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Thanks Joe!

MPLA Honors Joe Edelen MPLA Executive Secretary of 30 years

MPLA members gathered at the WLA/MPLA conference in October to pay tribute to Joe Edelen, Executive Secretary of the Mountain Plains Library Association since 1975.



Joe and Mary Edelen

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President's Letter



Greetings!

As we wind down from the annual joint conference, I would like to reflect a bit on it. We tried some new things this year and indications from the written evaluations and word of mouth indicate that they were successful. For those of us who had conflicts during certain breakout sessions, we were able to come home and view those sessions via the archived webcasts. The streaming video quality was good and in many cases, I only needed to hear the speaker, not watch the video. This allowed me to do other tasks while I was listening. We also created a conference blog for the first time. Many thanks to the Electronic Communications Committee for taking on this task and getting the blog up and running! My thanks also go to the Wyoming Library Association folks who allowed me to work with them on this conference.

As we move through the seasonal changes from Fall into Winter, MPLA as an organization is undergoing great change.

Change number one: The Executive Secretary position will change from Joe Edelen to interim Executive Secretary Judy Zelenski as of December 1st. Change number two: Judy Zelenski becomes the MPLA Newsletter Editor. For the first time, MPLA will have the same person serving as both Newsletter Editor and the Executive Secretary. Change number three: At both the Executive Board Meeting and the Membership Meeting at the joint conference, the by-laws containing the MPLA reorganization were approved. Some of the changes included in this are:

- Current sections will become electronic discussion communities.
- The Administration Committee will take over the main work of the organization and the entire Board will meet only 1-2 times yearly.
- A new dues structure will be implemented and payment may be made online.
- A survey will be sent to all members regarding interest areas for creation of the online discussion communities.
- A Program Council will be created to aid the MPLA Vice-President with choosing conference programs.

As with all change, I am sure there will be times of pain and frustration. However, we hope that these changes will bring about a tighter organization that reflects the needs and interests of the membership.

-----*Sharon Osenga*

Past-President's Message

It hardly seems possible that a year has gone by since I received the President's gavel from Carol Hammond. It has been an exciting and challenging year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Executive Board, the State Representatives, the committee and task force members. Often when we attend the annual conference, we don't realize how much work people put into the Association throughout the year to make MPLA a success. A special thanks Carol Hammond who will continue as our Steward during the transition to the 'new and improved' MPLA. I would also like to thank all those who worked on this year's conference - the Wyoming planning committee lead by Erin Kinney, the MPLA planning committee lead by Sharon Osenga, and our local hosts, Teton County Library staff. Only the outstanding programs could keep you inside in such a beautiful location. The festivities honoring Joe Edelen were understated, especially considering all he has done for MPLA. However, they were heartfelt and let Joe know how much we have valued his years of service. The year of my presidency has been a wonderful experience. I met many fantastic librarians, made many new friends, and gained information and ideas that will make me a better librarian. I hope all of the new officers have the same experience and enjoy their time in office.

----*Beth Avery*

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Joe Edelen has been the Mountain Plains Library Association's Executive Secretary for thirty years, since 1975; and

WHEREAS, Joe Edelen has been only the second Executive Secretary in MPLA's 57-year history; and

WHEREAS, being Executive Secretary of a professional association with hundreds of members and a huge geographic area is a job with many responsibilities and challenges; and

WHEREAS, during Joe Edelen's earlier years as MPLA's Executive Secretary, he performed the many duties of that position without being paid; and

WHEREAS, Joe Edelen has worked out the arrangements for many MPLA board meetings; and

WHEREAS, Joe Edelen has played the role of dispatcher extraordinaire in shipping the MPLA booth(s) to everywhere and back; and

WHEREAS, Joe Edelen has been a key part of MPLA's evolution from a time of everything on paper and by snail mail to this time of web sites, e-mail, and online registrations and elections; and

WHEREAS, Joe Edelen's experience and service have made him a paragon of institutional memory for MPLA; and

WHEREAS, Joe Edelen has done all these many things for MPLA and its members with great dedication and as a true labor of love; and

WHEREAS, Joe Edelen received MPLA's Distinguished Service Award in 1986 and the Association has no higher honor to bestow;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mountain Plains Library Association honors Joe Edelen for his many years of service, names him Executive Secretary Emeritus, and wishes him all the best for what we hope will be a truly happy and golden future.

MPLA Honors Joe Edelen

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Several past presidents of MPLA spoke at the reception honoring Joe, and many others sent their comments:

I thought about all the times I leaned on your expertise during my tenure on MPLA Board and President. In my opinion your dedication throughout the years made MPLA the regional organization it is today. You represented continuity so that changes on the Board went smooth. Your professional intellect, computer skills and personality allowed MPLA members the freedom to obtain information quickly and accurately. I know many MPLA members have drawn on your expertise for help on everything from technology to building libraries... You must feel proud of your legacy to this regional organization. I am glad to have had the opportunity to know and work with you.

Best wishes Joe,

-----Bunny Morrison, President 1992-93

To me, Joe Edelen and MPLA are synonymous. I met him when North Dakota hosted a conference in the early 1980's. He always had a smile and wry sense of humor. After I joined the Executive Board, I found he always kept levity in our proceedings, as well as finding excellent places to eat!

No one has been more deeply involved and dedicated to MPLA than Joe Edelen. He was there when many critical decisions were made...

All my best to Joe and the Mountain Plains Library Association.

-----Roann Masterson, President, 1998-99

Thank you for all you and did for me when I was on the Board and served as MPLA President. I have the greatest respect for you and am glad to have you as a friend and colleague.

-----Jerry Kaup, President, 1988-90



Joe Edelen, center with MPLA Presidents, l-r: Beth Avery, Sharon Osenga, Linda Rea (hidden), Debbie Iverson, Donna Jones Morris, Dorothy Liegl, Jean Hatfield, Marilyn Hinshaw.

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Has it really been thirty-two years?! No other association can ever have had as loyal and dedicated a well-paid staff member as had MPLA had you.

Maybe it's not the pay that counts. I am trying to remember when this started. . . Maybe it was when all the leadership from our member states at the time gathered in Estes Park to decided what to do with the Association and how to restructure it. The purpose was to move beyond being a "chowder and marching society," the descriptor used to describe MPLA at the time. Those were exciting times.

