty, U.S. Holocaust Museum

Laurie will explain how to establish a range of dates for undated photos. She will discuss the history of photography with emphasis on the kinds of photographic processes used from 1839 to the present day. In addition, she will give some helpful hints about inventorying photo collections to help organize and gain an in-depth view of what is in all those boxes and cartons and envelopes. Laurie is an energetic, lively presenter who knows her subject and enjoys sharing it with others.

The Collection World and Welcome to It: Materials Issues on the Road to Serving the Public

Theresa Dickson, Pioneer Library System, Norman OK

Tips and techniques on selection, weeding, and intellectual freedom.

2:00 – 5:00 **MPLA Board Meeting**
2:00 – 4:00 **NDLA Board Meeting**
4:00 – 9:00 **Exhibits open**
6:00 – 7:00 **Keynote Speech -**

The Networking Game

Pat Wagner, Pattern Research, Inc., Denver, CO

Being a good networker is about building mutually useful relationships with others. In this interactive and entertaining program, you will meet new people while you learn more about refining your networking skills and actually solving real problems with your colleagues' help! Bring lots of business cards and brochures to share with others.



7:00 – 9:00 **Exhibitor's Reception**
8:00 – 9:00 **SDLA Board Meeting**

Thursday, Oct. 3

Breakfast 7:00 – 8:30

7:30 – 8:30 **BUSINESS MEETINGS**
MPLA Government Documents Section
NDLA Small Libraries Section
NDLA Technical Services Round Table
NDLA Information Technology Round Table
NDLA Academic Libraries
NDLA Health Sciences and Information Services
NDLA New Members Round Table

8:30 – 9:30

1. **Knife River Indian Village**

Terry O'Halloran, National Park Service

Learn about the Knife River Indian Village at Stanton, ND through a slide presentation. The Park Service guide will explain about the earth lodge and the culture of the Plains Indians and their survival as well as the important role they played for the Lewis and Clark Expedition.



2. Law and Order on the Internet

Panel discussion moderated by Suzanne Morrison, U.S. Courts Law Librarian

Journey into cyberspace and explore the legal terrain of the Internet. Accompany Suzanne Morrison, U.S. Courts Law Librarian, and a distinguished panel consisting of a local attorney, judge, police officer, news journalist and public librarian. Trek along with them as they examine balancing freedom of speech and protecting the rights of all our citizens.

3. Girl Power

Dr. Margaret B. Miller, University of South Dakota

Girls enter school more academically ready than boys but by the time they have graduated from high school many girls have been outdistanced by boys. This program identifies books with strong girl characters to help girls see what girls can do.

4. Joining Paths With Others: A Successful Partnership: Prairie Public Television & the NDSU Libraries Produce Documentaries About the Heritage and Culture of the Germans from Russia.

Michael Miller, NDSU Libraries, and Bob Dambach, Director of programming and production, Prairie Public Television, Fargo, ND

Prairie Public TV and the NDSU Libraries have cooperated with major fundraising, securing grants, preparing a teacher's guide, and producing three award-winning television documentaries shown on PBS stations throughout the U.S.A. The joint effort has provided valuable oral interviews and Website development as well as outreach programs in the Dakotas, California, and Arizona.

5. SLIM Buffet

Dan Roland, ESU-SLIM

Interested in continuing your education? The School of Library and Information Management, Emporia State University, offers a variety of degree and certificate programs through its on-campus and distance education program sites. Join a representative of SLIM to find out more about the many choices available from ESU-SLIM for both undergraduate and post-graduate students.

6. AHA! Engaging Preschoolers And Their Parents In The Arts

Kathy McLellan, Johnson County Library

Using creative art activities in a learning station format, preschool children and their parents receive an introduction to painting, collage-making, creative dramatics, and more. Children have direct experience with art processes in this interactive family literacy program that inspires creative expression and family discussion.

7. Utilizing Gates Grants Computers

Marlys Lien, Kathy Van Eeckhout and Michael Gorman, Lake Agassiz Regional Library, Moorhead MN

Your library has been awarded a grant for computers. Now what do you do? The presenters will discuss programming and policy to help libraries successfully implement computer literacy into your library and community.



9:30 – 10:00 No Conflict Time for Exhibits and Poster Sessions

10:00 – 11:00

8. Mother Goose on the Loose: How to Keep the Young Ones Happy and Learn to Love Books in the Age of Technology

Marvia Boettcher and Patty Morris, Bismarck Public Library

“Mother Goose” has ideas, songs, fingerplays, puppets and books to introduce preschool youngsters to a lifelong love of literature. Program ideas are suitable for preschool programs and children from infants through 8 years old.

9. I Can't Possibly Read Another Book

Panel discussion moderated by Donna Gilliland, University of St. Thomas

Get the “inside scoop” on what it is like to serve on a book award or notable book committee. Librarians who have participated in ALA book committees will describe their experiences and talk about the books they helped select as winners.

10:00 – 11:30

10. Medline Plus: Health Related Information For Consumers

National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Greater Midwest Region representative

An overview and use of the Medline Website to search for health related information.

11. Lewis & Clark Bicentennial

Gerard Baker, Superintendent of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail and Director of Corps of Discovery II and Cheryl Hesel, Chairman of the Montana Library Assoc. Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Task Force

Join the Superintendent of the National Lewis & Clark Historic Trail and the MLA Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Task Force leader for insights into fun and educational activities for public and school librarians during this exciting time!

12. Pathways to Planning

Patti Butcher, Northeast Kansas Library System and Cindy Hickey, Independent Library Consultant

“Pathways to Planning” is an online, planning workbook designed specifically for small public libraries. This session will present an overview of the proposed planning process and demonstrate the resources offered by the Website.

13. **Managing Change in Technical Services**

Debra Wilcox Johnson, Johnson & Johnson Consulting, Waunakee WI

Both managers and staff will consider what needs to happen within the work place for change to occur, be implemented, and be accepted.

14. **Superhighway Robbery - The Librarian's Role in Preventing Online Plagiarism**

Laura M. Wight, South Dakota State University

Strategies to help librarians take a proactive role in preventing student plagiarism.

15. **Poised to Assess: An Information Literacy Assessment Planning Process**

Elizabeth O. Hutchins, St. Olaf College and Risë L. Smith, Dakota State University

Are you ready for the leap into information literacy assessment? Learn about an information literacy assessment planning process that involves collaboration between librarians and faculty. Linked to specific course assignments and focused on student-centered learning, this process includes identifying learning outcomes based on the ACRL "Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education," writing objectives, developing assessment instruments, and analyzing assessment results.

10:30 – 2:00

16. **A Tour of the New Federal Courts Law Library**

Suzanne Morrison, U. S. Courts Librarian

Join us for a guided tour of the new facility for the Federal Courts Law Library which will include an opportunity to view the ceremonial courtroom, a cutting edge example of technology used in the federal courts. North Dakota, like many other MPLA states, is in the 8th Circuit. After the tour attendees will have an opportunity to visit the Plains Art Museum, which is immediately across the street. Bus transportation and box lunch will be provided. The bus will load at the Ramada Inn at 10:30 and will load at the U.S. Courthouse at 2:00 pm. **To register for this program**, please contact Sha-Li Zhang, MPLA Preservation, Archives and Special Collections Section chair at ShaLi.Zhang@wichita.edu.

Lunch 11:30 – 1:30

11:30 – 12:30

17. **A Taste of MERLOT: Peer Reviewed Online Teaching Materials**

Vicky York, Montana State University

Do you need Web-based learning materials? MERLOT (Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and Online Teaching), www.merlot.org is a multi-disciplinary, peer-reviewed resource for Web-based learning materials. Currently there are over 6,000 online teaching materials including information literacy and Web navigation tutorials, several from our colleagues. Don't reinvent the wheel! See what MERLOT can offer you.

18. **Dakota Day Trips: Discovering North Dakota. A Chat With the Authors**

Cliff Naylor and Monica Hannan

The authors of *Dakota Day Trips* and *More Dakota Day Trips* have experienced an interesting journey in collecting the stories, finding a publisher and working with the schools to promote North Dakota history. They will describe the "way stations" along the road, particularly how they developed their partnership with KFYR-TV and the North Dakota Tourism Dept.

