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Greetings!

President's Letter

From Jean Hatfield



I have just returned from the MPLA Board meeting in Denver and realized that much of the conversation among the board members during meals and breaks centered on the weather. The mountain and plains states were either experiencing too much moisture or too little.

My grandpa used to say that we can talk about the weather all we want, but there isn't much we can do about it.

Which brings me to another topic that is frequently discussed at MPLA Board meetings: **increasing membership**.

And that is a topic that we can talk about all we want AND there is something we can do about it.

MPLA is a member-driven organization which is kept together by the efforts of a few people who are paid far too little for their time and by the efforts of its members who are elected or appointed to the Board. The organization relies heavily on its membership dues and the revenues from joint conferences to keep it financially solvent.

So what can you do as a member to help out?

First of all, if you are reading this newsletter and you haven't yet sent in your dues, do it now! Joe has made it easy for us to pay our dues online with a credit card. It only takes a few minutes of your

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time but the rewards are great. You get a discounted rate at the annual conference (this year in beautiful Lake Tahoe) and you get a newsletter that is informative and full of news of your colleagues and friends.

Second, talk about MPLA to your colleagues! Recommend it to new professionals as a great place to start their professional involvement. Encourage members of your state organization to belong to MPLA. Remind them that the dues for MPLA are a bargain when compared to other professional organizations.

Third, encourage your institution to be a member of MPLA. This not only supports the organization, but it also encourages your administration to send members to the annual conferences and to think of people to nominate for our Leadership Institute.

As a member, you know what a great organization MPLA is, so don't keep this information to yourself. Talk about it! Next time you're lamenting to someone about the weather, remember that just like the fields need a few showers to keep green, MPLA needs a shower of membership forms to keep its treasury green. So invite someone to join today!

Tahoe, Here We Come!

The 2003 Nevada Library Association/Mountain Plains Library Association Joint Conference will be held Nov. 5-8, 2003 at the Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe Resort and Casino, located on the shore of beautiful Lake Tahoe. Dine in one of the hotel's restaurants, work out in the health club, or have a massage in the Stillwater Spa. The Casino offers 24/7 gaming including slots, video poker, blackjack, craps, and roulette. A complimentary shuttle bus is available to transport guests throughout the mountain community of Incline Village.

The Nevada Library Association secured 1999 room rates for the conference. A standard room with single or double occupancy will cost \$99 per night, a considerable discount from the normal rate. Suites and

A mover and shaker



Kaite Mediatore

Kaite Mediatore has been selected as one of *Library Journal's* Movers & Shakers 2003. Currently Kaite is the Readers' Services Librarian at the Main Library of Kansas City, Kansas City, Kansas Public Library, and was the Adult Services Coordinator at Emporia Public Library from 1991-1998. A member of ALA, MPLA, KLA and the National Book Critics Circle, Kaite founded the Metro-Area Readers Round Table (MARRT) in Kansas City and still serves on its Steering Committee. She reviews for *BookList* and is a consultant for *NoveList*. This spring, her article, "Reading With Your Ears: Readers' Advisory and Audio Books" will be published in *Reference & User Services Quarterly*.

lakeside cottages are also available, and the special rates extend two days before and two days after the conference.



Conference pricing will be honored through Oct. 5, 2003, but attendees are encouraged to book early to secure a room. Reservations can be made via the Web at laketahoe.hyatt.com/groupbooking/mpla or by phoning Hyatt Reservations (1-877-875-5036). In order to obtain conference room rates, attendees must use the designated Website or mention the conference when contacting Hyatt.

Call for Papers

MPLA Academic Section Professional Forum

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 Nevada Library Association, at:

NLA/MPLA Joint Conference
Lake Tahoe, Nevada, November 5-8, 2003

The MPLA Academic Section sponsors the Professional Forum, which presents new ideas, innovations, and case studies in librarianship that would benefit the profession. Research methodology is encouraged, but not essential. 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:

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 mary_caspers-graper@sdstate.edu **no later than August 1, 2003**

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REMEMBER: MPLA Professional Development grants are available to fund research and travel! See the MPLA Website www.usd.edu/mpla/ for details.

For information on the MPLA/NLA/Reforma
Joint Conference in November, 2003
go to:
www.nevadalibraries.org/Conference02/index.html



NLA/MPLA Joint Conference 2003 PROGRAM PROPOSAL



Name of Interest Group, Division or Sponsoring Individual/Group:

Program Description: (Attach additional sheets if needed)

Name of Speaker or Speakers Who Will Present the Program:

Anticipated Audience: (Please estimate the number of people who might attend to help with room assignments) Circle all that apply

Public Academic Special Youth Services Adult Services
Other _____
Estimated number _____

Equipment Needed:

Internet connection _____
Overhead projector _____
Flip charts _____
Other –please identify:

If a laptop or projector is required, the speaker or the sponsoring group will be asked to provide equipment and will be responsible for set up.

Proposed Budget:

Speaker honorarium _____ (Only paid toward speakers attending from out of state)
Miscellaneous expenses _____ (Please describe expenses below or on separate sheet)
Total amount for this proposed program: _____

Speakers Name and Address:

Person submitting this proposal:

Name:
E-mail:
Address:
Phone:

Return to: **Nancy Ledeboer, Program Chair**
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Say Hello to Your MPLA Section Chairs!

Academic Section

NAME: Jeff Belliston.

WHERE FROM: My hometown is Burley, ID. I've lived in Pleasant Grove, UT for 9 years now.



PROFESSIONAL POSITION: Chair of the General Reference/Library Instruction & Information Literacy Department in the Harold B. Lee Library at Brigham Young University in Provo, UT. I became the department chair in September 2002 but have worked at BYU since 1999.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO BE CHAIR OF THE ACADEMIC SECTION? I agreed to run for the position as a way to be involved in MPLA. Professional involvement and contribution is a part of my tenure process at BYU so the opportunity is appreciated.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN THE CHAIR OF THE ACADEMIC SECTION? Since the close of the Fargo conference. I became the Chair-elect at the close of the Phoenix conference.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN INVOLVED IN MPLA? I joined MPLA very shortly after beginning work at BYU in 1999, so for about 3 1/2 years now.

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE MERITS OF GETTING INVOLVED IN MPLA? The best thing about MPLA is the people. The three conferences I have attended have been GREAT! Getting to see and come to know the same people in a smaller and cozier setting than an ALA conference combines these two great things. MPLA is a financial bargain in my opinion. I believe the

opportunity for involvement is greater and thereby the potential for impact is also greater.