In those early years, MPLA, with your mighty assistance, began to take a semblance of order. It finally had an address that would last thirty-two years and a mailing list that would be kept current. It actually began to expand to become a true Mountain Plains Library Association. And its conventions began to be shared with those of its member states. Those meetings, of course, became more educational as a result. They also became one Hell of a lot more fun – it was Joe Edelen who know where every local dance hall in the West might be.

Many thanks go to you for your years of service to us, and to our profession. I can joins thousands of persons who have been a part of our membership over the last thirty-two years in saying: You have run a great show! Good luck and be proud of the service you have performed.

-----Vince Anderson, President, 1974-75

I remember the call I received from Joe telling me I had won the election to be president of MPLA.... thought he was kidding. He had to persuade me that he was in earnest. For the next three years as I moved from "vice" to "past," Joe was there to guide, encourage, and support. I was amazed at all the librarians he knew and what I recall from those MPLA days was Joe's ability to see the good

in everyone. It is a characteristic of his that I continue to appreciate as we work together in South Dakota, giving folks the benefit of the doubt and celebrating what they do well.

Thanks Joe for all you have done for MPLA!

-----Ronelle Thompson, President 1993-94

Out of a long tenure with MPLA – Joe has been the executive secretary for the entire time I have been a member, which is over 15 years – There are many, many good things to say – but I have chosen three "goods" to which I would speak today.

The first of these is good food. One of the ways I have made wonderful friends in MPLA is going to dinner with groups large and small the night before the board meeting. Joe has arranged these and has never failed to get together a social gathering over a meal for us. So I would say thanks to Joe for good food.

The next is good advice. I have always turned to Joe for his opinion about who to ask to do something, or what course we should take. Because he cares so much about our success, he always has offered well founded, judicious, and informed advice. Plus he knows everyone in the organization. I have always been grateful for his good advice.

Finally, there is the asset from which we have all benefited, and that is being good with money. Joe has looked after our accounts and expenditures with the needed goal of being thrifty and wise with money. We have done well because he kept a careful eye on our funds, and we are good shape today because of the care he taken with money on our behalf.

There are many other "goods" I could mention, but these are the three that top the list for me. Joe, thanks for good, long run.

-----Carol Hammond, MPLA President 2003-4

Congratulations Joe!! I remember fondly the days when I worked with you in MPLA. It was a great time in my library career. You always had thoughtful

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comments on any projects and were a stickler in keeping us in budget. I hope retirement will be a great new beginning for you and hope to see you again sometime. Take care.

-----*H. Robert Malinowsky, President, 1977-78*

Joe was MPLA's savior. Prior to him taking over the position of Executive Secretary in 1975 MPLA was in dire financial straits and was seriously considering folding. His financial acumen and thriftiness has made MPLA the strong and financially healthy regional association that it is today. Thanks, Joe!

-----*Linda Rea, President 2000-01*

MPLA knows Joe as the corporate memory - no one has been as intimately involved or even knows when to send out the traveling display! As I recall, Joe brought the organization out of financial disaster and has kept MPLA solvent all the years since. MPLA also knows Joe as the one who knows how to divide the profits after a joint, even a tri-conference. I'm sure Joe has signed more conference contracts than any library executive secretary in the history of association executive secretaries. He has organized a zillion board meetings in as many places. He knows how to find a decent restaurant at a fair price as well as a place for dancing.

Probably Joe's best thing is Mary, his amazing wife and companion. She received an award many years ago for her work in the South Dakota Legislature. In fact I spent 13 years as the South Dakota State Librarian after she convinced her Legislative Colleagues that the State Librarian needed to be a professional librarian.

Thank you, Joe, for all you have done for the many, many years to make our lives as mountain and plain librarians better - especially those of us who have been honored to preside over this vast and interesting organization.

Happy trails Joe!!

-----*Jane Kolbe, President 1980-82*

Joe has always been a wonderful to support to me during my three times on the MPLA Board - as a very green state representative in the late 70s, as an academic representative later and most recently through the series of vice-president, president and past president. Joe was always patient when it took me a long time to submit my work; Joe was patient when I was quick with my work and needed him to process something quickly. Joe has been and always will be the heart of MPLA. For me, Joe will always be Mr. MPLA.

-----*Debbie Iverson, President 2001-02*

There aren't enough words to describe how much you've meant to MPLA and to me over the many years we've worked together.

I hope this picture says it all.



-----*Judy Zelenski, President, 1996-97*

4th Ghost Ranch Leadership Institute a Huge Success

The last week of October was a magical time in northern New Mexico for the 35 people attending the MPLA Ghost Ranch Leadership Institute. The event was held from Sunday afternoon, October 23rd until Friday morning, October 28th at the 22,000 acre working ranch and adult education center made famous by artist Georgia O'Keeffe who lived and painted there for more than half of her life. In addition to 29 participants selected from the 54 individuals who submitted applications this year, there were 4 mentors and Maureen Sullivan as facilitator. Mary Bushing once again coordinated the program and served as a mentor. This year's participants were primarily in mid-career with a wide range of professional experiences upon which to draw as the key leadership topics were explored.

EBSCO Information Services provided financial support for the 4th year. Their \$10,000 a year (\$40,000 to date) along with the registration fees of attendees and the cash reserves of MPLA provide the funding for the week-long institute. The 130+ individuals who have now benefited from the institute experience are grateful to Stan Terry, EBSCO Sales Manager in Denver, for his commitment to the Mountain Plains Library Association and to the development of leadership within the profession. Their financial support has made the institute possible.