11:30 – 1:00

19. **Table Talks**

Bring your lunch and join your colleagues for an informal discussion on one of the following topics:

1. ESU - SLIM Alumni Meeting – Dan Roland, Moderator
2. Summer Reading Program Idea Exchange – Donna Norvell, Moderator
3. Nickel and Dime Fundraising
4. Patron and Library Instruction Idea Exchange

12:00 – 1:30

20. **Mapping a Nation: A History Portrayed Cartographically**

Donna Koepp, Harvard University

An examination of some of the maps that accompany the development of our nation through the pages of the American State Papers and U.S. Congressional Serial Set. Both are comprehensive and very detailed in the historical survey they provide of our nation, and the same can be said about the maps they contain. This is an exciting trip across and around the country following our economic and social development through maps.

21. **Troubled Patrons: What Libraries Need to Know**

Nona Wood, North Dakota State University

Library staff often interact with troubled patrons. What behaviors warrant immediate attention? What actions may staff take to address these behaviors and associated safety concerns?

22. **First Things First: Time-Task Management Training**

Theresa Dickson, Pioneer Library System, Norman, OK

Do all your workdays seem too short? Find ways to analyze tasks and manage the time you have effectively. This light-hearted presentation provides techniques and tips, all about time.

12:00 – 1:00

23. **Fix It, Rate It, Buy It: Consumer Information**

Jean Anderson, Ft. Collins Public Library

Consumer information on the Internet can be obscure. This session will swim through current online sources for answers to the common and bizarre consumer questions. Stop by for a fun and fast-paced online splash...

24. **YARP Booktalks**

Cindy Meinen, Mitchell (SD) Public Library

Do you want to act like a teenager again or just get some ideas on what teenagers might like to read? Each year the Young Adult Reading Program (YARP) Committee of the South Dakota Li-

brary Association publishes a list to promote quality literature and to help South Dakota teachers and librarians in selecting and promoting books for adolescents. This program will highlight some of the titles from this year's list.

1:00 – 2:00

25. *Peace Like A River:*

Leif Enger

For author Leif Enger, favorite novels resemble love letters more than anything else. They reveal the author's interior life; they are fueled by passion, and they risk -some more than others- the reader's rejection, which, when it happens, is painful. Enger was raised in Osakis, MN, and has worked as a reporter and producer for Minnesota Public Radio since 1984.

26. *Intellectual Property: Electronic Access in the Wake of the Supreme Court's Tasini Decision*

Sydney Spaeth, Vogel Law Firm, Fargo ND

The recent Tasini case relating to electronic information and copyright is having a tremendous effect on libraries and what is available in databases. What is the impact and where is it leading us with regard to access of information? The presenter is a member of the Vogel Law Firm in Fargo and practices in the area of business litigation, intellectual property law, and securities law.

27. *Dakota Territory: Legal Research and Resources*

Rhonda Schwartz, Thormosdsgard Law Library, University of North Dakota

Congress created the Dakota Territory in 1861, more than fifty years after the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The first legislature of the newly created territory met in Yankton, present day South Dakota, in 1862. This program explores resources of the Dakota Territory, with a special emphasis on legal materials.

28. *Prairie Pasque Booktalks*

Jim Oliver, Siouxland Libraries, SD

Jim Oliver, children's librarian at Siouxland Libraries(SD) will discuss the South Dakota Children's Book Awards and booktalk titles nominated for this year's Prairie Pasque and Prairie Bud awards.

2:00 – 2:30 *No Conflict Time for Exhibits and Poster Sessions*



2:30 – 3:30

29. *Faculty & Library Partnerships*

Lisa Brunick, Augustana College; David Alexander, South Dakota State University; Mary Kraljic, SDSU; Stephen Johnson, Univ. of South Dakota; Katherine Richardson, North Dakota State University

A panel of librarians will share their experiences partnering with faculty to integrate library resources into various courses.

30. *Starting a Small Library: A Guide to the Perplexed*

Victor Lieberman, Chester Fritz Library, University of North Dakota

There is a sense among us that libraries need to have T-1 lines, fiber-optic cables, and Pentium computers with more memory than God to be a viable library. What does it take to transform a room full of books into a library? What is a library (and library service) all about? Keeping costs manageable for a small organization or community, and still providing a high level of service, will be the focus of this presentation.

2:30 – 4:00

31. *Revitalize Your Library and Have Fun Through the FISH Program*

Elvita Landau and Peggy Whalen, Brookings Public Library



FUN AT WORK IS NOT AN OXYMORON! REALLY!

Come for a friendly, focused, foxy, floriferous, freethinking, fructifying, flashy, funky, fundamental, fantastic, ferocious, and fire-eating (well, maybe not fire-eating) workshop on making your job fun through the "FISH" philosophy.

32. *Get Graphic! Collection Development and Programming With Graphic Novels*

Amelia Shelley, Laramie WY Public Library

Jump into the hottest trend in YA Services. Graphic novels appeal to a wide range of teens from reluctant readers to fanboys. Find out how to introduce them in your library. Includes Japanese manga and comic books.

33. *Recognizing Racism in Books*

Kay Marie Porterfield, author and journalist

Through exercises and hands on activities, develop awareness and skills to select sensitive and accurate multi-cultural books and other materials and learn how to promote more effective cross-cultural communications with patrons and the broader community. Kay Marie Porterfield, is the author of the *Encyclopedia of American Indian Contributions to the World* (Facts on File, 2001) and has facilitated multicultural training programs for the Rapid City, SD Police Department, Rapid City area schools and the SD School of Mines and Technology.



3:00 – 4:00

34. *Nuts and Bolts of Creating CD Tutorials*

Brittany Goodman and Pam Were, Minnesota State University, Moorhead

Looking for a way to liven up your instruction? Interested in creating interactive materials for initial and refresher training? This presentation will focus on converting print, PowerPoint, and Web-based materials into interactive CD tutorials and will include examples from the tutorial that Were and Goodman are creating for student assistant training at Livingston Lord Library.

35. *Creating a Conference for Support Staff*

Deb Yoder, Siouxland Libraries, SD and Cynthia Mielke, Briggs Library, South Dakota State University

Library support staff have special needs for education, networking, and training. Come and see how some groups have successfully met these needs through conferences designed especially for support staff.

3:30 – 4:30 ***BUSINESS MEETINGS***
NDLA Public Libraries Section
NDLA GODORT
NDLA School and Children's Section

4:00 – 5:00 ***SDLA Academic Section***
SDLA Support Staff Section
SDLA School Section
SDLA Public & Trustees Section
MPLA Public Libraries Section
MPLA Academic Libraries Section

4:30 – 5:30 ***NDLA Business Meeting #1***

5:00 – 7:00 **Buffet Dinner**

7:00 – 8:30 **Sacagawea: Her Life & Legend**
A cultural presentation by Amy Mossett, Director of Tourism for the Three Affiliated Tribes, ND

8:30 – 10:30 **Reception Sponsored by Friends of the Fargo Public Library**

Friday, Oct. 4

Breakfast 7:00 – 8:30

7:30 – 8:00 ***BUSINESS MEETINGS***
MPLA Technical Services Section
MPLA Preservation, Archive and Special Collections Section
MPLA New Members Round Table
MPLA State Agencies, Cooperatives and Systems Section
MPLA School and Children's Section

8:00 – 9:00 ***NDLA Business Meeting #2***
General Business Meeting – South Dakota Library Association
General Business Meeting – Mountain Plains Library Association



Sacagawea:

Her Life and Legend

Amy Mossett is an enrolled member of the Mandan and Hidatsa tribes of North Dakota. For the past fifteen years, Amy has researched the oral and written histories of Sacagawea. She has presented various aspects of her research to audiences throughout North Dakota, the Lewis and Clark Trail, and abroad focusing on the Life and Legend of Sacagawea.

Amy Mossett's presentation, *Sacagawea: Her Life & Legend*, is an historical perspective that describes the life of a young Shoshoni-speaking woman who lived among the Hidatsa and Mandan. The interpretation focuses on the important lessons that this young girl experienced as she grew into womanhood among the Mandan and Hidatsa—the knowledge and wisdom that guided her as she journeyed westward—the important contributions she made as she traveled to the Pacific coast and back to the Knife River Villages—the mystery and myth which encom



passed her life after the Lewis and Clark Expedition—and finally and perhaps most importantly—the lasting legacy that she has left for all of us to share.

9:00 – 10:00

36. *Evaluating the Role of Audience*

Michael Kelly, Wichita State University

A case study of three Wichita State University Libraries digital presentations using “audience” as an evaluating factor when designing, selecting, and developing digital images and metadata.