WHAT ARE THE ROLES OF THE ACADEMIC SECTION? I think the purpose statement of the Academic Section in the Manual of Procedure answers this pretty well (<http://www.usd.edu/mpla/documents/procedures>).

WHAT ARE YOUR SECTION'S TOP PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT YEAR? We had no entries for the Professional Forum at the Tri-conference in Fargo. The Professional Forum is one of the best things the Section does so a top priority is to work hard and do what we can to have a valuable Professional Forum at the NLA/MPLA Conference in Lake Tahoe.

WHY IS THE ACADEMIC SECTION A GOOD SECTION TO BE A PART OF? The Academic Section is a good section to be part of because we cross the lines in terms of specialties. We're not just a public services or collection

A Good Practice Reminder From Pattern Research:

Tight budgets shouldn't mean an end to opportunities. A workplace magazine article club is a quick way for employees to introduce other staff members to new ideas. Business, self-help, and specialty magazines and Websites are all good sources of concise articles on personnel management, and leadership issues. Take turns hunting for one-page summaries about consumer trends, new technology, the concerns of seniors, teenagers, and recent immigrants, education, and health, then present your new information at a 30 minute brown bag lunch.

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development or technical services section though those have their place. We're for folks who work in, or are interested in, academic libraries and all their facets. What I said about the merits of MPLA applies to its sub-groups as well.

WHAT IS ONE THING MANY PEOPLE MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT YOU? For almost two years, I went to and was driven home from work everyday in an armored shuttle with two armed guards and followed by a vehicle filled with four machine gun-toting guards. (I was a Consular Officer in the U.S. Embassy in San Salvador, El Salvador while El Salvador was still in the midst of a civil war).

Children's and School Section

NAME: Donna Norvell.

WHERE FROM: Oklahoma City, OK.



PROFESSIONAL POSITION: I am the Youth Services Consultant for the State Library in Oklahoma (Oklahoma Department of Libraries). I have been in this position for 10 years. I work out of the office of Library Development and work with the children's librarians for the public libraries across the state. One of my main jobs is to develop the statewide summer reading program.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO BE CHAIR OF THE CHILDREN'S/SCHOOL SECTION? Youth Services is my specialty and this section serves that group.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN THE CHAIR OF THE CHILDREN'S/SCHOOL SECTION? I took over the chair position in October 2002 at Fargo.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN INVOLVED IN MPLA? I attended my first MPLA conference

in Colorado when the conference was at Aspen? I think that was around 1994.

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE MERITS OF GETTING INVOLVED IN MPLA? It has allowed me to meet and correspond with people in other states that are in a similar position with similar needs! It is great to know people from 12 other states that work so well together!

WHAT ARE THE ROLES OF THE CHILDREN'S/SCHOOL SECTION? They assist in setting up programs at the conference that will be of interest to librarians serving children and YA's in school and public libraries.

WHAT ARE YOUR SECTION'S TOP PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT YEAR? To have GREAT programs at the conference and attract more librarians serving youth to MPLA and the Children's/School Section.

WHY IS THE CHILDREN'S/SCHOOL SECTION A GOOD SECTION TO BE A PART OF? It allows you to make contact with librarians in 12 states that are doing youth services. It has also allowed me to attend programs that benefit me professionally and to contact presenters that could also do workshops here in Oklahoma for the children's librarians. I'm always looking for good presenters!

WHAT IS ONE THING MANY PEOPLE MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT YOU? I collect several things — but became interested in advertising items for "Elsie the Borden's Cow!" I have mugs, a cookie jar, milk bottles and a neat clock that lights up! Plus many other items. I'm also a great Tigger fan and have a Tigger tattoo!

Government Documents Section

NAME: Louise Treff-Gangler.



WHERE FROM: Denver, CO.

PROFESSIONAL POSITION: Head, Government Publications Department, Auraria Library, serving the Community College of Denver, Metropolitan State College of Denver, and the University of Colorado at Denver.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO BE CHAIR OF THE GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS SECTION? I have a commitment to spreading awareness about government information to all librarians in all types of libraries, especially today as more and more government information is available only on the Internet.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN CHAIR OF THE GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS SECTION? Since October 2001.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN INVOLVED IN MPLA? I've been a member since 1987.

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE MERITS OF GETTING INVOLVED IN MPLA? A chance to get to know other librarians in the mountain plains region, to get beyond my own state. Conferences provide the opportunity to attend programs presented by librarians in the West, an area that is unique in its geography and concerns. MPLA expands my knowledge beyond my own state without having to become involved in a much larger organization such as ALA. In addition, travel within the region is more affordable and offers opportunities to see beautiful scenery!

WHAT ARE THE ROLES OF THE GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS SECTION? The Government Documents Section promotes awareness of government information and education in its use. This is especially important in today's information world, where government information is increasingly electronic only, and permanent public access questionable.

WHAT ARE YOUR SECTION'S TOP PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT YEAR? Plan programs

for the joint MPLA Conference in Nevada.

WHY IS THE GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS SECTION A GOOD SECTION TO BE A PART OF? I find communication with other libraries concerned with government information, its access, and its permanent availability, to always be of value in increasing my own knowledge, thereby enabling me to pass that knowledge on and be of more help to library customers. We also try to always have chocolate at our meetings, even at 8:00 am!

WHAT IS ONE THING MANY PEOPLE MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT YOU? I enjoy motorcycle riding, square dancing, and my two young granddaughters!

New Members Round Table

NAME: Scott Goldy.

WHERE FROM: Wichita, KS.



PROFESSIONAL POSITION: Reference Librarian, Social Sciences, Wichita State University.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO BE CHAIR OF THE NEW MEMBERS ROUND TABLE? Other than being recruited to the position, I thought I had some good ideas to bring to the table and I had an interest in boosting the visibility of the section and NMRT members.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN THE CHAIR OF THE NEW MEMBERS ROUND TABLE? Since August of 2002.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN INVOLVED IN MPLA? Around 3 years.

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE MERITS OF GETTING INVOLVED IN MPLA? 1) MPLA's size allows for more direct member participation in

activities; 2) The smaller size also lets you get to know a higher percentage of the general membership; 3) You can gain many personal contacts across the region; 4) Diversity in librarianship. Your contacts in MPLA will extend beyond your library specialization. (i.e. academic, children's, etc.); 5) The MPLA officers are easily accessible and are open to new ideas; 6) Membership on committees at all levels is welcome without having years of experience or waiting years for folks to retire; 7) We're good at having fun. Almost too good at times.