The 2005 mentors were: Debbie Iverson, Director of the Sheridan College Library in Sheridan, Wyoming; Jean Hatfield, Youth Services Coordinator for the Johnson County Library System in Kansas; Jane Kolbe, Library Development Manager for the Arizona State Library and former state librarian of South



Attendees at this year's institute were: Ara Anderson, Gillette WY; Micaela Ayers, El Dorado KS; Robin Bartoletti, Tulsa OK; C. Jeffrey Belliston, Pleasant Grove UT; Jennifer Brown, Navajo NM; Kay Christensen, Sioux Falls SD; Janet Croft, Norman OK; Richard DiRusso, Tucson AZ; Lizzie Eastwood, Los Alamos NM; Wes Edens, Glendale AZ; Britt Fagerheim, Providence UT; Beth Filar-Wiliams, Durango CO; Dexter Katzman, El Paso TX (works in New Mexico); Diann Logie, Pueblo CO; Yvette Majerus, Lewistown MT; Debbie McCarthy, Laramie WY; Heidi Nickisch-Duggan, Vermillion SD; Beth Postema, Fargo ND; Dawn Rohan, Cheyenne WY; Leslie Schow, West Jordan UT; Mark Scott, Tempe AZ; Rita Sevart, Andale KS; Penny Shiel, Palisade CO; Robert Shupe, Kingman AZ; Diana Skousen, Heber City UT; Terri Summey, Emporia KS; Mary Tuytschaevers, Dodge City KS; Diane Van Gorden, Baker MT; Harry Willems, Iola KS; Mary Bushing is Institute Coordinator.

Dakota; Joe McKenzie, Director of the Salina Public Library in Kansas; and Mary Bushing, Institute Coordinator from Montana. The mentors participated fully in the institute sessions and were available to provide counseling or just a sympathetic ear for librarians as each person dealt with issues that surfaced regarding work lives or personal lives. Discussions went on long into the night in many instances.

As in years past, hikes to Kitchen Mesa, Box Canyon, and especially sunrise on Chimney Rock provided the community of learners an opportunity to bond further and to assist each other in accomplishing daring feats of physical prowess unimagined by those who previously had not considered themselves outdoor

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December 1 Brings Several Changes to MPLA

Judy Zelenski Appointed Interim Executive Secretary

The Executive Board is very pleased to announce that Judy Zelenski has been appointed the interim executive secretary of MPLA and newsletter editor, effective December 1, 2005. Judy has been an MPLA member since 1980 and has held numerous positions within the organization, including president, state representative, and chair of three different sections. She has had a long career as a children's librarian and a library administrator in Arizona, Wyoming, and Colorado, and has also served MPLA as an interim newsletter editor, facilitator for long range planning, and strategic plan author. Her current job title is Imagination Monger, and she operates a small business providing meeting facilitation for groups, planning, publications and public relations consulting.

Judy will be taking over from Joe Edelen, who has resigned after 30 years in the position. According to Carol Hammond, chair of the Administration Committee during the selection process, "We could not have found a candidate more qualified than Judy, since she brings a deep knowledge of MPLA and a long commitment to the association, combined with strong administrative, leadership and organization skills." Judy will serve in this role for at least one year, when a search will take place for a permanent executive secretary. Judy will also assume the position of newsletter editor on a permanent basis. She has a degree from the University of Colorado in Journalism and a proven track record in producing newsletters for the Central Colorado Library System and MPLA.



Judy with Grandsons Ty (left) and Tanner (right)

New MPLA Website Address

The MPLA web site is moving from the University of South Dakota, which has hosted it for many years, to its new home at Oklahoma State University. MPLA now has its own domain name. The new address for the MPLA web site is :

www.mpla.us

Dan Chaney, MPLA webmaster, will officially transfer the Mountain Plains Library Association Website on December 1, 2005

New Contact Information

With this transition, MPLA will have a new address, phone number, and email, and web site address. As of December 1, all MPLA business should be directed to :

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Dues Payments on Website

MPLA is now offering the opportunity to pay membership dues on the MPLA website through PayPal. Use your credit card to pay securely. You don't need a PayPal account to use the service.

Go to

www.mpla.us/forms/membership.html

You may also print the membership form and mail it with a check.

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types. While some hiked, others enjoyed the few “free” hours by visiting the 2 museums on the ranch, doing a bit of shopping in the Trading Post, strolling to feed the burros in the upper pasture, napping, digesting leadership articles and books, or visiting with new friends. The days were filled with intense learning opportunities, great snacks, good food, challenging ideas, and a beautiful world with golden trees, fabulous stars, and high red mesas in every direction.

On Thursday night, in preparation for their departure on Friday, participants shared their thoughts and feelings about the week-long experience. Robert Shupe of Arizona put his thoughts to music and accompanied his song (a librarian leader’s version of “Don’t Worry, Be Happy) on the kazoo. Once the group recovered from this very special and somewhat hilarious performance, they were treated to two storytelling performances that were truly unforgettable. Diann Logie of Colorado told a sad Native American story from the Abiquiu region.

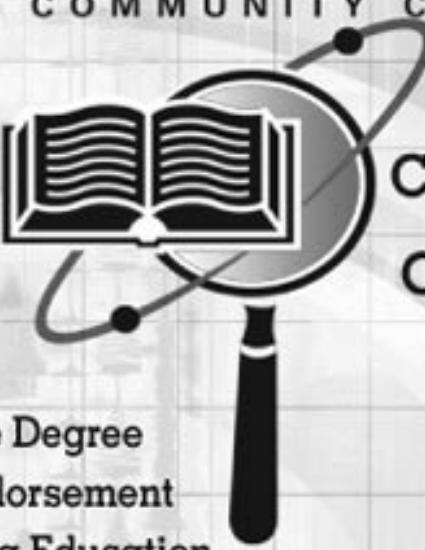
Diann told the story in both Spanish and English as the audience sat transfixed by her voice and her graceful and heartfelt rendition on a woman searching for her two dead children. Her story was followed by a ghost story (in honor of the season) from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas told by Jean Hatfield. For many of listening, the ghostly voice of the woman searching the plains for her two children, Jonathan and Sarah, will continue to echo in our minds for years to come.

The dates have not yet been determined for the next year’s leadership institute but they will be posted on the website when Ghost Ranch notifies MPLA about the fall calendar. The application for the 2006 institute will be made available on the website beginning on February 1, 2006. Applicants for the institute for 2006 must have at least 2 full years of post-MLS experience but no more than 12 years of library work experience. As in the past, individuals must be employed in a library within the 12-state MPLA region and be a member of their own state library association. They need not be members of MPLA. If you have any questions regarding the next Ghost Ranch Leadership Institute, contact Mary Bushing at marying@msn.com.