37. *Non-Conformist Approach to Collection Development*

Ann Newell and Deb Southerland, Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library

Turn your librarians into investigative reporters and watch your circulation soar. Discover reportorial methods of infiltrating the minds and hearts of your patrons to guarantee purchase of materials they really want and need. Leave with dozens of unconventional collection and marketing ideas guaranteed to keep you in sync with your reading public.

38. *They're Learning What? Information Literacy Competencies and Assessment in Academic Libraries*

Elizabeth Marcoux, University of Arizona and Brenda Mathenia, Montana State University

How can librarians identify information literacy goals and measure the success of their instructional efforts for students? Presenters will review methods for developing information competencies and the assessment of information literacy and library instruction programs.

39. *School and Public Library Cooperation*

Walter Minkel, *School Library Journal*

Cooperation between school and public librarians can benefit both immensely. Walter Minkel will show how school and public librarians can understand each other's jobs and how they can use both personal contact and technology to cooperate and meet the needs of the clientele they both serve.

40. *Library Services to Diverse Populations*

Ghada Elturk, Boulder (CO) Public Library

Both urban and rural libraries are working to provide library services and programs for non-traditional library users. This program will give ideas and tips for providing services that embrace the entire community.

41. *Gold Rush: A New Pathway to Databases and Journals*

Melissa Stockton, Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries

Gold Rush, a Colorado Alliance consortial Web resource, helps users identify and access databases and provides journal access information for libraries in Colorado and Wyoming. Learn about Gold Rush's background, planning, and design in a consortial environment, the results of the project, and future directions and developments.

10:00 – 10:30 ***No Conflict Time for Exhibits and Poster Sessions***



10:30 – 11:30



42. *See YA Around: Library Programming for Teens*

RoseMary Honnold, Coshocton Public Library, Coshocton, OH

Plan programs that will attract the teens in your community! This session will give you tips on finding ideas, scheduling, publicity, and delivering a great program taken from RoseMary's Webpage at <http://www.geocities.com/cplrmh>.

43. *Learning to Use the Electric Library*

Al Peterson, North Dakota State Library

The presentation will introduce the participants to the Electric Library database. Topics will include searching using both Boolean and natural language, selecting the different resources available in Electric Library, and conducting advance searches. Both Electric Library and Electric Library Elementary will be covered during the program

44. *Mother Goose on the Loose: How to Keep the Young Ones Happy and Learn to Love Books in the Age of Technology*

Marvia Boettcher and Patty Morris, Bismarck Public Library (repeat)

“Mother Goose” has ideas, songs, fingerplays, puppets, and books to introduce preschool youngsters to a lifelong love of literature. Program ideas are suitable for preschool programs and children from infants through 8 years old.

45. *Services Available to the Print Impaired*

Stella Cone, North Dakota State Library

How can libraries meet the needs of print impaired patrons? This program will discuss how librarians can meet the informational and recreational needs of their patrons, who is eligible for services, and the services that are available.

10:30 – 12:00

46. *Proof of the Power: Librarians, Libraries and Student Achievement*

Keith Curry Lance, Colorado State Library

Research studies conducted in several states have confirmed that Library Media Specialists DO make a difference in student achievement. The importance of high-stakes testing, the federal focus on “No Student Left Behind,” and the ongoing pressures to reduce school budgets make it especially critical that school librarians understand the implications of this research for the school library media program.

47. *It's Your Session: Effective Lobbying for Libraries*

Panel of North Dakota and South Dakota Legislators

Fear and tremble no more. This session will provide tips for communicating with decision makers. Area legislators will share

their perception of and experience with lobbyists. This discussion is designed to help librarians speak to legislators personally and before a legislative committee. Come and learn how to effectively express library concerns before those who need the information you have to make the decisions libraries need.

48. ***Have a Nice Day. Really! Stress, Burnout, and Its Management***

Theresa Dickson, Pioneer Library System, Norman, OK

Life and/or your job ruining your day, every day? Develop insights and learn techniques for making stress an energizing, or at least manageable, condition of your workday.

Lunch 11:30 – 1:30
Exhibits Close - 12:00

11:30 – 12:30

49. ***Spin Library: The Librarian's Quest for Recognition Within the Academic Political Structure***

Scott C. Goldy, Wichita State University

An examination of strategies designed to increase the visibility and political influence of academic librarians within the academic political structure for the purpose of achieving equal footing and recognition with teaching faculty. This session will focus on activities beyond everyday library services.

11:30 – 1:30

50. ***Flicker Tale Award Ceremony and Lunch Featuring 2002 Award Winner Ben Mikaelson, author of Touching Spirit Bear***

12:00 – 1:00

51. ***How Does Copyright Really Affect Libraries?***

Elizabeth Fox, South Dakota State University

Learning about the laws and court cases that have specifically impacted libraries will help librarians understand the very complicated issues surrounding copyright law.

12:00 – 1:30

52. ***The "Memory Palaces" of the Dakotas***

Dr. Tim Kennedy, North Dakota State University

The rural movie theater and its role in the community's 'sense of place' are the subject of this research in the cultural landscape history of the upper prairie. These small movie houses have been the main secular meeting place for all social strata of the community. As a symbol it is comparable to the role of the small rural church in how it acts as an architectural vessel of civic fellowship.

53. ***Patents, Trademarks, Copyright and Trade Secrets: Introductory Strategies for Reference Service***

Nan Myers, Wichita State University

An overview of the intellectual property arena, beginning with the basics such as "What is a Patent?," "How can I get a trademark?," and "When am I in violation of the Copyright Laws?" Offers a demonstration of searching strategies and tools at the Websites of the United States Patent & Trademark Office and the Copyright Office. Discussion of the services available at your

Ben Mikaelson

Friday Lunch features 2002 Flicker Tale Award Winner



The North Dakota Library Association, in cooperation with the North Dakota Humanities Council, annually sponsors the Flicker Tale Children's Book Award. It was originally called the Children's Choice Award but the name was changed in 1986 to the Flicker Tale Award, which echoes one of the nicknames for North Dakota as the "Flicker-tail State." The word Flickertail refers to the Richardson ground squirrels, which are abundant in North Dakota.

Librarians choose five picture book titles and five juvenile book titles and children from across the state vote on which book is their favorite in each category. Traditionally between 13,000 and 16,000 children participate in this vote. Ben Mikaelson, author of *Touching Spirit Bear*, is the 2002 winner in the juvenile book category. For more information go to: <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us/ndla/fthist.htm>.

state's PTDL (Patent/Trademark Depository Library). Handouts will include "Internet Sites for Patents," a bibliography of patron-friendly resources, and "Effective Patent and Trademark Searching."

12:30 – 2:00

54. *Terrorism: A Brief Introduction and Review of Major Issues*

Lynn Boughey



Lynn Boughey practices law in Minot, ND and teaches college courses in terrorism, political science, and criminal law. Lynn has traveled throughout Russia and participates in many conferences and briefings relating to military and intelligence matters. He is also the author of *Mission to Chara*, a spy novel published last year. Lynn will briefly describe the history of terrorism, provide an overview of the Middle East problem, and discuss the major issues relating to modern terrorism.

Lynn will be signing books following his presentation.

55. *Outside the Boundaries: Academic Librarians and Non-Traditional Research*

Panel discussion moderated by Lisa Dunn, Colorado School of Mines

Sample non-traditional academic librarian's research activities and interests. This session illustrates how and why librarians get involved in research that isn't considered traditional in their professional fields - including how these librarian's activities relate to their professional responsibilities, the benefits, etc.

1:00 – 2:00

56. *Better Salaries—An Open Forum*

Dr. Mitch Freedman, ALA President

Dr. Freedman has ALA working hard on pay equity and better salaries for all library workers. There are more jobs for professional librarians than there are people to fill them. It is harder to find paraprofessional staff who can perform the ever-increasing detailed number of skills needed for library work. Come participate in this program to identify the causes of low salaries and to look for solutions.

57. *How to Get the Most Out Your Professional Conference: Sharing Tips*

Panel moderated by Betty Gard, University of North Dakota

Panelists: Juanita Karr, Ron Keys, and Phyllis Bratton

Library staff members who are attending local, state, regional or national conferences for the first time often express concerns about how to plan to get the most out of them. People who have attended several conferences may be overwhelmed when planning to attend a larger, more distant conference. Even veteran confer-

ence goers can always enjoy getting tips from others. Four panelists will briefly share their experiences and ideas.

