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MPLA Board Meetings by Conference Call Proving Economical and Effective

Since 2006 the MPLA Executive Board has held many of its regular meetings by conference call, reducing the association's travel budget considerably. Board members have also found it an economical use of their time, with as many as 24 participating in a single meeting.

Board members submit written reports to the executive board e-list in advance of a meeting and Webmaster Dan Chaney posts them to the website in tandem with the meeting agenda. Most participants have access to a computer during the call and can view reports as relevant topics are discussed.

Committees also use conference calls in addition to e-mail to conduct business. The Professional Development Committee meets every other month by phone and in the past year the Nominating, Communications, Conference, and Administration

Committees have used conference calls.

MPLA uses PC-Conferencing, which provides on-demand calling and recording services.

See the geographic distribution of current board members on page 4.



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President's Message



Happy Summer MPLA!

I hope everyone is having a good summer. By the time you read this ALA will have happened. As President of MPLA, I've been invited to participate in a President's program on Advocacy with Jim Rettig. I'm looking forward to this event and plan to pass along anything I learn. There are so many levels of advocacy and in a time of tight budgets and increasing demands, we must be as skilled as possible making our case to others.

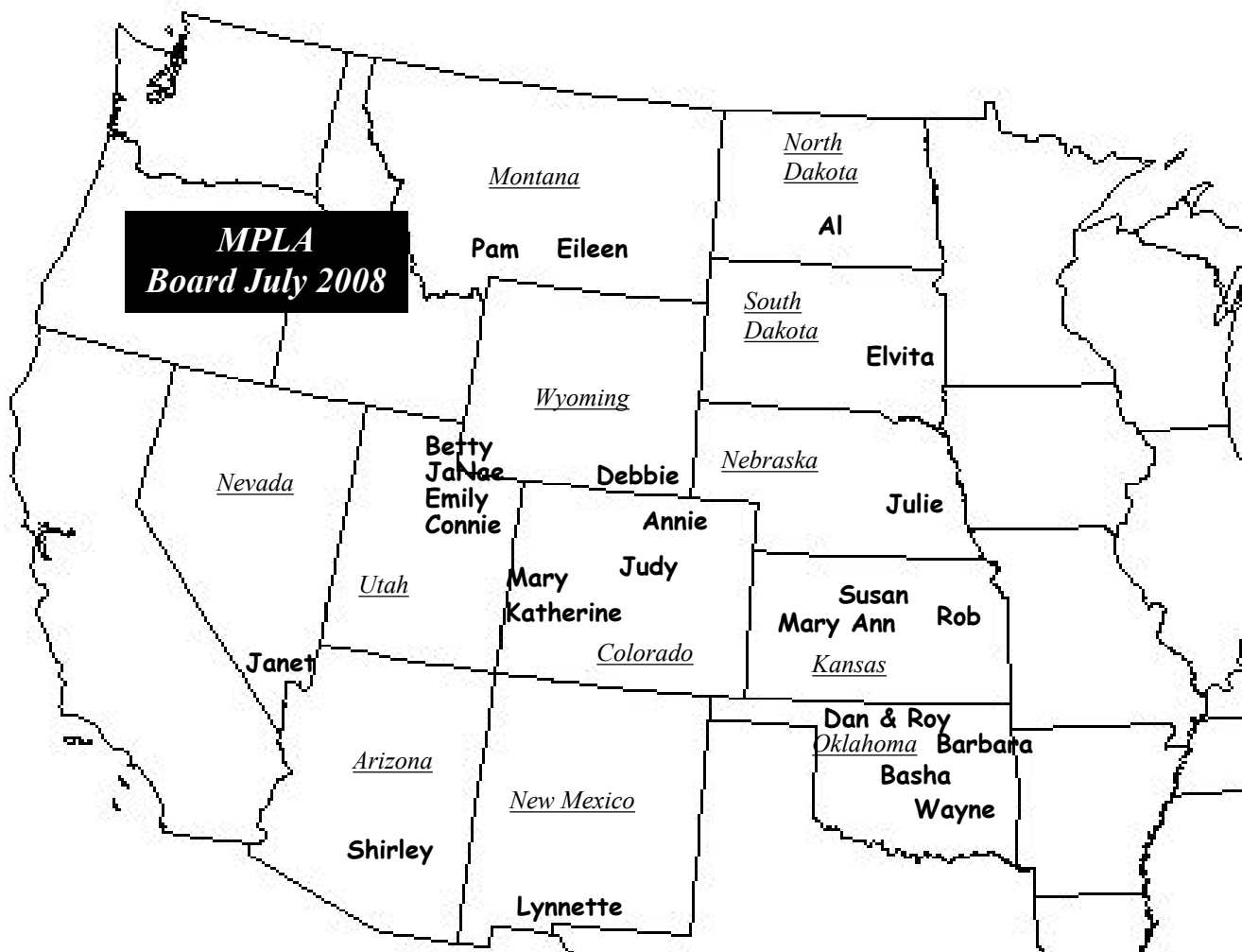
Looking ahead, we are also excited that ALA Midwinter will be in an MPLA state – Colorado. ALA Councilors from MPLA states are meeting with Shelly Walchak, the councilor from Colorado to see if we can assist her in any way.