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TOP TEN

Top Ten Reasons for Joining the Mountain Plains Library Association

10. Inexpensive memberships, with Continuing Education and Publishing/Presenting opportunities.
8. Leadership opportunities abound in MPLA: Ghost Ranch Leadership Institute is the best!
8. You can expand your horizons and find out what's going on with plethora of library types (academic, public, school, special)
7. You can apply for Professional Development grants for projects and/or travel.
6. MPLA has wonderful co-conferences with state associations that will get you out of the same-old conference rut - without getting lost in the ALA ocean.
5. The Networking Advantage: you will get to know and share experiences with great people you can relate to.
4. The "P" states have the best sunsets ever!
3. MPLA offers members a chance to get involved and do things where you can make a difference.
2. The "M" states are gorgeous!
1. Remembering the names of the TWELVE states in MPLA whenever asked keeps senility at bay.



Business Sense

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Best of the Web: Investing

(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 in Word format.

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With so many Internet sites on investing, how do you choose the best? This month's Business Sense is a list of the "Best of the Web" sites for investing. These choices are from *Forbes Magazine* and other sources.

Investing

- **Alternative Investing: Foliofn** (www.foliofn.com)
- **Asset Allocation: Risk Grades** (www.riskgrades.com)
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MPLA 2005 Award Winners

Winners of the 2005 MPLA Awards were honored at the joint WLA/MPLA Awards Banquet on October 13 at the Snow King Resort in Jackson. They are:

I.D. Weeks Library, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, South Dakota

MPLA Carl Gaumer Library Champion Award

Presented in recognition of long years of support of MPLA. The active involvement of a librarian in a professional organization requires substantial support and commitment from the librarian's employer. The I.D. Weeks Library has provided just that support to MPLA's long-time Executive Secretary, Joe Edelen. In addition, the Library provided a permanent address for MPLA and the University hosted the MPLA website since its creation. This positive support has been vital in the ongoing functioning of MPLA.

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Joe Edelen, accepting for ID Weeks Library; Diane Briggs, presenter; Stephen Van Buren, accepting for Joseph Marshall

Joseph M. Marshall III **MPLA Literary Contribution Award**

*Presented to in recognition of his exceptional writings that further an understanding and appreciation of the Mountain Plains Region. Dr. Marshall has been a high school and college teacher and has worked as an administrator of educational and health programs for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. He has served as a technical consultant and played on-screen roles in several television mini-series. He is an historian and a writer. In his most recent book, *The Journey of Crazy Horse*, Dr. Marshall relied almost exclusively on oral history to write a from-the-native-viewpoint account of the legendary Lakota leader. He has written two children's books and released mixed media publications. Dr. Marshall's books are not only well-written, they improve our understanding of the indigenous people of the Region. Dr. Marshall believes that we can reach a more realistic awareness of each other through honest storytelling. His literary work exemplifies this belief.*

Donna Jones Morris **MPLA Distinguished Service Award**

Presented to in recognition of her exemplary service to and leadership in the Mountain Plains Library Association. Donna has been an active member of MPLA for over 35

years. She has worked in Kansas, Colorado, and currently is the Utah State Librarian. Donna served as MPLA President in 1983-84. She has served on many MPLA committees and task forces. She was instrumental in developing a long range plan for MPLA in 1999. Donna exhibits outstanding skills in leadership. She has taken on significant time-consuming projects for MPLA that have had far-reaching results and enduring impact. She is admired for her hard work, her good sense, her solid judgment, her leadership, and her wisdom. She is the consummate library professional. Award presented by Rosario Garza and accepted by Donna Jones Morris.

Wyoming Tribune-Eagle – Reed Eckhardt, Editor **MPLA News Media Support Award**

Given in recognition of outstanding media support for libraries and librarians. The newspaper has provided valuable support to the Laramie County Library System and to the library community in general. This support includes an entertainment team that regularly devotes space to the promotion of the library and library programs; a general reporting team that frequently does features and news stories; and an editorial team that was instrumental in generating support for a new library in Cheyenne, thereby highlighting the value of the library to the community.



Troy Rumpf, accepting for Wyoming Tribune-Eagle; Rosario Garza, presenter; Donna Jones Morris

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AROUND THE REGION



ARIZONA

University of Arizona Library School Establishes New Degree Requirements. Under the leadership of Dr. Jana Bradley, Director of the University of Arizona's School of Information Services and Library Science (SIRLS), graduate library education in the state is moving into a new phase. Effective spring 2006, SIRLS students will take core courses in the foundations of the profession, organization of information, research methods and ethics for library and information professionals. In addition to courses taught at the Tucson campus, students may earn their degree through the distance learning program, as well as attend courses that may be offered in the Phoenix metro area. All new students, including those pursuing their degree online, will be required to participate in a seven day intensive course taught on the Tucson campus, *Foundations of Library and Information Services*, which satisfies the residency requirement for the MA degree. For more information about the University of Arizona's program, visit their web site at <http://timon.sir.arizona.edu/index.html>

COLORADO

Delores Public Library District recently won a Governor's Award for Downtown Excellence from the Colorado Community Revitalization Association, Colorado Municipal League, Governor's Office of Economic Development and International Trade, Qwest, and the Colorado Department of Local Affairs. The "Colorful Colorado Award" mentioned community synergy as well as the twelve years of persistence that won Dolores a new library.

The Loveland Public Library celebrated its Centennial Birthday Bash, September 24, 2005. The evening featured a buffet dinner, silent auction

including art, autographed books, quality gifts and "Music through the Decades" performed by Kara Glover and Cliff Fiske.

KANSAS

ICED Coffee is a new continuing education opportunity from ICE (the Institute for Continuous Education) is a monthly gathering for conversations about BIG ideas held in an online audio environment. The first conversation was in October on "Revisiting the Library as Place." The session was facilitated by **Brenda Hough**, is the Technology Coordinator for the Northeast Kansas Library System and a doctoral student in the School of Library and Information Management at Emporia State University

The 3rd Annual Teen Photo Exhibit was recently on display in the Teen Room at the Johnson County Library's Central library before traveling to other branches. Of 105 entries 35 were chosen for the exhibit. The First Prize award winner, received a \$50 gift certificate donated by Process One. See the link to the 3rd Annual Teen Photo Contest page at <http://www.jocolibrary.org/index.asp?DisplayPageID=1907#display>.

Correction: The news about the new Kansas City Public Library Executive Director in the October issue was for the Kansas City *Missouri* Public Library.