2:00 – 2:30

Break



2:00 – 3:00

58. *The Journey Isn't Over, 'Til You've Wept and Danced*
Jane Kurtz, author of *River Friendly*, *River Wild* and *Water Hole Waiting*

Award-winning author Jane Kurtz will show the way her journeys—from Africa to the Great Plains, surviving flood and motherhood—have shaped both her fiction and her professional books for librarians and teachers.



2:30 – 3:30

59. *Passive Security Design*

Meredith Larson, TSP Group Architects and Engineers

A look at passive techniques to provide a more secure library facility for patrons and staff.

60. *The Numbers Game: A Statistical Primer for Library Managers and Trustees*

Keith Curry Lance, Colorado State Library

Keith Curry Lance will review some of the common issues facing libraries in recording and reporting statistics.

61. *Chat Reference: The South Dakota Experience*

Todd Quinn, Dakota State University.

See how three state universities have partnered to provide interactive virtual reference services.

62. *Cheat Sheets: How To Learn and Teach in the Workplace*

Pat Wagner, Pattern Research, Inc., Denver CO

Working adults don't learn in the same way as teens or children, and yet we use the model of an old-fashioned classroom to impart information- "Me teacher, you student." Instead, apply the basics of adult learning - collaborative, interactive, pragmatic, good-humored, participatory, peer-based - to improve the teaching environment. Learn how to "cheat" to learn new technology and how to customize programs to the individual. Also, learn how to learn faster and make workplace education more relevant.

63. *Cataloging Electronic Resources*

Shelby Harken, Chester Fritz Library, University of ND

This workshop is for beginners! Here you will see how to catalog electronic resources using OCLC CORC and get links to helpful Webpages.

3:00 – 4:30

64. **Solving the Information Puzzle With the Big 6**

Verna M. LaBounty, Kindred Public Schools

An explanation of the Big 6 process followed by ideas and examples for introducing and practicing information problem solving in a library setting.

65. **Lewis & Clark Bicentennial**

Gerard Baker, Superintendent of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail and Director of Corps of Discovery II and Cheryl Hesper, Chairman of the Montana Library Assoc. Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Task Force (repeat)

Join the Superintendent of the National Lewis & Clark Historic Trail and the MLA Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Task Force leader for insights into fun and educational activities for public and school librarians during this exciting time!

3:30 – 4:30

66. **New Pathways to Collaboration and Resource Sharing**

Bill DeJohn, MINITEX Director

Integration and collaboration in resource sharing, including desktop delivery of articles, licensing electronic resources, online automation systems, and costs of courier delivery in a three-state network.

67. **Laugh It Up @ Your Library- Summer Reading Program**

Terri Wilhelm, North Dakota State Library and Jim Oliver, Siouxland Libraries

Get ideas on planning your summer reading program for 2003. There will also be a discussion about the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP), which is a consortium of states working together to provide high-quality summer reading program materials for children at the lowest cost possible for their public libraries. We will present the CSLP summer reading theme for 2003 at this time and do some sharing with libraries about their summer programs.

68. **Active Learning and Teaching Strategies For Librarians**

Char Myhre, North Dakota State University

What is active learning? How does it enhance learning? How can it be applied to the teaching of information/library skills? The second part of the program will engage participants in developing a possible active learning experience.

69. **See YA Around: Library Programming for Teens**

RoseMary Honnold, Coshocton Public Library, Coshocton OH (repeat)

Plan programs that will attract the teens in your community! This session will give you tips on finding ideas, scheduling, publicity, and delivering a great program taken from RoseMary's Webpage at www.geocities.com/cplrmh.

5:30 – 6:00

Cash Bar

6:00 – 9:00

Awards Banquet

Saturday, Oct. 5

8:30 – 10:00

70. **MPLA Academic Section Professional Research Forum**

Jeffrey Belliston, Brigham Young University, Moderator

This peer-reviewed Forum for Librarians is an opportunity to present the results of their research, best practices, etc. from submitted abstracts. A Best Presentation Award will be given at the end of the Forum.

8:30 – 12:00

71. **Migration: It Isn't Just For the Birds**

Becky Bell, Minnesota State Colleges and University PALS

Migrating to a new library automation system is a new and challenging experience for many librarians. Becky Bell, user support specialist from MnSCU PALS, will help librarians prepare for migration, with a special emphasis on issues related to migrating serials data. Thank you to the North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG) for sponsoring this program.

9:00 – 10:00

72. **Clowning Around With Pinky**

LaDean Moen, NDLA President, Hettinger Public Library

One is never too old to "clown around" as will be demonstrated by an AARP member who went to clown camp as a retirement gift to herself. Enrolling in Clowning 101 meant Pinky had everything to learn! Clowning fascinates all age groups, with library and nursing

home visits being two top appearances for Pinky. Come

one, come all and explore this age-old art.

73. **Introducing ERIC: What's In It For You**

Laura A. Pinhey, ERIC Clearinghouse for Social Studies/Social Science Education

This session will introduce participants to the ERIC system, the ERIC database, GEM (Gateway to Educational Materials), AskERIC, ERIC Digests, and other products, resources, and ser-



Pinky is a retired school media director with 32 years experience in the Hettinger Public School system. She now serves as Director of Adams County Library in Hettinger, ND. Not wanting to totally leave her colleagues, she is now a school board member in her district. La Dean (Pinky) Moen is president of the North Dakota Library Association this year and enjoys meeting the membership at gatherings such as the Tri-Conference.

vices of the ERIC system available for anyone interested in information about education.

74. Library Services to Diverse Populations

Ghada Elturk, Boulder (CO) Public Library
(repeat)

Both urban and rural libraries are working to provide library services and programs for non-traditional library users. This program will give ideas and tips for providing services that embrace the entire community.

9:00 – 12:00

75. Connecting Young Adults and Libraries: Best Practices and New Directions

Patrick Jones, Hennepin County Public Library (MN)

Have you noticed them lurking around? Do you wonder what they want and what they are up to? Are you trying to figure out what to do with them? Teens in libraries are as rewarding as they are challenging. Patrick Jones, author of the newly published *New Directions in Library Service for Young Adults* (ALA Editions, 2002) will provide workshop participants with the tools they need to develop successful collections, programs, and services to teenagers in schools and public libraries.

10:15 – 11:45

76. The Seven Commandments for a Great Library Web Site

Walter Minkel, *School Library Journal*

Walter Minkel, technology editor of *School Library Journal*, has looked at several thousand library Websites, and most of them need serious help. Here are the rules that will help you create a Website for your library that will truly meet the needs of your community.

77. PR With Punch

Cheryl Hesper, Rosebud County (MT) Library

A lively, hands-on workshop designed for learning and sharing PR ideas for all types of libraries.

9:00 – 11:00

78. Tour of Fargo Attractions

79. Tour of Fargo Area Libraries

Visit the Fargo Public Library and the North Dakota State University Library. Transportation will be provided.

12:00 – 2:30

**MPLA Board Meeting
NDLA Board Meeting
SDLA Board Meeting**

3:00 – 9:00

80. Shooting Star Casino, Mahnomen MN

Forge a path to the Shooting Star Casino and try your luck! Transportation and a buffet dinner at the casino will be provided for \$10 per person. Purchase tickets at the registration table. (Minimum 32 people).



Shhhh!

Yes, we are going to have a SILENT AUCTION at the tri-conference in October that will be sponsored by NDLA. BUT, just because it will be a silent auction doesn't mean that we can't SHOUT about it or that we have to keep it a SECRET either!

So, don't be TIGHT-LIPPED and keep it to yourself. Spread the word and plan to participate in the auction. This retail therapy will provide you with a change of pace and offers you a chance to purchase momentos of the conference and gifts for those at home. October is not too early to begin your Christmas shopping!

EXHIBITORS

Please join the North Dakota Library Association, the South Dakota Library Association, and the Mountain Plains Library Association this year at their Tri-Conference, "**Exploring New Pathways to Information.**" The Associations are inviting you to showcase your products to librarians from the 12 MPLA states plus Minnesota and Manitoba. We are anticipating 400+ registrants. The Tri-Conference will be held in Fargo at the Ramada Plaza Suites & Conference Center on Wednesday, Oct. 2 – Saturday, Oct. 5, 2002. Check the Tri-Conference Website for more exhibitor information and booth applications at <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us.ndla>. Or contact Sally Dockter, Exhibits Chair at (701)777-4640 or sally_dockter@mail.und.nodak.edu.

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October 2 - 5, 2002 • Ramada Plaza Suites & Conference Center, Fargo ND
 Deadline for early registration is August 26th.