Eileen Wright, MPLA Vice-President and I have already met with the conference committee from the Kansas Library Association. We are excited about the direction we plan to go and have a really good list of authors we are contacting. Nothing is settled yet, but we plan to have some preliminary information about the 2009 conference out to the membership in the next month. Because of the geographic distances in MPLA, we are always looking at technology to help bridge those distances. Eileen used Skype to talk with us in Kansas for the meeting. It worked well and seemed to be easy to do. If you need to make long-distance calls, this might be a solution for you. There are a variety of options that can be effective and cheaper than the standard phone call.

Have a great summer!

Rob Banks

MPLA President



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Problems cannot be solved at the same level of awareness that created them. – *Albert Einstein*

The term ‘sustainability’ was brought to the world stage in 1987 with the publication of the United Nations’ *Report of the World Commission on Environment and Development*. In its resolution to the General Assembly <http://www.un.org/documents/ga/res/42/ares42-187.htm>, the Commission defined sustainable development as “development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.” Sustainable Development brings together economic development and environmental protection to the benefit of both, at present and in the future. While the UN focuses on the global scale <http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/index.html>, the US federal government has taken steps to address this issue and provide information to citizens, businesses, and other constituents.

As you might imagine, the federal agency with a lot to offer in this area is the **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**. The ‘Sustainability’ page <http://www.epa.gov/sustainability/> has links to information and resources on the ‘Built Environment’; Water, Ecosystems, and Agriculture;

Energy; and Materials and Toxics. There are also geographic links, subject links, and links for getting more involved.

Related EPA links include:

- Climate Change - <http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/>
- Clean Energy - <http://www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/>
- Green Power - <http://www.epa.gov/green-power/index.htm>
- Green Building - <http://www.epa.gov/greenbuilding/index.htm>

The **Department of Energy (DOE)** is another agency with a great stake in sustainability. Renewable Energy <http://www.eere.energy.gov/>, the Green Power Network <http://www.eere.energy.gov/greenpower/>, and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory <http://www.nrel.gov/> all provide information on efforts to advance cleaner and more energy-efficient technologies.

FedCenter - the *Federal Facilities Environmental Stewardship and Compliance Assistance Center* <http://www.fedcenter.gov/> is a joint initiative of EPA’s Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA), the Army Corps of Engineers’ Construction Engineering Research Laboratory and the Office of the Federal Environmental Executive to create an all-services technical and compliance assistance center to help federal environmental officials better address their environmental needs.

The Green Suppliers Network <http://www.greensuppliers.gov/gsn/home.gsn> is a joint effort of the **EPA** and the **Department of Commerce** to help small and medium-sized manufacturers stay competitive and profitable while reducing their impact on the environment.

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The **Small Business Association (SBA)** provides a Green Business Guide <http://www.business.gov/guides/environment/> to assist businesses with sustainability.

Internal programs are working to make the federal government 'green':

- The Chief Administrative Officer of the **House of Representatives** is working to 'Green the Capitol' <http://cao.house.gov/greenthecapitol/>
- The Mission of the **Office of the Federal Environmental Executive** <http://www.ofee.gov/> is to promote **sustainable environmental stewardship** throughout the federal government.
- The **US General Services Administration (GSA)** mission is to "help federal agencies better serve the public by offering, at

best value, superior workplaces, expert solutions, acquisition services and management policies." Their Go Green: GSA Environmental Initiatives <http://www.gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/ep/home.do?tabId=10> assists federal agencies to reduce energy and water consumption; purchase renewable energy; purchase bio-based and recycled products; support waste management practices; encourage sustainable practices in buildings; use alternative fuel vehicles; and purchase environmentally friendly electronics.