MONTANA

"What's Your Story? Find it at the Library." The Montana State Library in partnership with the Montana Library Association recently launched a new statewide marketing campaign. "What's Your Story? Find it at the Library!" It will provide Montana's libraries with a wide range of marketing tools to promote services and programming. The campaign is a multi-year effort, with each year targeted at different user populations, and is tied together through the use of a consistent logo and consistent messaging. Traditional marketing and public relations tools, such as op-eds, newsletter pieces, letters-to-the-editor, brochures, posters, etc. are being developed for libraries to utilize in their own promotion pieces. The marketing campaign will also include programming ideas directed toward target

audiences. There will also be a statewide TV, radio, and print campaign. The “What’s Your Story? Find it at the library!” campaign is sponsored by the Montana State Library, the Montana Library Association, the Library Services Technology Act, Mountain West Bank, and AARP.

Montana State Library is offering financial assistance to Montana libraries interested in joining the Montana Shared Catalog (MSC) consortia. The Montana Library Network is a project of the Montana State Library, guided by the statewide multi-type Montana State Library Networking Task Force. MLN partners with Montana libraries to ensure the delivery of quality, standards-based, networked library materials and services to all Montanans. MLN is funded with Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grants from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. There are currently 60 libraries participating in the consortia.

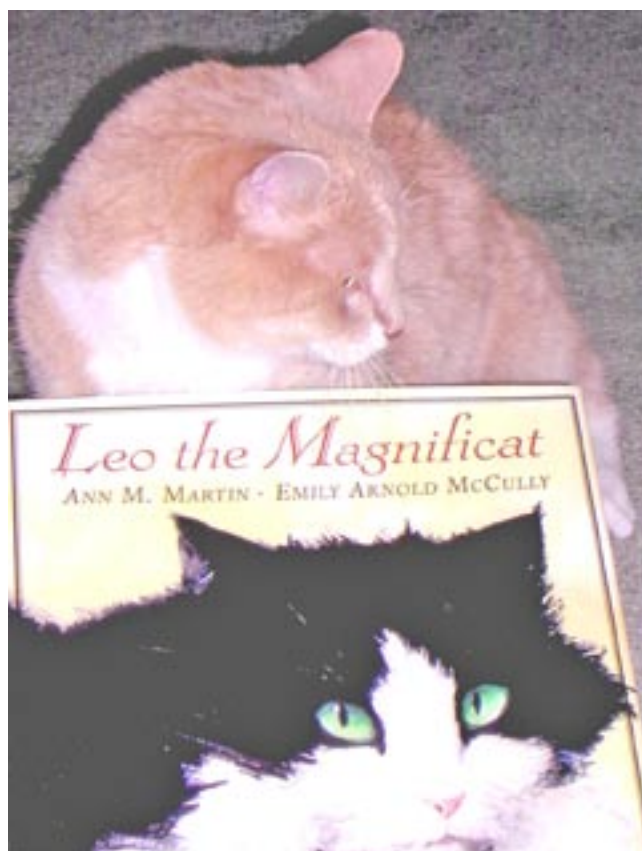
PEEL Grants: The Montana State Library received this summer that its second PEEL grant was selected by IMLS for a \$460,444 “Recruiting and Educating Librarians for the 21st Century” award. PEEL II will fund a statewide promotion/recruitment campaign designed to attract Montana residents to the library profession, with an emphasis on recruiting more Native American librarians. In addition, ten Montanans will receive \$25,000 scholarships to attend graduate library school at the University of Washington. Four stipends will also be awarded to help libraries bring these new graduates into their communities.

KRMC Medical Library Receives Express Outreach Award. Kalispell Regional Medical Center Medical Library was awarded the Express Outreach Award by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Pacific Northwest Region. “Need Health Info? Assessing Trustworthy Health Information Online in Northwest Montana” is the project title. **Heidi Sue Adams**, Librarian at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, will work with various local libraries and other community organizations to increase access to health information by health care consumers. The first step will be to obtain a portable training lab consisting of laptop computers. The lab will be used for training researchers to find reputable health

information using online resources. The Traveling Training Lab/Medical Information Stations will be rotated among their locations.

NEBRASKA

Library Cat Award. With a donation to the scholarship fund, NLA/NEMA conference goers had the opportunity to vote for their favorite “Library Cat”. The winner, paws down, was Leo who owns Kathy Tooker, Eastern Library System Administrator.



Nebraska Library Association/Nebraska Educational Media Association Annual Conference. The 2005 conference took place September 28-30 at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln, NE. This year’s theme was “Libraries: Heart & Soul of Communities.” TNLA 2005 president **Brenda Ealey**, Southeastern Library System Administrator, passed the gavel to incoming 2006 president **Joan Birnie**, director of the public library in Broken Bow, NE.

Mardi Gras at Conference! For a minimum suggested donation of \$5 for three strands of Mardi Gras beads available at the NLA membership table during the conference, Nebraska librarians were able to show their support of the Louisiana Library Association Disaster Relief Fund. \$1,615 was collected and distributed to the Louisiana Library Association, Mississippi Libraries Fund, Texas Library Association Disaster Relief Fund, and ALA. Additionally, conference-goers looked very festive decked out in their Mardi Gras beads.

Road Trip 2005. For the second year Nebraska librarians had the opportunity to network as they traveled by chartered coach to the WLA/MPLA conference in Jackson. It started in Omaha and traveled along I-80 picking up additional passengers as it went. The project was supported in part by the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services and granted by the Nebraska Library Commission.

NEVADA

Sheba, the “Library Dog” visits Washoe County Libraries about once a month. A one-year-old 8-pound Boston terrier, she belongs to Associate Director Melody Ballard. She came to the Sparks and Reno libraries to celebrate Halloween.



Sheba is ready to greet the kids in her beautiful butterfly costume.

Washoe County Library System, Belly Dancers, and Nevada Library Association. The Washoe County Library System was closed to allow all employees to attend the Nebraska Library Association. In addition all Washoe County School District libraries were closed for one day so the school librarians could attend. One of the all staff meetings for WCLS included belly dancers, which seemed appropriate since the meeting was in a showroom at Harrah's Casino. Twelve new Nevada members of MPLA resulted from the exhibit booth at the conference.