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REGISTRATION FEES

	Members		Non-members		
	before 8/26	after 8/26	before 8/26	after 8/26	
Pre-conference (full OR half day, no meals)*	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	_____
Full Conference (includes meals Thurs. - Sat. morning)	\$145.00	\$173.00	\$195.00	\$233.00	_____
One day (no meals)	\$70.00	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$90.00	_____
Additional banquet ticket	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	_____
			TOTAL		_____

*NO FEE will be charged for the pre-conference workshop on preservation of photographs; however, you must pre-register for this workshop. FEES ARE CHARGED for all other pre-conference workshops.

Check your banquet meal choice:

- New York Strip (10 oz.) USDA Choice Aged Sirloin grilled to perfection and served with confetti potatoes.
 - Champagne Chicken Breast sautéed and topped with a Champagne cream sauce and served on a bed of angel hair pasta.
 - Vegetarian Penne Lisce with sautéed shiitake mushrooms, sun-dried tomatoes, artichoke hearts and toasted pine nuts.
- Check for vegetarian meals.

Payment must accompany registration. 10% discount for members of the same institution registering with the same check. To receive Early Bird registration rates, envelopes must be postmarked by August 26, 2002!

Payment options: check payable to MPLANDLA/SDLA CONFERENCE or credit card (Visa or Mastercard only).

Visa Mastercard Account Number _____ Expires ____/____

Mail to: MPLANDLA/SDLA Conference
 Kathryn Thomas
 NDSU Library
 P.O. Box 5599
 Fargo ND 58105-5599

If you have registration questions or require auxiliary aids or assistance, please contact Kathryn Thomas
 (701) 231-8863 Phone
 (701) 231-7138 Fax
 Kathryn.Thomas@ndsu.nodak.edu

\$25.00 service charge for cancellation. Requests for refund of registration fees must be received in writing before Nov. 15, 2002 and will be handled on a case-by-case basis. No refunds can be made for meals.

TO ASSIST US WITH ROOM ARRANGEMENTS, PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PROGRAM CHOICES ON OTHER SIDE!

Program Selection:

To assist in making the room assignments for educational programs and large meetings, please circle the programs/meetings that you plan to attend. Program numbers, with a description of all programs, are on pages 9-18 of this newsletter. *Please circle only one program for each overlapping timeframe.*

Thursday, Oct. 3

8:30-9:30	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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10:00-11:30	10	11	12	13	14	15	
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11:30-1:00	19						
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3:00-4:00	34	35					

Friday, Oct. 4

9:00-10:00	36	37	38	39	40	41
10:30-11:30	42	43	44	45		
10:30-12:00	46	47	48			
11:30-12:30	49					

Friday, Oct. 4

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3:00-4:30	64	65				
3:30-4:30	66	67	68	69		

Saturday, Oct. 5

8:30-10:00	70					
8:30-12:00	71					
9:00-10:00	72	73	74			
9:00-12:00	75					
10:15-11:45	76	77				
9:00-11:00	78	79				
3:00-9:00	80					

Fargo, here we come!

Library Tours

Fargo Public and College Libraries **Saturday 9:00-11:00 AM** _____

U.S. Court Library **Thursday 10:30 AM - 2 PM** _____

Special Tours

1. Around the Town in Fargo—See historic Fargo Theatre, the Hjemkomst Viking ship and other places of interest. **Saturday morning (time TBA)** _____

This tour will cost \$12 - \$15. Includes transportation and entrance fees. Price to be determined on a cost recovery basis only.

2. Shooting Star Casino, Mahanomen, MN

Saturday, 3:30-9:00 PM _____

This tour will cost \$10.00 per person which includes *transportation* and the *buffet dinner* at the casino.

We must have a minimum of 32 people so sign-up will be considered a commitment for the tour.

\$10.00 fee will be collected at registration.



Ramada Plaza Suites: <http://www.ramadafargo.com/>

Reservations 701-277-9000
 \$71.00 for conventional rooms. \$81.00 for two-room suites. Reservations must be received by Sept. 11 to qualify for conference rate.
 Indoor pool & restaurant

Kelly Inn 13th Ave:

Reservations 701-277-8821
 Rate of \$60.00 king room \$66.00 queen/queen.
 Complimentary continental breakfast
 Indoor pool

Sleep Inn:

Reservations 800-905-7533
 Flat rate of \$55.00
 Indoor pool
 Complimentary continental breakfast

C'Mon Inn:

Reservations 800-334-1570
 36 rooms are blocked \$59.00 - 76.00 + tax, 2 queen \$68.90 + tax
 Indoor pool

Reminder--Preliminary Call for Papers MPLA Academic Section Professional Forum Wants You!

The Academic Section of the Mountain Plains Library Association's (MPLA) announces a call for papers to be presented, with the co-sponsorship of the Academic Section of the South Dakota Library Association, at the Tri-Conference of the North Dakota Library Association, South Dakota Library Association, and MPLA to be held in Fargo, ND, Oct. 2-5, 2002

The MPLA Academic Section sponsors the Professional Forum, which presents new ideas, innovations, and case studies in librarianship that would benefit the profession. School and public librarians, as well as those from academia, are encouraged to participate. The papers are peer reviewed; a prize of \$300 will be awarded to the winning paper presentation.

Guidelines for Papers

- Problems are clearly identified and solutions proposed;
- Themes can include locally implemented experiences (successes or failures), theoretical models, statistical studies, or state of the art reviews;
- Although formal research methodology is not required, papers should develop clear positions or concepts.

Evaluation

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)

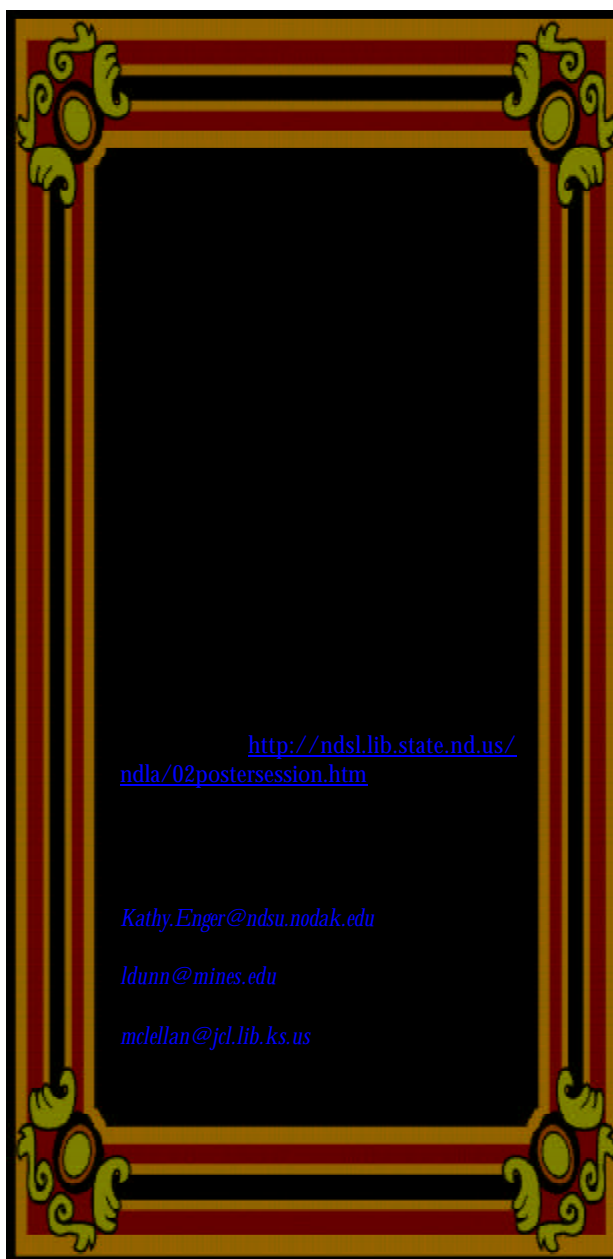
Final presentations will be judged at the annual conference on the following:

- Objectives are evident, with clear ideas and concepts (15 points)
- Quality of organization (15 points)
- Quality of presentation, use of visuals, etc. (15 points)

Submission Requirements

- Authors must be current members of MPLA
- Papers must be original—not published or presented elsewhere
- Selected authors will make presentations at the conference
- Papers (2-6 pages in length) must be submitted electronically to jeffrey_belliston@byu.edu **no later than July 15, 2002.**

For more information contact Jeffrey Belliston at jeffrey_belliston@byu.edu or (801) 422-7743.