Most state governments have sustainability efforts, and local government efforts can be seen at **ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability** <http://www.iclei-usa.org/>.




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brainy, brilliant, brave

C Colorado, colleagues, co-workers, caring,
creative, committees, courageous

D Databases, diversity, diligence, driven,
daring, dreamers, decisions, dedicated

E Encouragement, environmentally aware,
experienced, essential, exemplary

F Friends, family, fact-finders, flexible,
fabulous, fun, fair, fanatical, freedom

G Ghost Ranch, gracious, grateful, great,
goal oriented, glorious, giving

H Heart, helpfulness, happy, hard-working,
healers, highlight, human, hospitable

I Incredible, intelligence, industrious,
idealistic, interesting, independent

J Joint conferences, joyful, jubilant, jolly,
joiners, just, justice

K Kansas, kid-centric, kind, knowledgeable

L Libraries, life-long learners, library people,
leaders, laughter, liberty

M Montana, motivated, magnificent,
marmots, multi-taskers, magnanimous

N Nebraska, noble, Nevada, neat, New
Mexico, nice, North Dakota, natural

O Oklahoma, out-going, outrageous,
open-minded, observers, omnipotent

P Personality, protectors of privacy, practical,
presentations, perceptive, pioneers

Q Quirky, quality, quick, quotable

R Resilient, researchers, rewarding,
resourceful, realistic, readers, radical

S South Dakota, strength, sassy, smart,
saviors, satisfaction, sweet, select

T Trust, tough, tender, tenacious, talented,
truthful, trendy, technology, technical

U Utah, unwavering in beliefs, united,
universal, unusual, unique

V Versatile, visionaries, voice, volunteers,
vocation

W Wyoming, welcoming, writers, wizards,
willing, winners, wonderful, warm

X eXtreme, eXact, eXpert

Y YeeHaw!

Z Zealous, zany, zest

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continent and you have...

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Around the Region

ARIZONA

The Arizona State Museum has been selected to receive one of two 2008 Awards for Outstanding Commitment to the Preservation and Care of Collections. The award is presented jointly by Heritage Preservation and the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works. The Arizona State Museum is the oldest and largest anthropology museum in the Southwest, with a world-renowned collection of artifacts from indigenous peoples of the American Southwest and northern Mexico.

The *Arizona Adult Education Programs & Arizona Public Libraries Collaboration Initiative: 2006-2007 Final Report* is available at: <http://www.ade.az.gov/adult-ed/publications.asp>.

Registration opened July 15 for the 2008 AzLA Conference to be held at the Renaissance Glendale Hotel & Spa December 8– 10.

COLORADO

The **Colorado Association of School Libraries** (CASL), presented a pre-conference to the annual TIE (Technology in Education) conference in Snowmass on June 23. The full day workshop featured Christopher Harris, author of the *Infomancy* blog, who spoke on “Library 2.0: the Digital Reshift.” Stevan Kalmon, Nance Nassar, and Sherry Crow provided an update to the AASL



Standards for the 21st Century Learner. Breakout sessions included “Web 2.0 Tools for the Librarian,” “Blogs and Nings in the 21st Century School Library,” and “Roaring Fork SD: Students take the Lead.”

BCR’s CDP has released the updated *Digital Imaging Best Practices, Version 2.0*, featuring new sections on digital cameras, digital preservation and more. Sarah Goodwin Thiel, digital services librarian, University of Kansas, served as the working group chair. To view the entire document, see: www.bcr.org/cdp/best/digital-imaging-bp.pdf.

Marcellus Turner was recently chosen the new executive director of Jefferson County Public Library. He fills a vacancy created by the retirement of Bill Knott after 37 years at the Library’s helm. Turner has been a



part of senior management since joining Jefferson County Public Library in 2002. For the last three years, he held dual roles as deputy county librarian and director of public services.

BCR recently completed a resource sharing study for the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. *Texas Resource Sharing: Examining the Present, Envisioning a Vibrant Future*, provides a review of current resource sharing literature and best practices as well as a workflow

and cost analysis of interlibrary loan centers currently providing services to Texas public libraries. In addition, an overview of alternative resource sharing solutions with a cost benefit analysis that considers financial, logistical and political costs is included.

Justine Shaffner has joined the staff at **BCR** as Public Library Market Coordinator. The new position reflects an organization-wide move by BCR to develop programs and add focus to specific library types.