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico State Library Wins Award from GPO. The U.S. Government Printing Office has named the New Mexico State Library the 2005 Federal Depository Library of the Year. The Office called the State Library “Customer-driven, on-demand, authentic -- just some of the words those who rely on the New Mexico State Library for their information needs use to describe the top-notch services the library provides.” In addition, the library has been praised for addressing the culturally diverse needs of its citizenry while providing unparalleled service to its patrons.

New Public Libraries. Santa Fe Public Library broke ground on a \$4.7 million branch library to serve the city's fastest growing area. The branch will be within walking distance of five schools and over 4,000 school age children. **The Aztec Public Library** hosted grand opening ceremonies for their new building on September 24. At 9,377 square feet, the \$1.9 million new building is more than twice the size of the original library.

New Mexico Highlands University “Library Education Day.” The Donnelly Library at New Mexico Highlands University hosted a Library Education Day to inform the public about opportunities in Library Science, including state certification, associate degrees, bachelor degree programs, graduate programs, and online programs. It included presentations by individuals representing the Texas Women's University, Denver University, University of New Mexico, Northern New Mexico College, the New Mexico State Library, and the New Mexico Department of Education.

University of New Mexico and Facebook. UNM's Computer and Information Resources and Technology (CIRT) has blocked campus access to Facebook, an online directory that allows students to look up people at their specific school. UNM campus officials became concerned in mid-August about the network being bogged down by bulk emails. CIRT administrators are also concerned about student privacy. UNM officials and Facebook are in negotiations to solve the security problems. CIRT administrator, Gassaway said, "This is a university, so we're not trying to censor the Internet. What we do has nothing to do with content."

NORTH DAKOTA

Mystery Day. Fargo Public Library hosted a "Mystery Day" event for children in grades 2-6. Forty-eight children attended the program. During the program, participants worked in groups to solve two-minute mysteries and also the mystery of Wanda Tuggle's missing gift, a staged mystery including "evidence scenes" the groups examined for clues and suspects.

Pumpkin Decorating Party. Over 130 children came to the Fargo Public library to decorate their Halloween pumpkins with everything from glitter to pom-poms. The event also included free popcorn and "witch's brew."

NIH Grant. North Dakota is entering Phase 2 of a major research grant from the National Institute of Health. The objective of the grant is to develop an infrastructure that supports biomedical research, creates opportunities for students to pursue careers in biomedical research and assist researchers in becoming more competitive for NIH funding. ND's research universities, baccalaureate colleges and tribal colleges have formed the ND Biomedical Research Information Network, INBRE, which will focus its research on health and the environment. For libraries the grant provides significant funding for electronic scholarly library research tools such as SCOPUS, SciFinder Scholar, ASM Journals, Current Protocols, Annual Review and the software VectorNTI. Also more that \$1.2 million will be invested in science outreach programs to the tribal colleges in the state. The University of North Dakota, School of Medicine

in collaboration with North Dakota State University are administering the grant.

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma Literary Landmark Recognizes Poet John Berryman. The Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma (FOLIO) began a program in 2001 to observe the state's coming centennial in 2007 by recognizing a major Oklahoma author each year through 2007. Beginning with Woody Guthrie's hometown of Okemah in 2001, FOLIO has named a series of places as literary landmarks, helping to stimulate new appreciation of Guthrie, Ralph Ellison (2002), playwright Lynn Riggs (2003), and historian Angie Debo (2004). The 2005 Oklahoma Literary Landmark was dedicated October 21, 2005 in the McAlester Public Library, because McAlester was the birthplace of John Berryman, the only poet to win both the Pulitzer Prize and a National Book Award. Best known for his books *Homage to Mistress Bradstreet*, *77 Dream Songs*, and *His Toy, His Dream, His Rest*, Berryman is known as a highly original poet, both surrealism and confessional in style. The ceremony, at which a handsome plaque was unveiled in a newly-decorated alcove, was attended by elected officials, members of the boards of FOLIO and the Oklahoma Library Association, librarians, library trustees, students, and the press. FOLIO announced that the remaining two Literary Landmarks will recognize Sequoyah (2006) and Will Rogers (2007). McAlester Public Library is a branch of the Southeastern Public Library System, of which MPLA Vice President/President-Elect **Wayne Hanway** is Executive Director.

OLA Centennial Conference Set. 2007 will not only be the centennial year for the state of Oklahoma, but for the Oklahoma Library Association. The OLA Executive Board decided October 21st to approve the recommendation of its Sites Committee to hold the OLA centennial conference in Oklahoma City, at the Renaissance Hotel and Cox Convention Center. Instead of the usual Wednesday to Friday convention time frame, this conference will begin Monday, April 2nd and conclude Wednesday, April 4th, with the grand centennial banquet being Tuesday, April 3rd.

SOUTH DAKOTA

South Dakota Library Association joins SDOG (South Dakotan for Open Government).

The SD State Newspaper Association formed the SDOG in 2003 to promote access to government officials, records, meetings and actions through education of the public and government officials of the need for citizens to know and understand their government's operations. The SDOG provided a panel discussion during the October 2005 South Dakota Library Association Convention. The message they presented was "Open meetings, Open records = Open minds."

Building/renovation projects. Siouxland Libraries recently opened their new Oak View Branch. The full service branch serves a growing population on the northeast side of Sioux Falls. **Freeman Public Library** has been raising funds for a new library building which will offer 5,000 sq. ft. as opposed to the 800 sq. ft. in which the library currently operates. Estimated cost is \$755,000. The Fundraising Committee and Staff are diligently working to raise the remaining \$30,000 needed to complete the funding package which includes grants, library reserves, city funds, and donations. The **City of Tea** recently announced that it will be establishing a public library that will share resources and space with the new Tea High School Library. **Harrisburg** is in the process of creating a new public library. **Piedmont** is in the process of creating a new public library. **Custer County Library** will soon complete the remodeling of a city building in Hermosa and will be opening the new Hermosa Branch Library. The **Hill City Public Library** recently learned that they will be given the previous Youth Center building to be remodeled into a new library. This will allow them to move from the basement of City Hall to a much more visible location near the school.

Joe Edelen recently received the Distinguished Service Award at the annual meeting of the South Dakota Library Association. He is the Bibliographic Control Librarian and Systems Administrator at the I.D. Weeks Library at the University of South Dakota. The nomination stated that Joe "has worked in libraries in South Dakota for nearly forty years, and he has been an untiring advocate for ensuring that South Dakotans receive the best library services possible,

working within his own library, his public library and the state library." Joe has been active in the library profession serving as president of the South Dakota Library Association and as Executive Secretary of the Mountain Plains Library Association for over 30 years. He has also been active in the American Library Association and the South Dakota Library Network. He has served as chair of the Board of Trustees of both the South Dakota State Library and the Vermillion Library Board.