WHAT ARE THE ROLES OF THE NEW MEMBERS ROUND TABLE? I see the roles of NMRT as being the following: 1) Introducing new members to the association. We kind of act as a type of accelerated tutoring system; 2) Providing a place for new members to present ideas. Since we have no library specialization, any new member can feel free to submit presentation ideas on just about any library topic. We want new members to have a non-intimidating place to present if they are just starting out; and 3) Boosting the visibility of NMRT members. We see today's NMRT members as the future leaders of the association, therefore we want everyone to know who they are. We also see our members as having the future ideas in librarianship, so we want them to have the opportunity to be recognized for those ideas, especially through future presentations.

WHAT ARE YOUR SECTION'S TOP PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT YEAR? Increasing our presence at the annual conference (sponsoring more presentations,) the distribution of our new welcome letter for new members to MPLA, increasing our membership, and finding strong leadership for the years to come.

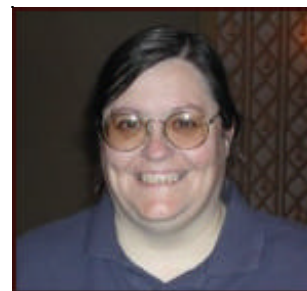
WHY IS THE NEW MEMBERS ROUND TABLE A GOOD SECTION TO BE A PART OF? NMRT is a great section to be a part of because you can get involved in MPLA at the ground level without a lot of experience. We're always looking to actively promote our members through their own strengths whether they be leadership, scholarship, or some other special talent. Plus, we like to have a lot

of fun.

WHAT IS ONE THING MANY PEOPLE MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT YOU? I'm a big professional wrestling fan. Monday (WWE Raw) and Thursday (Smackdown!) nights are my WWE viewing nights. My wife and I actually went to the Houston Astrodome for Wrestlemania X-7 on our honeymoon. (Yes, she's into it too.)

Preservation, Archives, and Special Collections Section

NAME: Mary Ann Thompson.



WHERE FROM: I live in Hays, KS. I am from Wyoming.

PROFESSIONAL POSITION: Kansas Room Librarian at the Hays Public Library.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO BE CHAIR OF THE PRESERVATION SECTION? I have been active in this section for a number of years. One reason I became active was to get programming of interest to archives and special collections at the conferences.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN THE CHAIR OF THE PRESERVATION SECTION? The position of chair is a one year term that began at the Fargo conference. I was also chair a few years ago.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN INVOLVED IN MPLA? I joined in library school, 20 years ago.

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE MERITS OF GETTING INVOLVED IN MPLA? The diversity of the members gives us a greater resource for information and programming than one gets at a state organization. And, let's face it, MPLA knows how to have more fun.

WHAT ARE THE ROLES OF THE PRESER-

VATION SECTION? Our section deals with issues that affect special collections, archives, and conservation departments. Some issues are the preservation of materials, the storing of materials, cataloging, accessing, acquiring the materials, and the fact that oftentimes these materials are not the typical books of other collections.

WHAT ARE YOUR SECTION'S TOP PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT YEAR? To have interesting programs at the Lake Tahoe conference.

WHY IS THE PRESERVATION SECTION A GOOD SECTION TO BE A PART OF? Obviously, it is a good section to be part of because we are Special and deal with special materials, issues, and collections.

WHAT IS ONE THING MANY PEOPLE MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT YOU? Most people know I have a basset hound, many people know that I like penguins and I'm a walking movie encyclopedia, but only a few people know that I am a photographer and love to fish for trout.

Public Library/Trustees Section

NAME: Robert Banks.

WHERE FROM:
Topeka, KS.

PROFESSIONAL POSITION: Deputy Director of Operations, Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library.



WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO BE CHAIR OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY/TRUSTEES SECTION? I was asked if I was willing to be nominated for the Public Library/Trustees Section.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN THE CHAIR OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY/TRUSTEES SECTION? 1 1/2 years.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN INVOLVED IN MPLA? 2 1/2 years.

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE MERITS OF GETTING INVOLVED IN MPLA? I have met colleagues from the region and had great discussions about current issues in librarianship. I feel that I have developed a network across the region that can be called upon when I have a question. Also, the people are a lot of fun!

WHAT ARE THE ROLES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY/TRUSTEES SECTION? The Public Library/Trustees Section supports programs at the MPLA conference and tries to make sure that there are several programs that are of specific interest to public librarians and/or trustees.

WHAT ARE YOUR SECTION'S TOP PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT YEAR? I would like to see more involvement from other public librarians. There are more public librarians in MPLA than any other group. We need to become better acquainted so that we can call upon each other when we have questions or concerns about what we do.

WHY IS THE PUBLIC LIBRARY/TRUSTEES SECTION A GOOD SECTION TO BE A PART OF? The people are fun to be with and always willing to help.

WHAT IS ONE THING MANY PEOPLE MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT YOU? I play harp with the Topeka Symphony. I also play for weddings and other occasions.

State Agency, Cooperatives & Systems Section

NAME: Judy Zelenski.

WHERE FROM:
Wheat Ridge, CO.

PROFESSIONAL POSITION: Acting Director, Central



Colorado Library System.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO BE CHAIR OF THE STATE AGENCIES, COOPERATIVES & SYSTEMS SECTION? It gives me a chance to stay involved with the association and members of the section. When I'm not involved with MPLA in some way I really miss it.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN THE CHAIR OF THE SECTION? Since October 2002.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN INVOLVED IN MPLA? 23 years.

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE MERITS OF GETTING INVOLVED IN MPLA? MPLA provides a really friendly and fun environment in which to develop professionally. It's just the right size - not too big, not too small - and with its rotation of conferences throughout the various states we get to meet people in all the state associations.

WHAT ARE THE ROLES OF THE STATE AGENCIES, COOPERATIVES & SYSTEMS SECTION? We provide opportunities for people to meet, learn, and cooperate.

WHAT ARE YOUR SECTION'S TOP PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT YEAR? Have a great time at the Tahoe conference!

WHY IS THE STATE AGENCIES, COOPERATIVES & SYSTEMS SECTION A GOOD SECTION TO BE A PART OF? I can meet and brainstorm with peers from other agencies throughout the 12-state region, in the really friendly and fun environment of MPLA.