The **Wilkinson Public Library** in Telluride is completing a space plan which includes new construction and rearranging space. The circulation department has been redesigned into two areas of expertise: customer service and “backroom stuff.”

The **Savage Library at Western State College** is organizing its online resources, including both free and subscription databases, into an ELibrary for use by the College’s various user communities. The online database is hosted on Google’s App Engine.

The **Bud Werner Memorial Library** in Steamboat Springs is finishing construction on a new building and implementing E-commerce, Millennium graphical self-check, and the use of RFID tags. The library is also migrating the community information network to a new Open Source CMS platform called Drupal.

KANSAS

The **Dorothy Bramlage Public Library** recently received a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to host *The Big Read* in Junction City. The library is one of 208 libraries, municipalities, and arts, culture, higher education, and

science organizations to receive a grant to host *The Big Read* from September 2008-June 2009. The library will work with the Junction City High School, Cloud County Community College, the Friends of Animals, the Milford Nature Center, and others in the exploration of *The Call of the Wild*. MPLA member **Susan Moyer** is Library Director.

Turner Community Library, the newest library in Kansas City, Kansas, celebrated 100 days of service on July 3, 2008. TCL is a brand new, 1700 square foot library with a staff of six. Although small, it packs a big punch because it has available all of the Kansas City, Kansas Public Library services, including online databases and an online catalog, as well as an in-house twelve-station computer lab. The facility that houses Turner Community Library is a renovated high school which the Turner Recreation Commission operates as a Recreation Center. For more information on the creation of the new library see MPLA “Stories” at www.mpla.us/stories. MPLA member **Robin Brooks Clark** is Library Manager. She was previously with the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library.



Robin Clark and staff say you “otter” visit the Turner Community Library!

MPLA member **Gina Millsap**, Director of the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library, has been elected President-Elect of the Library Administration and Management Association (LAMA). **Lori Goetsch**, Dean of Libraries at Kansas State University, was elected President-Elect of ALA's Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL).

Special Big Read 2008 promotional coasters left in area coffeehouses by the Johnson County Library elicited comments from local bloggers. The coasters, along with multiple other promotional efforts, resulted in 160 million impressions for *The Big Read* from March-May of 2008.



The **Johnson County Library** updated and published its fold-out *Reading Around Kansas City Literary Map* especially for the Kansas City Literary Festival held in May. An estimated 15,000 people attended the Festival, which culminated JCL's *The Big Read 2008* programming featuring Dashiell Hammett's *The Maltese Falcon*. See the literary map at <http://www.jocolibrary.org/default.aspx?id=3757>.

MPLA member **Julie Tomlianovich**, Youth Services Consultant for the South Central Kansas Library System, South Hutchinson, has been elected president of the national Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP). CSLP is a consortium of forty-seven states that provide

high-quality, summer reading program materials with a unified theme for children. Tomlianovich was recently elected at the consortium's annual conference in Little Rock, Arkansas.

The **Friends of the Johnson County Library** has been recognized with three *Best Friends Awards* from Friends of Libraries USA (FOLUSA) in the category of Public Library Friends Group with Assistance from Paid Staff:

- **Category Winner** – Postcard mailer promoting book sales and book stores (Book Sales Category)
- **Category Winner** – 50th Anniversary Lapel Pin and Bookmark (Other Category)
- **Honorable Mention** – *FriendsLine* (Print Newsletter Category)

MONTANA

The **Hearst Free Library** has announced September 13 as the date for the Third Annual "Reading the Greens" Golf Scramble at the Anaconda Country Club. The "Reader's Cup" will be awarded to a team with the lowest score and that includes at least one librarian. Last year's winners were Jeff Savage of the Great Falls Public Library and Tracy Cook of the Montana State Library.



MPLA member **Jim Connor** from the Trustee College Consulting Team spent a Two-week "Trustee Blitz" in May traveling to fifteen Montana public libraries to present training for trustees. The Blitz is funded by a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant.

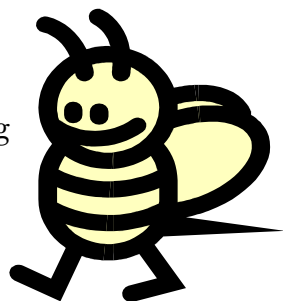
The **Great Falls Public Library** holds its eighth annual Summer Music Series in the Library Park, behind the library. This year's lineup runs from July 10–August 28 and features an eclectic mix of music from the folk-rock sounds of Sweet Potato Pie, jazz classics of Impromptu, country-western flavor of Stillhouse, to the standards of the Johnny Mack Dance Band, and more. It one of the library's most popular programs.