Joe Edelen receives Distinguished Service Award from Jan Brue Enright of the SDLA Public Relations committee.

UTAH

Mid-year Symposium on Books for Young Readers.

The symposium will be held January 28, 1006, at the Provo Library. For more information contact Chris Crowe, Professor, English Department, 4121 JFSB; Brigham Young University; Provo UT 84602; (801)422-3429; chris_crowe@byu.edu

Forum on Radio Frequency Identification in Libraries. The Utah Library Association held a forum on the application of radio frequency identification (RFID) technology in libraries. "RFID: Ready or Not" covered how RFID technology can be used in public and academic libraries, the controversy over

privacy, and the marketplace of RFID products. The panel of experts included Steven Harris, Collection Development Librarian, Utah State University; Charles Coldwell, Library Applications & Systems Manager for Information Technology, Seattle Public Library; Dani Eyer, Executive Director of American Civil Liberties Union of Utah; and Gretchen Freeman, Associate Director for Technology, Salt Lake County Library Services,

WYOMING

Laramie County Library System receives Giant Step Award. Laramie County Library System was one of two libraries that shared this year's \$10,000 School Library Journal/Thomson Gale Giant Step Award for public and school libraries that have done the most to make themselves indispensable to their schools or communities. LCLS shared the 2005 honors with Barnett Shoals Elementary School Media Center in Athens, Georgia.

Wyoming Libraries join Arch Coal Teacher Awards program. Wyoming's libraries will become a partner in the Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Awards program in the coming school year. The recognition program asks the public to nominate teachers either by mail or over the Internet. Each year, 10 recipients a \$2,500 personal, unrestricted cash award. "Teachers have long been 'partners' with libraries," said State Librarian Lesley Boughton. "We are pleased to be a part of this program." Arch Coal is the nation's second largest coal producer and employs approximately 900 people in Wyoming.

Rulon Gardner signs autobiography at Natrona County Public Library. World-renowned wrestler and Wyoming native Gardner recently released his autobiography, *Never Stop Pushing*. He signed books at the Natrona County Public Library in Casper, sponsored by Ralph's Books and Cards. Gardner shot to fame after winning the Gold Medal at the 2000 Olympics by besting the undefeated Greco-Roman Wrestling favorite Alexander Karelin. In 2001, he was named World Champion for Greco-Roman Wrestling.

Wyoming State Historical Society book winners. The Wyoming State Historical Society held its 52nd annual meeting in Casper and announced the

following book winners: **Fiction:** Mark Spragg, *An Unfinished Life*; **Nonfiction:** Serle L. Chapman, *Promise Bozeman's Trail to Destiny*, and Patsy Parkin, *Wyoming, Crossroad of a Continent*; **Autobiography or Biography:** Candy Moulton, *Chief Joseph, Guardian of the People*; **Self-published:** Eva Burton and Roberta Vaughn, *Mystery in History, Legends of Currant Creek Ranch of Sweetwater County of Wyoming*. Honorable Mention: Art Kidwell, *In the Shadow of the Beartooth, Clark, Wyoming*.

World-Renowned Storyteller at Natrona County Public Library. Storyteller and folklorist Margaret MacDonald will be leading a series of "Playing with Stories" workshops and storytimes at Natrona County Public Library in January 2006. Children's librarians from around Wyoming and surrounding states are invited to participate in an all-day workshop on January 10 during which MacDonald will help them hone their storytelling skills. Contact Jerry Jones at 307-237-4935 ext. 129 for more information. She will also lead programs at local elementary schools.

Remolded Branch Opens in Mills. The newly expanded Bob Goff Memorial Library opened following the completion of a 1,400 square foot addition to the existing building. This project was made possible by funding from the Town of Mills and the Natrona County Recreation Joint Powers Board. Furniture and shelving were provided by First Interstate BancSystem, the Recreation JPB, and the Friends of the Natrona County Public Library.



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Beth Cook, Katie Bryant, Julie Eatmon, Marybeth Finn, Judy Norris, Susan Parkins, Cathy Wilson, paraprofessional staff, Youth and Outreach Services, Laramie County Library System, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

MPLA Youth Services Award

Given to recognize their excellence in service to youth. These staff members have made improving children's, teen's, and outreach services a priority. They have initiated and maintained exceptional library programming both in and out of the library. Efforts by paraprofessionals are crucial to the success of libraries in rural states such as Wyoming. It is due to the enthusiasm and dedication of these paraprofessionals that the Laramie County Library System reaches children and youth throughout the district.

2004 Hays, Kansas Public Library Board MPLA Intellectual Freedom Award

In 2004, a rigorous campaign behan to require that Internet filters be on all computers in the public library. In the midst of a media barrage, personal attacks on a website, and phone calls, the Board stood firm in their support of first amendment rights to free, unfiltered, uncensored information for all patrons of the library. The Board stated that the library's computers would remain unfiltered unless a patron requested otherwise. The Hays Public Library Board members volunteer their time for the library and for library patrons everywhere.



*Cathy Wilson, accepting Youth Services Award;
Louis Howley, presenter; Janet Affentranger, President of
Hays Library Board*

People

Barry Porter died October 3, 2005 on his 63rd birthday. Barry exhibited regularly at MPLA conferences. He was also the State Librarian of Iowa for many years.

Sara Parker, State Librarian of Missouri, will retire in December. She was Montana's State Librarian before going to Missouri, was in charge of library development for the Colorado State Library, as well as an MPLA President.

The Montana State Library Commission awarded the final scholarships from the Professional Education and Employment for Librarians (PEEL) grant received from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in 2003. The awards - totaling more than \$42,000 - will help three Montanans attend graduate library school beginning this fall. The scholarship recipients are: **Catherine McMullen**, Library Aide at Bozeman Public Library and a MPLA Board Choice Recipient, who will earn her degree through the University of Washington's distance library program; **Kathy Mora**, Assistant Director at Great Falls Public Library, who will earn her degree through the University of North Texas distance library program; and **Samantha Pierson**, Director of Lincoln County Library in Libby, who will earn her degree through the distance library program of the University of Southern Mississippi. The 2003 PEEL grant will also help fund full time professional level positions for two years at two Montana libraries. All public, school (K-12), and tribal libraries are eligible to apply for the stipends, which are for \$30,000 each. Libraries receiving the stipend are required to provide a cash match for the same amount.