WHAT IS ONE THING MANY PEOPLE MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT YOU? I design and make jesters of various sorts.

Technical Services Section

NAME: Carlene Aro.

WHERE FROM: H.M. Briggs Library, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD.

PROFESSIONAL POSITION: Serials Librarian.



WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO BE CHAIR OF THE TECHNICAL SERVICES SECTION? I was asked if I would be willing to serve, and because I wanted to be more actively involved in MPLA, I agreed. MPLA has a mission that I completely support. I also wanted to be involved in defining and offering educational opportunities that deal with the changes that are rapidly occurring in the technical side of librarianship.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN THE CHAIR OF THE TECHNICAL SERVICES SECTION? I have been chair of the Technical Services Section since October 2002... I am very new at this.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN INVOLVED IN MPLA? After completing a Master in Adult and Higher Education Administration in 1993, I became more active in MPLA. As many of us have come to find while pursuing a second master's degree and working full time at the same time, one doesn't have time to be involved in professional activities.

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE MERITS OF GETTING INVOLVED IN MPLA? I have met some of the most interesting and knowledgeable people who happen to be librarians. The people I meet are the most important aspect of being involved in MPLA.

WHAT ARE THE ROLES OF THE TECHNICAL SERVICES SECTION? The Technical Services Section is active, working closely with our counterparts in the associations with whom we jointly host the annual conference, in recommending and organizing programs. Members

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"Home of the Real West"



FACTS ABOUT WYOMING

- On May 19, 1869, Wyoming organized as a territory and on July 10, 1890 became the 44th state in the Union.
- Wyoming is the least populated state in the union with only 493,000 individuals spread over 90,000 square miles.
- Cheyenne is the capital city and has the largest population with 53,000 residents. Only one other city has over 40,000 and only six other towns have populations in the 10,000 to 20,000 range.
- Wyoming has 23 counties plus Yellowstone Park.
- Wyoming has one Indian Reservation – Wind River.
- Breaking down the population by ethnicity it is composed of 6.4% Hispanic, 2.3% Native American, .8% Black, and .6% Asian according to the 2000 census. The Hispanic population is growing and services and resources will need to reflect this trend. The rural environment offers many residents the space and outdoor opportunities they seek but creates challenging situations for those associated with libraries.

WYOMING STATE LIBRARY

State Librarian : Lesley Boughton

From its proud history as a territorial library to its current status as an electronic information leader, the State Library continues to meet the information needs of its customers: the general public, state agencies, and libraries statewide. In 1996 the State Library celebrated its 125th anniversary. The State Library is located in Cheyenne at the Supreme Court and State Library Building.

The State Library provides coordination and management of an integrated online system, **WYLD** (Wyoming Libraries' Database) founded in 1984. At present, WYLD serves all of the public and academic libraries of the state: all 23 county libraries, 16 branch libraries, 4 school districts, the 7 community colleges, the university, 2 medical libraries, and the State Library—over 80 libraries in all. Now functioning on a SIRS system installed in 2002, WYLD helps all of these libraries and Wyoming citizens share resources by common access to the statewide database of over a million titles owned by Wyoming

libraries, all linked together through State of Wyoming leased telecommunications lines. More information

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about WYLD can be found at www-wsl.state.wy.us/wyld.

The State Library works closely with librarians, staff, and trustees from all types of libraries through the Wyoming Library Association, the WYLD Network, cooperative projects and consultation services. The State Library used LSTA funds during 1998-2002 to improve the knowledge, skills, and abilities of directors, library trustees and staff so they could better serve the public. An average of 20% of sub grants addressed education. For four years, the State Library has sponsored the Annual Retreat for library directors. The State Library is promoting leadership by providing the Leadership Training Institutes and the State Library continues to support librarians, trustees and staff by planning meetings and continuing education events which requires effort and cost due to the long distances between libraries. *The Outrider*, a publication of the Wyoming State Library, is another way the State Library keeps communication open.

WYOMING LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The Wyoming Library Association (WLA) provides leadership and serves as a collective voice and advocate for advancement of Wyoming libraries. It educates the library and community users about contemporary library services, issues, and technology. WLA provides members with a network for interaction on professional and social levels and promotes the profession of librarianship. It sponsors the Wyoming Youth Book Awards. A McMurray grant allowed the Intellectual Committee of WLA to provide school libraries, public libraries, branches, and some state agencies with a copy of the American Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Manual. WLA also provides grants through the Nora Van Burgh Grant. These can be used for education or attendance at meetings. And WLA plans the WLA conference which will be held in Sheridan, WY this year on Oct 1-4, 2003. It also promotes representation in MPLA and ALA. Find out more at www.wyla.org.

So, in your travels if you encounter strong winds, start humming "Home on the Range", see a field full of pronghorn, mule deer, bison and Indian paintbrush, the Meadowlark is singing and all the license plates have bucking horses on them being driven by cowboys: "Well, Welcome to the 'Cowboy' State of Wyoming."

Laramie County Library opens new community computer room

Part of the ever-growing role of libraries in the 21st century includes offering technological resources to people, and the Laramie County Library System now has a new computer room to help meet the needs of the community.

The room features over 20 public computers each with Internet access, word processing, the library catalog, magazine databases, and additional software such as Encarta Reference Suite, Microsoft Streets and Trips, Frontpage, and the entire Microsoft Office 2000 suite. Specific computers within the room are designated for Spanish speakers and patrons with disabilities.



The computer room is made possible due to a donation of a Windows server from The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, which enables LCLS to offer the same software on each of the computers in the new room. This also makes possible the ability to provide uniform printing access from any workstation, regardless of the software or database being used. The Gates Foundation also provided the two workstations with Spanish language and large print options.

Wyoming Rep. has led quite the life of adventure

Patty Patterson, MPLA Representative from Cody, WY is Youth Services Coordinator for Park County, WY. She grew up in West Virginia without electricity, no running water or indoor facilities. It was a childhood that was ideal. Reading was respected, but those who memorized knowledge were the storytellers. Patty was the first in her family to go to college. It took many jobs and many years before she graduated with a Liberal Arts Degree from the University of Florida in 1989. Along the way, she raised two children and tried many professions like managing small offices for construction companies, learning to drive 18-ton wheelers, and teaching.