Around the MPLA Region

COLORADO

Virtual Reference Symposium -- The Central Colorado Library System, Colorado State Library, Bibliographical Center for Research, and the Colorado Resource Sharing Board are sponsoring a two-day symposium, July 11-12, 2002, on Virtual Reference to be held at the University of Denver.

Topics will include:

- What is virtual reference?
- Implementation of virtual reference services (technology, service, training, cost)
 - o Individual library
 - o Local consortium
 - o Multi-type regional consortium
 - o National consortium
- Vendor demonstrations of software
- Issues involved in virtual reference

- o Library and consortium perspectives
- o Vendor perspectives
- Discussion: next steps in Colorado

Vendors who will attend include OCLC for their QuestionPoint service, LSSI, tutor.com (an online live homework help service), and 24/7. Speakers include Bob Carterette from CleveNet, Susan McGlamery from the Metropolitan Cooperative Library System in Los Angeles, and others.

Registration cost is \$50 for the two-day event.

To register see the Central Colorado Library System Website: www.cclsweb.org; Phone (303) 422-1150 or e-mail ccls@qadas.com.

Colorado librarian speaks at White House -- Congratulations to Keith Curry Lance of the Colorado State Library for his invitation to speak at the White House. Recently Laura Bush hosted

EBSCO

a White House Conference on School Libraries to discuss the latest research on libraries, student achievement, and successful local programs. Kathleen Smith from Cherry Creek High School was also invited to appear on the national panel after the presentations.

Mrs. Bush is a former librarian and a longtime supporter of public libraries and school libraries. She organized this conference to call attention to the role that libraries play in America's schools and communities, and to make a major announcement about the Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries.

Speakers included: Dr. Vartan Gregorian, Carnegie Corporation; M. Christine DeVita, President, Wallace-Reader's Digest Funds; Dr. Keith Curry Lance, Director of Library Research Service, State Library and Adult Education Office of the Colorado Department of Education; and Dr. Susan Neuman, Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, U. S. Department of Education.

A discussion featured the following national panel: Dr. Steven R. Wisely, Medford School District, Medford, Oregon; Dr. Gary Hartzell, University of Nebraska at Omaha; Faye Kimsey-Pharr, Lakeside Academy of Math, Science and Technology, Chattanooga, TN; and Kathleen Smith, Cherry Creek High School, Cherry Creek, CO.

KANSAS

More librarians in the world-- The School of Library and Information Management (SLIM), Emporia State University, Emporia, KS graduated 68 students in Spring 2002 commencement ceremonies. Sixty-six graduates were conferred the degree Master of Library Science (MLS) and two were conferred the Doctorate of Philosophy in Library and Information Management. Thirty-four graduates earned the MLS through the SLIM Distance Education Program by attending classes in Denver, Salt Lake City, and Portland, OR.

The graduates were residents of Kansas, Missouri, South Dakota, Utah, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. Three MLS graduates also completed the requirements for School Library Media Certification and two earned the Information Management Certificate.

SLIM is a dynamic, reflective learning community with a curriculum delivery format designed for non-traditional students. For more information or for an application packet, please call 800-552-4770 or e-mail sliminfo@emporia.edu.

Assessment is topic of KLA CULS Summer Institute -- Join the College and University Library Section (CULS) of the Kansas Library Association in a 1-½ day workshop on Assessment in Libraries. The first day will concentrate on overall assessment and the second half-day on assessment of library instruction. Debra Gilchrist of Pearce College in Tacoma, WA will lead the workshop. Known nationally for her work in libraries and assessment, Debra will lead this exciting workshop incorporating a variety of learning activities to assist librarians and library staff in assessing their libraries from collections to services. The workshop will be held July 11 and 12, 2002 at the Lawrence Holidome in Lawrence, Kansas. Registration for KLA members is \$75 and for non-members \$125. The registration fee includes lunch and breaks on Thursday, along with a continental breakfast on Friday. For more information contact Terri Summey, Emporia State University, at 620-341-5058 or summeyte@emporia.edu. Or go to the Institute's Website at www.emporia.edu/libsv/summerinstitute2002.htm.

Kansas winners of One Year MPLA Membership

Jackie Lakin

Kansas State Department of Education
School Improvement & Accreditation Team

Terry Hime

Holton Middle School Library

Cecilia Huddleston
Augusta Public Library

Cathy Fish
Hillsboro Public Library

Catherine Newland
Morrill Public Library

Sharon Cochran
Hutchinson Public Library

Annette Smith
Hutchinson Public Library

Lynn Haggard
Fort Hays State University Library

Deb Southerland
Topeka/Shawnee County Public Library

Micaela Ayers
Coffeyville Community College Library

MONTANA

Farrell becomes dean in Wyoming -- Maggie Farrell, longtime MPLA member, and associate dean of libraries for Montana State University, Bozeman, has been named dean of the University of Wyoming libraries. She will begin her new job in mid-July, replacing Keith Cottam, who became director of the University of Wyoming/Casper College Center. Farrell has been in her current position since 1996.



The Sky was the Limit -- Close to 400 Montana librarians gathered at the Heritage Inn in Great Falls, MT, on April 24-27 for their annual convention with the theme of "The Sky's the Limit @ Montana Libraries."

Highlights of the convention included a pre-con-

ference session by Dr. Hal Stearns, noted Lewis & Clark authority and educator; a keynote speech entitled "What Libraries Must Do to Survive – and Thrive" by John Nichols, director of the Oshkosh Public Library recently featured in *Library Journal*; entertainment by *Mad Magazine* Senior Editor Joe Raiola; and a final author's luncheon presentation by noted children's author Suzanne Williams, creator of *Library Lil*.

Resolutions were signed supporting ALA's anti-CIPA work, asking for an ALA task force for support of rural libraries, thanking the legislature for their funding for statewide database licenses, and declaring library support of business and economic development in the state. The final resolution was presented to the new Director of Economic Opportunity from the Governor's office at a special workshop dealing with "Better Business at Your Library."

Friday's awards luncheon celebrated the work of Bette Ammon, winner of Sheila Cates' Librarian of the Year award; Mary Bushing, winner of the Life Membership award; Michael Bowman of Lockwood School in Billings, School Administra-

A Good Practice Reminder From Pattern Research:

Increase the effectiveness of your library board training by making it a community affair! Invite elected and appointed officials, members of nonprofit and church boards, business owners, students—anyone who wants to come! Community training promotes goodwill. Individuals and groups can share resources and solve problems together. It also improves the board skills of your pool of future candidates.

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tor of the Year award; Thompson Falls Public Library, Library of the Year award; and Nancy Brennan of Bicentennial Library in Colstrip and Cherie Hesper of Rosebud County Library in Forsyth, Media Award winners. Many libraries were also honored on the state library's Collection Management Honor Roll.

Library associations establishing partnership for "Corps of Discovery II" -- Library associations from the "trail states" connected with the Lewis & Clark Expedition Bicentennial in 2003-2006 are in the process of signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Park Service in support of the Corps of Discovery II traveling educational exhibit.

Corps of Discovery II will travel throughout the states, following the route of Lewis & Clark, and will offer exhibits and activities for everyone along the way. Gerard Baker, Superintendent of the National Lewis & Clark Historic Trail, and his team are welcoming library involvement in the event.

Libraries in each library association will have the opportunity to participate in the event in the following ways:

- 1) Providing research information to assist the Corps of Discovery II team, in particular Sue Pridemore, with development of the exhibits;
- 2) Providing meeting rooms for the "town meetings" to plan the visit of Corps of Discovery II to any community.
- 3) Providing local publicity for the town meetings and actual visit of the exhibit, working cooperatively with other local agencies.
- 4) Providing displays of local history and storytelling opportunities to enrich the experience of tourists and local citizens.
- 5) Contributing to the bibliography of Lewis & Clark resources for all ages.

Cheryl Hesper of the Montana Library Association is acting as liaison between the National Park Service and the state library associations who are supporting the effort, and she will be circulating the Memorandum of Understanding for signatures as well as coordinating the efforts as support is

needed by the National Park Service. Anyone interested in more information may contact Cheryl at Rosebud County Library, P.O. Box 7, Forsyth, MT 59327, call (406)356-7561, or e-mail to rclib@rangeweb.net.



NEBRASKA

The 2002 Nebraska Book Festival will be held Sept. 13 and 14 at Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer. The theme for this year's event is "A Sense of Time, a Sense of Place." Since this annual event began in 1991, it has traditionally been held at a university or college location.