Laurel Egan, St. James Healthcare Medical Librarian, Butte, won a \$10,000 grant from NNLM for a project to further understand the resource needs of rural health care facilities in Southwest Montana. Titled *The Effective Use and Integration of Regional Library Resources in a Rural Health Care Setting*, the project would cover a period of performance from July 2005 to March 2006. The goal of the project is to further understand the resource needs of rural health care

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facilities in Southwest Montana through a training program designed to address these needs. The project will be collaboration between St James Healthcare and the Community Health Center, both located in Butte, and the Ruby Valley Hospital in Sheridan, Montana. Onsite assessments of 1) what is needed and 2) what is currently available will be performed and appropriate training materials will be developed. Knowledge and availability of resources, including an expanded use of internet assets, will enhance medical education and facilitate more effective information retrieval. Training will be provided to the clinical and administrative staff with a focus on quality medical information via the internet using NLM resources as PubMed, My NCBI, Pubcrawler, and MedlinePlus.

Julie Miller, University Librarian at Western New Mexico University's library, has taken a new position as the Dean of Libraries at Eastern Washington University. Miller was at WNMU for over seven years.

Cheryl Tollefson, director of the Dickinson Area Public Library has been named the 2005 Librarian of the Year by the North Dakota Library Association. She has been director since 1972 after receiving her master's degree from the University of Denver. The library serves the city of Dickinson as well as Stark, Billings and Slope Counties. Cheryl has implemented bookmobile services through the beautiful and rugged Badlands and is currently overseeing a huge addition onto the historic 1908 Carnegie Library.

South Dakota Library Association Awards: Intellectual Freedom Award -- **Eric Abrahamson**, SD State Library Board Member, for his unending support during the controversy surrounding the SD State Library website. Friend of the Library Award – **Bill DeJohn** and the **Minitex Staff** for their tireless help and assistance during the transition from one SD Courier service to a new Courier service. Distinguished Service Award – **Joe Edelen**, Librarian at University of South Dakota, for his many years of service to SDLA

and MPLA; Librarian of the Year Award – **Jackie Hanson**, Librarian at Northern State Univ. in SD, for her attention to detail during the South Dakota Library Network (SDLN) transition from PALS software to ALEPH software. New Librarian of the Year Award – **Dustin Larmore**, Librarian at Dakota State University in Madison SD, for the cataloging assistance and support he offered to area libraries during the SDLN transition from PALS to ALEPH software. Trustee of the Year Award – **Norma Nielsen**, Trustee for Tripp County Library in Winner SD, for her long-time service to the Tripp County Library and for donating her family home to serve as a permanent structure for their library, formerly located in a basement room of the Courthouse. Support Staff of the Year Award -- **Susan Schleicher**, Library Technician at SD State Univ. in Brookings SD, for her ability to train and motivate student workers and her expertise in using and instructing others in using technology – all with a sense of humor. She has also been actively involved in planning Branch Out, a support staff training conference.

Robert Russell, Electronic Resources Coordinator at Northern State University in Aberdeen SD, received first place in the MPLA Academic Section's Professional Forum. His paper was "Reference E-books: Do They Fit in the Small University Library?" Before writing his paper, Robert reviewed usage patterns for reference e-books and the effect of that usage on print reference resources at Beulah Williams Library, Northern State University. Robert was awarded a cash prize.

At the South Dakota Library Association convention free yearly MPLA memberships were won by **Jackie Hess**, Mitchell Public Library; **Elvita Landau**, Brookings Public Library; **Dennis Nath**, Mitchell School District; **Pat Geditz**, SD School for the Blind and Visually Impaired; **Jean Peterson**, SD State Library; **Jeanette Lundquist**, Deadwood Public Library; **Carol Hageman**, SD State Library; **Alison Kattelman**, Haakon County Public Library; **Cathy Enlow**, Brookings Public Library; and **Lisa Brunick**, Mikkelsen Library at Augustana.

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Several South Dakota library employees have been working toward their Masters library degrees:

University of North Texas distance education program: Students participating in the Library Degree Program at University of North Texas: **Linda Kott**, Circulation Library Associate at H.M. Briggs Library, SDSU, completed her degree in August of 2005. **James Borchert** expects to complete his MS LIS degree in December 2005. He is Library Archivist for the University Archives and Special Collections at the University of South Dakota. **Melinda Ellenson** enrolled in the UNT program in the Fall 2005. She is currently the Reference/Interlibrary Loan Librarian at the Huron Public Library in SD. **University of Wisconsin**, Milwaukee's Distance Education program: **Jared Likness**. Rapid City Public Library Youth Services Librarian. **University of Arizona**, Tucson: **Jason Walker** is currently pursuing an MA degree in ILS. He works for the Rapid City Public Library.

Randy Silverman, preservation librarian for the University of Utah's Marriott Library and materials recovery specialist on the U of U's Comprehensive Emergency Management Team, recently returned from a disaster recovery mission focused on cultural materials on Mississippi's Gulf Coast damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

Winners of 1-year free MPLA memberships at the Nebraska Library Association conference were **Ruth Seward**, Lexington Public Library; **Mary Jo Mack**, John Stahl Library in West Point; **Renee Thacker**, Weeping Water Public Library; **Karrie Simpson**, Lincoln Libraries; **Sharon Mcanulty**, Baright Public Library in Ralston; **Diana F. Johnson**, Stromsburg Public Library; **Laura Renker**, Crete Public Library; **Jennifer Jazyanka**, Gretna Public Library; **Heather Kline**, University of Nebraska Lincoln; **Stephen R. Shorb**, University of Nebraska Omaha Library.



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UPCOMING MPLA CONFERENCES

- 2006: No conference
(transition year to spring conference)
- 2007: Albuquerque, NM
(joint with New Mexico Library Association)
- 2008: (April 30-May 3) Salt Lake City, UT
(joint with Utah Library Association)
- 2009: Overland Park, KS
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