Patty Patterson

Patty and her husband lived and worked on a 37 ft. sailboat for 13 years. They traded for books every time they met a new boat in anchorages. They did many jobs for cash like working in marinas, cleaning boats, and house sitting. Patty and her husband reinvented themselves in 1986 in Charleston, SC after a bad tropical storm at sea on their way to England. Patty's husband became a nurse but will always be a physicist at heart.

They ended up in Merritt Island, FL where Patty was able to finish her four-year degree. Patty and her husband went on to Tallahassee, FL where she received her Master of Library Science at Florida State University. Patty and her husband moved to Wyoming because it has wide open places and everyone assumes responsibility for themselves. She has held many positions in academic libraries and large and small libraries as branch manager in Colorado and information services manager in Casper, WY. She has substituted in schools before finding full-time work in a library.

Yellowstone Park Research Library Signs Agreement

A cooperative agreement has been reached between the Yellowstone National Park Research Library and Archives and the McCracken Research Library of the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, WY. The agreement will encourage scholarship in the Greater Yellowstone area generally and provides a foundation for future cooperative projects.

Each library has agreed to make its collections more easily available to one another's staff and promote the interlibrary loan of materials between the two. "This agreement lays the groundwork for developing our library collections and services in a manner

that will benefit a larger community of Yellowstone area researchers beyond our own immediate museums and staff," said Nathan Bender, Housel Curator of the McCracken Library. "The educational activities of our libraries are compatible, and this agreement serves to realize unity of purpose."

Yellowstone National Park Research Library and Archives is the park's official archives, operating within the National Park Services in association with the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration. The Research Library and Archives include the administrative history of Yellowstone National Park.

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also act as a resource to each other when we encounter problems or have questions about various aspects of librarianship.

WHAT ARE YOUR SECTION'S TOP PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT YEAR? During this coming year, my priorities are to gather ideas from our members about their current interests and areas they would like to learn more about, and to make proposals for programs at our coming MPLA conference in Nevada.

WHY IS THE TECHNICAL SERVICES SECTION A GOOD SECTION TO BE A PART OF? I have found that this section provides an opportunity to network. I enjoy meeting and conversing with others about our profession.

WHAT IS ONE THING MANY PEOPLE MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT YOU? I am a science fiction literature and movie fanatic who loves to quilt and shares a home with four cats and an eighty pound black lab. I also never, ever have enough spare time to devote to my hobbies.



Business Sense

Jean Anderson
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Fort Collins Public Library, CO

(Note: This column is designed to be a handout for public library business patrons. I would be happy to share this column and previous columns with you - Word format. Email me at anderson@julip.fcgov.com.)

Franchises

Are you fed up with the daily rat race at your job? Do you long for the freedom of owning your own business? No more corporate politics for you! You never want to hear the words downsizing, right sizing, merged, acquired, or transferred again! Before you take the plunge, spend some time researching your business opportunities. If you are interested in franchises, check out these Internet sites for valuable information.

Professional Associations

- American Association of Franchisees and Dealers (www.aafd.org). The AAFD is dedicated to the encouragement and support of high standards in franchising practices for both franchisees and franchisers. Franchise members must conform to AAFD's Fair Franchising Standards, and have earned the AAFD's Fair Franchising Seal. The association fosters a peer to peer support network for franchisees and supports leverage for the franchisee network with respect to the franchiser, suppliers and vendors and ultimately with customers.
- International Franchise Association (www.franchise.org). The International Franchise Association, founded in 1960, is a membership organization of franchisers, franchisees, and suppliers. IFA serves as a resource center for current and prospective franchisees and franchisers, the media, and the government.

Government Services

- Federal Trade Commission – Franchise and Business Opportunities (www.ftc.gov/bcp/franchise/netfran.htm). This site is chock full of federal advisories, consumer education documents, and legal rulings on franchises and business opportunities. For example, read the text of the “Disclosure Requirements and Prohibitions Concerning Franchising and Business Opportunity Ventures” from the federal franchise rule (16 CFR part 436.) Take some time to review these pages before falling for every “biz opp.”
- Franchise Registry (www.franchiseregistry.com). The Registry lists names of franchise companies whose franchisees enjoy the benefits of a streamlined review process for SBA loan applications. Loan applications for registered franchisers can be reviewed and processed quickly and efficiently. Small business owners get better service and quicker loans. Participation in the Registry is voluntary. If a franchiser chooses not to participate in this streamlined review process, loan applications by its franchisees will still be reviewed individually by SBA or its lenders. Note: A franchise system's presence on, or absence from, the Registry should

not be construed as either an endorsement by SBA or an indication of the franchise system's quality or profitability.

Commercial Sites

- Bison – A Franchise Network (www.bison1.com)
- Franchise Services (www.entremkt.com)
- Franchise Equity Group (www.fegroup.com)
- Links to Franchise Sites (www.surfinglinks.com, search the site using the keyword “franchise”)
- Business N@tion – Franchise Database (www.businessnation.com/franchises/pages)
- Franchising on the Net (advocacy-net.com/franchisemks.htm)
- Franchise Direct (www.franchisedirect.co.uk)
- Franchise Opportunities (www.franchiseopportunities.com)
- Franchise Info Mall (www.franchiseinfomall.com)
- Franchise Profiles International (www.franchise411.com)
- Franchise Doctor (www.franchisedoc.com)
- Franchise Works (www.franchise.works.com)
- Franchise Handbook (www.franchise1.com)
- Every Franchise and Business Opportunity (www.everyfranchise.com)
- FranchiseAmerica (www.franchiseamerica.com)
- FranNet (www.franettonline.com)

Trade Shows

- Franchise Shows (www.franchise1.com/shows)

Consulting Services / Advice

- Directory of Franchise Consultants (www.franchisedirect.com/consultants/directory.htm)
- Franchise Company (www.franchising-consultants.com)
- FranCorp (www.franCorp.com)
- National Franchise Consultants (www.nfcworld.com)

Magazines / Newsletters (online directories, articles or editorials)

- Franchise America (www.franchiseamerica.com/receivethefranchiseamericamonthly.htm)
- Franchise Times (www.franchisetimes.com)

- FranchiseHelp (www.franchisehelp.com/web2000/Newsletter/newsletter.htm)
- Inc. (www.inc.com, search the site using the keyword “franchise”)
- The Franchise Annual Online (www.infonews.com)

Annual Directories (Stop by your local library to search these print directories)

- Franchise Annual – covers over 5,000 franchisers with separate lists for those in the U.S., Canada and overseas. For each firm, it usually gives a description of operation, when it was established, the number of units, franchise fees, total investment needed, whether financing is available, and contact person.
- Franchise Opportunities Handbook – provides a descriptive listing of members of the International Franchise Association. Data for each franchise includes type of business, number of outlets, cash investment required, qualifications, and contact person.