"The Nebraska Book Festival was originally scheduled to take place the first day at Stuhr Museum and the second day at the University of Nebraska-Kearney. On-campus construction at UNK caused the planning committee to move the entire festival to Stuhr," explained Pam Snow, Festival Chair. "Considering the event's history of traditionally being located at a university or in an academic setting, this is a wonderful honor and a terrific opportunity for our community!"

On Friday, Sept. 13, hands-on activities, writing exercises, and author presentations will focus on middle and high school students from across Nebraska. The Friday evening celebration, to be held at the Riverside Country Club, will include a meal, program, and presentations of the NCB (Nebraska Center for the Book) Book Awards, and the Mildred Bennet Award.

The general public is invited to attend the Saturday activities that will include book displays from various publishers and literary centers, readings by a diverse collection of writers, and an assortment of entertaining programs. Appropriately matched programs and museum venues will enhance the overall experience for the audience. Some of the presentations will be devoted to adult interests, others to small children, and still others to students.

For questions regarding the Nebraska Book Festi-

val, please contact Diane Haney, Festival Coordinator, at (308) 384-6209, greenacre@charter.net, or Pam Snow, Festival Chair at phsnow@kdsi.net.

Calling all convention goers -- Get your calendars out and mark these important dates! The Nebraska Library Association and Nebraska Educational Media Association cordially invite you to join us for Leading, Linking, and Learning, Oct. 23-25, 2002 at the joint NLA/NEMA fall conference to be held at the Cornhusker Hotel and Convention Center in Lincoln, Nebraska. Visit the conference Website <http://www.nol.org/home/NLA/conference/index.html> for conference planning committee contacts, program information, and registration forms.

NEVADA

Statewide master plan for libraries -- The Nevada State Library and Archives is overseeing the development of a statewide master plan for library and information services in Nevada. The master plan itself will set priorities for the Nevada State Library and Archives in its future directions and in the use of federal LSTA funds for libraries in Nevada.



NSLA has contracted with Himmel & Wilson, Library Consultants, to gather input from the library community and to prepare the master plan. In their proposal for the master planning project, the consultants indicated they wished to visit the main libraries in all 22 public library jurisdictions, a sampling of public library branches, the main libraries of the UNLV and UN-Reno, the main libraries of the four community colleges, a sampling of school libraries, and a sampling of special libraries.

During a site visit, the consultant will interview key staff, document the visit by taking several digital photographs, and conduct a cursory assessment of the collections and technology available at the facility.

Unique reading project centers around Sept. 11 -- The

Friends of Washoe County Library in Reno were involved in a unique reading and discussion project as a community response to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Selected was Harper Lee's classic *To Kill A Mockingbird* which masterfully explores themes of tolerance and race. During November and December 2001, 600 free books were distributed and in January 2002, over 125 people attended eleven discussion groups throughout the county. The project is now serving as a model for a larger community-wide activity called Read Washoe Read! planned for fall 2002. This program was supported by the Nevada Humanities Committee, Rochlin Foundation, and Rotary Clubs in Reno and Reno Sunrise.

NEW MEXICO

Participate as a program presenter at the 2003 New Mexico Library Association Conference on April 23-25, 2003 at the Sheraton Old Town in Albuquerque, NM. "The Future Is Now" will be featured as the conference theme. Presentation proposals are sought that address the impact of 21st century change on libraries—both current and future issues and trends. Programs for public, academic or school library issues are welcome, with most sessions scheduled for 1 hr. and 15 min.

For information on obtaining and submitting a program proposal form, contact Dora Trudell (505) 848-8893, fax (505) 848-8890, trudell@aps.edu or Anne Lefkofsky (505) 768-5153, fax (505) 768-5191, alefkofsky@cabq.gov. The program proposal form will also be available on the NMLA Website <http://www.nmla.org>

NORTH DAKOTA

Workshops focus on electronic databases -- The North Dakota State Library is currently planning a series of workshops this July and August focusing on the ODIN catalog and electronic databases. This training includes using Gale Group's Periodical/Reference Package, ProQuest newspaper database, the Electric Library, and the Netlibrary electronic books collection. For those of you who missed out on the spring workshops, these sessions will provide an excellent opportunity to learn about the

electronic resources that are currently available. The North Dakota State Library plans on having these training sessions in the following areas: Williston, Dickinson, Minot, Bismarck, Grand Forks, and Fargo. Times and locations will be finalized based on interest and the availability of suitable computer labs. If you have an interest in attending one of these summer workshops, please contact Carol at (800) 472-2492 or log on to the North Dakota State Library homepage at <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us/> and fill out an interest form. Please remember to include your home address and telephone number.

Free matter for print impaired -- Did you know that visually, physically, and reading impaired persons may qualify to receive large print books free? This means you may send patrons who are eligible under the free matter guidelines large print books or magazines, (14 pt. or larger) without paying postage. The patron is also able to mail them back to your library at no cost.

To be eligible to mail items free-matter, the person must have it certified in writing that he/she is unable to read conventional reading material because of his/her impairment. The certification must be signed by a competent authority including: medical doctor, ophthalmologist, optometrist, registered nurse, or professional staff member of a hospital or other institution or agency. The certification must be submitted to the post office where postage-free mailings will be made or received by the blind or visually handicapped person. The person is then considered eligible to use the free mailing privilege.

Patrons may also sign up for the talking book service at the North Dakota State Library and order large print books though the library that will be sending free-matter directly to their home.

For a copy of the guidelines contact your post office or the Disability Services at North Dakota State Library at (800) 843-9948.

YA Center opens -- Fargo Public Library has devel-

oped a new Young Adult Center thanks to a grant from the FM Area Foundation to purchase four computer stations and new print and audio materials. The center focuses on high interest activities for students in grades 6-9. Participants in the first program are learning basic Web design and will create a new teen page for the library's Website. Other classes will be on desktop publishing and finding cool sites on the Internet.

OKLAHOMA

Highlights of Oklahoma Conference -- The annual Oklahoma Library Conference was held April 17-19, 2002 in Tulsa, OK. The following are program highlights submitted by BJ Vinson, Cataloging/Reference Librarian at Rose State College, Midwest City, OK.

Cecile Richards was the guest speaker at the **General Session**. She has been actively involved in labor, Texas Freedom Network (TFN) which supports public education and individual and religious liberties, and reproductive rights and family planning issues for the Turner Foundation. She also works with the current Majority Whip in Congress. Ms. Richards spoke primarily about the need to stand up for the rights of all, and that one cannot fight the battles by oneself. She suggested making friends with the local clergy and explaining book selection, reaching out to other groups such as women's and rotary, and offering to speak at meetings, and get politically active. Reflecting on her experiences with TFN, she lamented that the majority may be winning battles against censoring groups but losing the war. Once a work has been challenged and kept or reinstated, the next year the publisher will self-censor, or the libraries will not order that work so as to not have to deal with the risk of being challenged! Also introduced were the 17 students who were awarded scholarships to attend the Conference. Funds for 10 were provided by an ALA grant, and the other seven were funded by various groups and individuals.

Internet Mapping for Librarians: This program did not deal with mapping the Internet, but with using maps available on the Internet. Julie Parker

(OU) not only demonstrated how to find and use maps on the Internet, she also provided a list of map-resource sites and a disk with additional information. Some of the uses of these maps are: 1) answers questions of location (where, how did it get there, why is it there?); 2) combines data from many different sources to give better information; 3) solve problems and analyze events; and 4) provide patterns and trends that tabular information alone won't portray. Julie may be reached at jparker@ou.edu.

If I Knew Then What I Know Now...: This program featured a panel discussion by Julie Ligon (WOSC), Susan Stringer (Pioneer LS), Ruth David (OU), Cheryl Suttles (Integris Health System), Barbara Ray (NESU), and Audrey Gramling (Norman Elementary School). Some of the points included the importance of actually reading, being organized, networking, volunteering to help out colleagues, liking and appreciating what you do, and learning technology. Ms. Suttles had a list of things she wished she'd learned in grad school such as: marketing, management skills, public relations, how to teach, how to evaluate electronic databases/systems, and how to network.

If You Build It, Will They Come? Marketing Innovative Library Services: Julie Harmon (Pioneer LS), Jon Walker (TCCL), and Mark Vargas (USAO) revealed what they had tried to do in their libraries, if it worked, if it didn't work, and what they learned. Ms. Harmon is with the PLS's fledgling Center for Reader's Services. She discussed what they know so far. Mr. Walker talked about the AskUS Stations which had been placed in branch libraries so patrons could speak directly with a reference librarian in the Central library. The statistics revealed that it was not used enough to be cost effective. Instead patrons may ask the branch librarians who might then call Central. Mr. Vargas spoke about allowing food and drink in the library, the implementation of electronic reserves, and 24-hour operation from 4 p.m. on Sunday through 5 pm on Friday.

Learning & Teaching Styles: Speakers were

Beverly Joyce (OU), Jane Carvajal (consultant), and Tom Thorish (OSU-Tulsa). Ms. Joyce and Ms. Cravajal concentrated on the different learning theories especially those developed by B. F. Skinner, Gestalt psychologists, and Howard Gardner. They explained not only that each individual learns in a different way, but the elements of those differences: i.e. linguistic, logical/mathematical, musical, intrapersonal, interpersonal, bodily/kinesthetic, and spatial. Ms. Joyce also explained "information processing" and "personality patterns" in the learning process. Ms. Carvajal added that the context in which we learn is important. Mr. Thorish stressed that students need someone to walk them through processes, they want to know how to do remote access, and that they do need to know basic Windows skills in order to succeed in today's libraries.

OCLC's Cooperative Online Resource Catalog (CORC): CORC enables libraries to select, describe, maintain, and provide guided access to local and Web-based electronic resources. CORC features include: The system contains bibliographic records, authority records, pathfinders, and the DDC online. It has real-time connection with World Cat. Telecommunication fees with begin on 1 July, 2002. Searching in "Dublin core" can be done in all fields. The cataloging screen and the Website of the items being cataloged may be displayed together, metadata provides hotlinks to other records or WebDewey. Title phrase searches are not currently available, but may be in July 2002. Authority File supports keyword searching and browsing. Online tutorials are available on the OCLC Website.

UCD Contributed papers II & IV: OU-Health Science Center's Shari Clifton presented information about CHAIN: Oklahoma's comprehensive HIV/AIDS Information Network. She explained the background of CHAIN and its target groups: affected individuals, health care providers, librarians, and anyone else who needs information related to HIV/AIDS. To access the site, go to <http://chain.ouhsc.edu> where one will find the HIV treatment and care resource directory,

activities & events, FAQs, library, links, and Ask A Librarian.

Dona Davidson of OSU-Tulsa presented her "Database Usage Statistics: Going Through the Maze." Libraries collecting statistics cite the reasons for doing so as justifying costs and determining what is being used. Those libraries not collecting statistics state they do not do so because of lack of time, lack of importance, statistics are not available, or not observable and that each database reports differently. Dona went on to discuss which vendors collect statistics for libraries, how they convey their findings, and the formats used.

An interesting paper on "Using Comic Books and Graphic Novels in Schools and Libraries" was presented by Emily Williams of OSU. A comic book is usually about 32 pages of sequential arts with magazine-style covers, whereas a graphic novel ranges from about 64 to several hundred pages and contains complete stories versus cliffhangers. The CCA (Comics code authority) mark assures a PG rating. Comic book characters are often superheroes who can teach values and history. Emily will soon be starting library school at OU.

The "Digitization of Title Pages Project" by Katherine Wong and Anna Wyatt, from OU, was the next paper presented. Their project consisted of scanning title pages of their backlog of rare books. Sometimes they would take a picture of the title page, turn those into slides, and then load. These scanned pages also provide preservation options in that once scanned, they no longer need to be handled. The scanned pages are stored in Hyperian Digital Media Archive. Then metadata is created and bulk loaded into the catalog. They can be searched by author, title, or subtitle.

"Historical Documents Online: Primary Sources for ALL Researchers" was the topic of the paper by Cokie Anderson of OSU. The historical documents one can not find online include: papyri, historical documents, personal letters, manuscripts,

paintings and photographs, newspapers, sound files, and long out-of-print books. She provided a handout of URLs for access to these sources.

Last, but not least, Gina Minks of TU presented her paper "EAD (encoded archival description) Implementation: Fitting Theory into Practice." EAD uses SGML/XML, it is more than online access-it is intellectual control. Their finding aids are linked to the OPAC. For more in-depth information, contact Ms. Minks at gina-minks@utulsa.edu.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Winner of Children's Book Award -- Christopher Paul Curtis is the 2002 recipient of the South Dakota Prairie Pasque Children's Book Award. Curtis' book, *Bud, not Buddy*, was voted the most popular book of the year by fourth, fifth and sixth grade students throughout South Dakota. Bud, not Buddy is the story of a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan during the Great Depression. He runs away from a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father-the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.

For more information about the Prairie Pasque award, visit the SDLA Website at <http://www.usd.edu/sdla/reading.htm>



UTAH

Utah builds libraries for 21st century -- The Utah Library Association held its annual conference May 1-3 in Sandy, UT, in the Salt Lake Valley. The theme, "Building Libraries for the 21st Century," embraced the state library's initiative and focus for the 21st century. Kimberly Graber served as conference chair. Susan Hamada finished her term as ULA President.

At the annual conference, a drawing was held for 10 free one-year memberships to MPLA. Winners include: Molly Youngkin of the Eccles Health Sciences Library, Salt Lake City; Gillian Waring-Greatorex, Salt Lake County Library, Sandy; Jackie Hansen from Weber County Library, Ogden;

Catherine McIntyre, Utah Valley State College, Orem; Deb Greathouse, Delta City Library; Jay Swenson, Stansbury Park; Burt Barnard, Stevens Henager College, Salt Lake City; Curly Jones, Marriott Library, University of Utah, Salt Lake City; Virginia Rasmussen, Weber County Library, Ogden; Marcia Cheney, Utah State University, Logan.

Wolcott named Vice Provost of Libraries -- Dr. Linda Wolcott was named Vice Provost for Libraries and Instructional Support at Utah State University in Logan. She graduated with honors from the University of Georgia, Athens, where she earned a Doctor of Education degree in Instructional Technology. She earned a Master of Library Science from the University of Maine.

Free computers for libraries -- The 2002 Winter Olympic Committee and Gateway Computers are donating all the PCs used at the games to non-profit organizations. To be eligible, you need to complete a registration form at <http://www.gateway.com/olympics/donations.shtml>. There will be 4,500 systems available. The application will be posted on the Website from April 2 to July 31, 2002. More information and application forms will be available in April. The site says that priority will be given to schools and community centers whose programs help enhance access to technology for traditionally under-served communities.

WYOMING

Laramie County Library Foundation hires new director - Laramie County Library Foundation Board President Vanda Edington has announced that Susan Vittitow has been named as the organization's new director. The Foundation is a non-profit organization that raises and disburses private funds, grants, bequests and gifts to benefit the Laramie County Library System.

With taxpayer support supplying just under 73% of the Laramie County Library System's budget, the Foundation works to secure grants and individual donations to support and enhance library activities beyond the basic services funded by the

UPCOMING EVENTS-2002

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| Sept. 19-21 | Wyoming Library Association, Casper |
| Oct. 2-5 | MPLA/North Dakota Library Association/ South Dakota Library Association Tri-Conference, Fargo |
| Oct. 3-5 | Nevada Library Association Conference, Ely |
| Oct. 16-20 | First Annual Colorado Association of Libraries Conference, Keystone |
| Oct. 23-25 | Nebraska Library Association Convention, Lincoln |
| Dec. 4-6 | Arizona Library Association Annual Conference, Phoenix |

public tax dollar.

Vittitow most recently worked for Wyoming Health Resources Network, where she managed grant funds for the Wyoming Department of Health and wrote grants. Previously, she worked two years for the Wyoming State Library as a Public Information Specialist.

Job Opening

Mohave County Library District (AZ) is seeking a motivated Public Service Librarian, Job #10166 in Bullhead City, AZ. Librarian is responsible for supervising day-to-day branch operations, including reference, collection development and human resources. Qualifications: M. L. S. degree from an ALA accredited program; comprehensive knowledge and experience in public service; team player; and demonstrated leadership qualities with excellent communication and problem-solving skills. Salary Range: \$29,926 - \$31,422 annually + benefits. Position is open until filled. Mohave County is one of the fastest growing rural counties in the country. (<http://www.co.mohave.az.us>) For applications contact: Mohave County Human Resources, PO Box 7000, 809 E. Beale Street, Kingman, AZ 86402-7000; (928) 753-0736, ext. 4116, Fax (928) 753-0783. Please refer to job number. EOE

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