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Around the MPLA Region



ARIZONA

Culture, Connections & Community -- was the theme of the 2002 Arizona Library Association's Annual Conference, Dec. 4-6 with nearly 100 programs and almost 1,000 attendees. Complete information is on the Website, including the handouts, slides, etc. from many of the sessions. <http://www.azla.org>

Service Awards were given to: Newton Rosenzweig Distinguished Service: Caryl Major, Moon Valley High School; Library Leadership: Jan Elliott, Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Records; Outstanding Library Service: Anne Owens, Glendale Public Library; Sharon G. Womack Outstanding Library Technician: Esther P. Solis, Casa Grande Public Library; Outreach Services Group Award: Patty Freeman, Florence P.L., Jan Custis, Lynette Hinojos,

Welcome to MPLA

New Members



ARIZONA

Lynn Bevill
Tucson-Pima Public Library

Pamela Comello
Second Public Library

Shirley Conditt
Pinal County Library District

Wes Edens
Thunderbird

Keith Feldt
Phoenix Public Library

Agnes Griffen
Tucson-Pima Public Library

Phil Heikkinen
Show Low Public Library

Cheryl Knot Malone
U of A School of Library Science

Amber Mathewson
Tucson-Pima Public Library

Molly McLaughlin
McClintock High School

Dan Stanton
Arizona State University

Patricia Watkins
Thunderbird

COLORADO
Nancy Edmonds
Aims Community College

KANSAS
Mary Anderson
Grant County Library

Richard Brookman
Kearny County Library

Susan Matveyeva
Wichita State University

Barbara Read
Marysville Public Library

Thomas Reddick
NE Kansas Library System

Dennis Wilson
Topeka & Shawnee Public Library

NEBRASKA
Charles Bernholz
University of Nebraska-Lincoln

NEW MEXICO
Molly McGetrick
Tribal Health Connections

Valerie Nye
New Mexico State Library

NORTH DAKOTA
Diana Briggs
Fargo Public Library

Rita Ennen
Dickinson State University

Laurie McHenry
University of North Dakota

Mary Soehren
West Fargo High School

OKLAHOMA
Ann Brown
Lawton Public Library

Rachel Delchamps
Moore Public Library

Jennifer Holt
Baylor University, Student

Peggy Kaney
Tahlequah Public Library

Emily Williams
Oklahoma State University

SOUTH DAKOTA
Sarah Devereaux
Augustana College

Sally Felix
Siouxland Libraries

Jackie Hanson
Northern State University

Barb Nickolas
South Dakota State Library

Annie Wrigg
Brookings Public Library

UTAH
Cheryl Adams
Utah State University

John Lamborn
Weber State University

WYOMING
Cindy Baker
Whedon Cancer Foundation

Carla Hardy
Sweetwater County Library

Lori Phillips
University of Wyoming

Jill Rourke
Wyoming State Library

Laurie Spurling
Natrona County Public Library

and Sandra Mendoza, Coolidge P.L.; Outstanding Decision-maker: Barbara Kile, Yavapai County Library District ; Rising Moon Outstanding Youth Services: Carol Finch, Phoenix Public Library; Follett School Librarian of the Year: Linda Schallan, Desert Mountain H.S.

AzLA Author Awards were given to: Arizona Highways Adult Fiction Award: Brad Udall for *The Miracle Life of Edgar Mint*; Arizona Highways Adult Non-fiction Award: Brad Dimock for *Sunk Without a Sound*; Judy Goddard/Libraries Limited Young Adult Author Award: Pete Hautman Judy Goddard/Libraries Limited Children's Author/Illustrator Award: Sylvia Long

COLORADO

Morris continues as president -- Donna Jones Morris will continue as the President of the Colorado Association of Libraries for another year. It was felt that some continuity would be good as CAL continues

to organize. At the CAL Annual Business Meeting at the Conference in October, Donna received a standing ovation for her invaluable leadership during CAL's initial year. The CAL membership also passed a resolution honoring the Birth of the Colorado Association of Libraries and Celebrating the Conference and the Future of the New Organization. CAL's Annual Report can be found at the Website.

Manual for Intellectual Freedom -- The CAL Intellectual Freedom Committee has developed an online Facilitator's Manual for Intellectual Freedom Training. Since one of the primary responsibilities of committee is to provide training on issues related to intellectual freedom, and since they cannot be at every training opportunity, they created a series of outlines that can be used to provide in-house training on intellectual freedom. These outlines are located at: http://www.cal-webs.org/if_training.html.

EBSCO

KANSAS

National Library Week grant winner!
-- The Kansas City (Mo.) Public Library is the winner of the 2003 Grolier National Library Week Grant for its program "Future librarians @ your library."

The \$4,000 grant, sponsored by Scholastic Library Publishing and administered by the American Library Association (ALA) Public Awareness Committee, is awarded to a United States library for the best proposal for a public awareness campaign in support of National Library Week (April 6-12). This year, libraries were asked to develop a National Library Week proposal using the "@ your library" brand to promote the value of librarians in the 21st century. This year, 83 proposals were submitted, making this the third straight year that a record number of entries were received for the award.

The Kansas City Public Library, working with the local Boys and Girls Club, will help build "Future librarians @ your library." A three-month partnership, the program will pair 25 area youth (ages 6-14) with library staff members to introduce them to opportunities in the library profession. The library also will host a first annual "Library Olympics" that will emphasize the need for skilled librarians in the future. Leading up to the "Library Olympics," the young people and library staff will participate in two activities together so that they can get to

know each other and the youngsters can learn what it takes to be a librarian. The "Library Olympics" will feature librarians and the "Future Librarians" in



four fun events during National Library Week: "Do you know your

Dewey," a competition that will have each team responding with Dewey classification to book titles that will be called out by a moderator; a book cart race that will require teams of two to race to a finish line; a spelling bee that will have the youth assisting library staff in a lightning round spelling bee competition; and a "Library Bowl" during which librarians will test their reference skills by answering questions posed by a celebrity moderator.

Johnson County sets checkout record -- Last year while the Johnson County Library celebrated its 50th anniversary, library users were busy checking out books and other library materials in record numbers. In 2002, a total of 5,501,007 items were checked out. This surpasses the 2001 figure of 5,105,952 by 7.7% and averages out to 1,518 items checked out per hour the library was open. With an estimated resident population served of 368,700, the high number of items equates to a check out per capita of 14.9 items, one of the

highest in the nation for public libraries serving 250,000 to 500,000 persons.

MONTANA

Legislative challenges -- The Montana State Library Association, along with the Montana State Library, face a very challenging legislative year, with a major state deficit and a governor who has already demanded major cuts in state library funding and promises to cut more as well as seek money from the coal trust, which has been until now a fairly secure source of library funding. Cuts to federations are already making themselves felt in the library community, and the library commission projects cuts for interlibrary loan reimbursements and other projects. The Montana Library Association pays two lobbyists to work for libraries during the legislative session, and in the past they have been very successful with the guidance and input of the Legislative Affairs Committee of MLA.

Libraries woven together-- The Montana Library Association Annual Conference will take place in Butte, MT, April 23-26, 2003. MLA President Coby Johnson will be leading with a theme and complementary activities related to her love of weaving, which lends itself well to the atmosphere of collaboration in the association. One session for the convention will be "Working Smart" Using Your State, Regional, and National Library Organizations," and the ALA,

MPLA, and PNLA Representatives will all be collaborating on that presentation, with the MLA Chair of Professional Development.

Library board supports high school librarian -- The MLA Board sent a resolution supporting a school librarian whose principal removed a magazine from the school library without due process, a situation escalated by the fact that the student body had selected the magazine. The Board expressed disapproval of the actions of the school board in this matter.

NEBRASKA

Library commission supports library services for children and young adults -- Nebraska Library Commission Director Rod Wagner announced the award of \$34,535 in library grants for innovative public library projects for children and young adults. The Library commission will distribute the grants to 16 Nebraska public libraries. The grant program is intended to provide financial support for public library service projects that offer creative and innovative approaches to address needs of children and young adults. For more information and to see a list of funded projects see the library commission Website: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/childrensgrants/aboutchildrensgrants.html#ChildrensGrantsforExcellenceRecipients>.

2002 annual NLA/NEMA Conference -- The Nebraska Library As-

sociation (NLA) and Nebraska Educational Media Association (NEMA) annual fall conference was held at the Cornhusker Hotel and Convention Center in Lincoln, NE, Oct. 23-25, 2002. School, university, public, special, and institutional librarians gathered to attend workshops and breakout sessions, and keynote addresses focused around the theme, "Nebraska Libraries: Leading, Linking, and Learning." Highlights included tours of new and remodeled Lincoln libraries, keynote speakers Robert Sidney Martin, PhD. and Hazel Rochman, and the presentation of the Golden Sower Award to author/illustrator Judith Byron Schachner.

By the numbers... there were 554 paid participants for the conference; 63 paid vendors and 17 non-profit organizations attended. 311 attendees belonged to NLA, 116 attendees were members of NEMA, 53 attendees were members of both, and 66 attendees did not belong to either organization.

NEVADA

Library card in every pocket -- Susan Graf of the Nevada Literacy Coalition knows how important a library card is for a young child.



“Library cards give children access to a wide variety of good books and other mate-

rials that are essential to the big picture of creating literate communities,” Graf said.

This fall, the Nevada State Library joins a collaborative statewide initiative to get a library card into the pocket of every third grader in Nevada. Popular PBS character Arthur joins the effort, which includes custom printed library card holders featuring Arthur with every library card. Families are encouraged to visit their local public library with their children. Third graders will receive a library card and the Arthur card cover.

“Current research indicates that if a student is not reading at grade level by the time they reach the third grade, they may never catch up,” Graf said.

Governor Guinn’s education mandate calls for every Nevada child reading at grade level by the end of third grade and mirrors the President’s No Child Left Behind education program.

Community effort makes project a reality -- The Verdi Community Library and Nature Center is now a reality. Thanks to the efforts of the Verdi community and partners — Washoe County Library System, the Washoe County School District and the Nevada Division of Wildlife — the new multi-use facility located adjacent to Verdi Elementary School opened its doors to the public recently.

All three partners collaborated to meet the project’s funding needs.

“This is truly a private-public partnership we can all be proud of!” said Nancy Cummings, Washoe County Library Director. The Washoe County School District and Washoe County each provided \$180,000 toward the completion of the project, matching the generous contributions of private donors and foundations, as well as a \$200,000 grant from the Nevada Division of Wildlife.

The Verdi Community Library and Nature Center will benefit wildlife, the environment, and more than 20,000 people annually:

- Preserves an eight-acre parcel adjoining the Truckee River which is recognized as a wildlife transition zone between the Sierra Nevada and the Great Basin.
- Provides easy access to the Verdi Nature Trail; offers a comfortable facility for aquatic education, hunter education classes, and wildlife education programs to 15,000 students annually. The Oxbow Nature Study Area, which is the model wildlife center in Western



Verdi Community Library and Nature Center.

Nevada, is currently reserved one year in advance.

- Enhanced educational opportunities for the students and residents in Verdi, by expanding the public library and school library.

NEW MEXICO

New dean at U -- Dr. Camila A. Alire is the new Dean of Library Services at the University of New Mexico. Alire was dean/director of the Auraria Library of the University of Colorado at Denver, where she previously served as assistant director for Instruction and Research Services. She was the director of the Learning Resource Center at Pikes Peak Community College, Colorado Springs. Other previous positions held by Alire include assistant to the dean/director at the University of Denver, Graduate School of Librarianship and Information Management; librarian/information specialist for Mathematica Policy Research, Denver; and library director for McCook College, McCook, Nebraska.

World Book Day -- The Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System and the National Hispanic Cultural Center will celebrate World Book Day, on Wednesday, April 23, 2003 at the magnificent facilities of the Cultural Center in Albuquerque. World Book Day is a growing international celebration of literature, literacy, community, and culture. Commemorating

the incredible coincidence when Shakespeare, Cervantes, and the Peruvian writer, Garcilaso de la Vega all died on the same day in 1616, the festival began in Catalonia in 1930 and has spread throughout the world. Albuquerque became part of this international celebration on April 23, 2001. The Library's permanent installation of a suite of original artworks by New Mexican artists in various media will be exhibited at the Center for this festival. Each of the works illustrates a vignette from Cervantes' great work, *Don Quixote*.

NORTH DAKOTA

MLS program begins -- Twenty-one students from North Dakota, Minnesota, and Winnipeg are now working toward their MLS degree thanks to a program offered by the School of Library Management (SLIM), Emporia State University, Emporia, KS. Classes began Sept. 6 at the Fargo Public Library with the use of interactive technology and visiting instructors. Students are expected to graduate from the program in May 2005. Coordinator Char Myhre says this will also greatly benefit libraries because it will increase the number of professionals in the library field in North Dakota.

New software for 56 libraries -- The Online Dakota Information Network (ODIN) is completing the evaluation and selection process for new library software and hardware to support the 56 libraries in the ODIN consortium. ODIN

will be replacing the current PALS software and Unysis hardware. The PALS software has served the ODIN consortium for over 10 years, but must be replaced because maintenance support for the software is being phased out over the next few years. A year ago a steering committee was appointed to create an evaluation process for selection of a new system and give recommendations.

OKLAHOMA

Library recruitment going strong -- Oklahoma Library Association's Navigating the Information Future Committee is working hard to recruit librarians and library staff. Recruiting projects include regional meetings, conference scholarships for people of color, cable channel publicity on local cable channels, advocacy workshop to encourage librarians, library staff, and library trustees to become active recruiting advocates for the profession, and Job Shadow Day held Feb. 1, 2003. Last year, 15 librarians and library staff from under-represented groups were given scholarships to attend annual conference.

Richard Peck honored by TCCL -- The Tulsa City-County Library recently honored Richard Peck with their Anne V. Zarrow Award. The Zarrow Award consists of a \$5,000 cash prize and an engraved crystal book. The award is given annually to a nationally acclaimed author who has made a significant contribution to the field of literature for children and

young adults.

SOUTH DAKOTA

New director -- Sally Felix began Jan. 21, 2003 as the Director of Siouxland Libraries, Sioux Falls, SD. Felix was appointed by Mayor Dave Munson to lead the library system which serves the City of Sioux Falls and Minnehaha County through a main library, 10 branches, and two bookmobiles. Felix was previously administrator of the Lackawanna County Library System in Scranton, PA.

South Dakota is branching out -- Branch Out South Dakota 2002 was the first support staff/paraprofessional conference for library workers in South Dakota. It grew out of the experiences of Deb Yoder and Cindy Mielke at Branch Out in St. Paul, MN in 2001.

Branch Out South Dakota 2002 was held July 29, 2002 on the campus of South Dakota State University in Brookings. H. M. Briggs Library at SDSU and the Brookings Public Library sponsored the event. The Support Staff Section of SDLA organized it. The one-day conference consisted of 19 different presentations in 45-minute time slots. The variety of topics allowed support staff to choose from workshops such as Webpage design, copyright, developing your professional portfolio, adapting to the changes in your workplace, understanding what a professional is, programming for children, and

professional education opportunities for support staff in South Dakota, developing book discussion groups for adults and hearing local author, Kathleen Taylor, speak about her writing and publishing experiences. Attendees and organizers alike called the event a success and the Support Staff Section plans to repeat the conference biannually.

UTAH

New libraries -- **Wasatch County** voters approved a \$5 million bond election to build a new library and senior center. They will be in separate buildings joined by a common foyer. The new library will be triple its current size. **Santaquin** turned a 100-year-old church building into a modern library. The city preserved a vital part of its heritage while serving its citizens' current needs with an up-to-date public library. The old building, which housed churches of various faiths over the years, has a vaulted ceiling, a stained glass window at the front of the building, a gothic shaped glass vestibule, and a curved staircase. During renovation the building was reinforced with steel to meet the seismic code. **Davis County Library** expanded the Layton Branch by a 4,000 sq. ft. addition. A new entrance and new children's area were created, and the computer center was ex-



panded. Shelf space in the library doubled the amount previously available. When the new **Salt Lake City Main Library** opens later this year, it will be equipped with radio-frequency identification technology. Through radio waves and imbedded chips in library materials, patrons can use a self-checkout system capable of processing up to 30 books a second. The system can also be used for quick inventories and spotting misplaced items. The system will also be installed in five other Salt Lake City libraries.

WYOMING

New WLA President -- Kay Carlson, Director of Northwest College Library, is the new president of Wyoming Library Association.

Teton County Library Foundation -- The Teton County Library, although it is authorized and organized under Wyoming statute, has long been a public/private partnership. The facilities, staff, collections and basic services are funded through county tax revenues, largely from property taxes. However, the library has always had a firm place in the heart of the community, and private citizens have happily offered donations to provide enhancements especially in the area of children's programs, educational exhibits, expensive reference books and extra technology.

The Teton County Library Foundation, a non-profit 501(3)C organization, was founded in 1982 to handle donations for the library. The group's efforts kicked into high gear in the mid-1990s when construction began on the new library building. A one-cent special use tax was authorized by voters to pay for construction of the building, but the library had to raise private funds to purchase the building site. When the new facility opened in 1997, library use skyrocketed, space was available for vibrant library programs, and technology was racing full-chip ahead. The Foundation reorganized with a new governing board and began a series of annual campaigns to raise supplemental funds for enhancements to the basic services provided by the county. The Foundation Board works under the auspices of the Teton County Library Board.

UPCOMING EVENTS-2003

March 26-28	Oklahoma Library Association Conference, Oklahoma City
April 9-11	Kansas Tri-Conference, Salina
April 23-25	New Mexico Library Association Conference, Albuquerque
April 23-26	Montana Library Association Conference, Butte
May 7-9	Utah Library Association Conference, Sandy
Sept. 24-27	North Dakota Library Association Conference, Bismarck
Oct. 1-4	Wyoming Library Association Conference, Sheridan
Oct. 15-17	South Dakota Library Association Conference, Sioux Falls
Oct. 16-19	Second Annual Colorado Association of Libraries Conference, Keystone
Oct. 29-31	Nebraska Library Association/NEMA Convention, Omaha
Nov. 5-8	MPLA/Nevada Library Association Conference, Lake Tahoe, NV

UPCOMING MPLA CONFERENCES

2003: Nov. 5-8	North Lake Tahoe (joint with Nevada Library Association)
2004: Oct.	TBA (joint with Colorado Library Association)
2005:	TBA (joint with Wyoming Library Association)
2006:	No joint conference
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