Pam Henley, Technology Assistant at the Bozeman Public Library is Montana's new representative to the MPLA Executive Board. Pam has been a member of MPLA since 1998.



The **Great Falls Public Library** is offering **Book Buzz**, an Adult Summer Reading Program. Patrons 19 years or older read as many books as they wish and may submit one entry form per book read. Prize winners will be drawn weekly and on August 15 a grand prize drawing will be held from all the summer's entries. The drawings will be live on local radio stations. The library is also sponsoring a streamlined **Book Buzz** for staff. At the end of the program, in August, there will be one drawing from staff entries. The winner will be awarded four hours of comp time.



NEBRASKA

Carol J. Connor, Library Director, Lincoln City Libraries, will begin her retirement effective September 10, 2008, after 36 years with the library and an equal number of years as a member of MPLA. She began her MPLA membership as well as her career at Lincoln City Libraries in 1972 as a librarian in the Technical Processes Division. She has served as Library Director since 1978 and was MPLA's 1997-1998 President.

The **Anderson Branch Library, Lincoln City Libraries**, won the 2nd runner-up prize out of more than 200 entries from libraries nationwide in the 2008 **For Dummies Library Display Contest**. The library received twenty **For Dummies** books. The Anderson staff also received a trophy, a box of Dummies prizes and a pizza party.



"Dummies" display at the library

The **Hooper Public Library** was the only Nebraska winner of the American Library Association's Dollar General sponsored literacy grant initiative, "The American Dream Starts @ your library." Thirty-four libraries in eighteen states received one-time grants of \$5,000 each. Each

library will promote adult English language literacy with the funding, in order to improve service to people who need to feel welcome as they assimilate into their communities.

A *Nebraska Library Future Search Conference* was held in early June. Fifty librarians and 30 non-librarians attended, including five teens. Becky Schreiber and John Shannon from Schreiber Shannon Associates led the two-day conference to bring a fresh perspective to Nebraska library service needs and to foster direction, partnerships and collaboration. Prior to the conference focus groups were held across the state to gain even more feedback. Information taken from the conference will be formatted so it is useable for all types of Nebraska libraries.

The **Nebraska Library Commission** sponsored a statewide Open Source ILS Symposium at the College of St. Mary in Omaha in May. Robert Molyneux of Equinox Software began the day by giving an overview of open source ILS applications. Representatives from Liblime and Equinox gave presentations as did staff from libraries using or in the process of implementing open source ILS applications.

The new URL for NEMA (Nebraska Education Media Association) is www.schoollibrariesrock.org. "What a great URL!" says Nebraska's MPLA Representative Julie Beno.



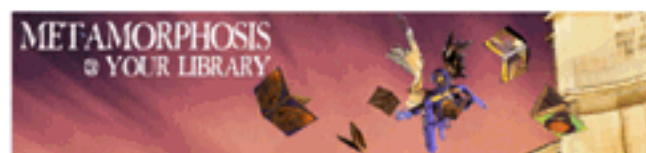
NEVADA

MPLA member **Arnie Maurins** is the new director of the Washoe County Library System, Reno, Nevada.

After 38 years of library service, with 20 of them at the Boulder City Library, MPLA member **Duncan McCoy** retired. The staff at the Boulder City Library and its new Director, Lynn Schofield-Dahl (formerly from Elkhorn Wisconsin) hosted a reception on June 30.



Summer Reading Programs are in full swing! **Las Vegas-Clark County Library District** is promoting "Club Read" through July 31. Participants can track their reading progress and collect prizes by completing a reading log. Libraries incorporating the Collaborative Summer Library Program themes of "Catch the Reading Bug" and/or the teen program, "Metamorphosis @ Your Library" are Douglas County Public Libraries, Henderson District Libraries, Amargosa Valley Library, Boulder City Library, Carson City Library, North Las Vegas Library District, Pahrump Community Library, Storey County Public Library, and Washoe County Library System. Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library System is promoting "On the Edge" a teen reading program.



Valentino Crespo, author of *Master Butler Extraordinaire of Las Vegas*, is presenting a series of programs at the **Henderson District Libraries**. His first program featured fine dining etiquette and an introduction to ballroom dancing. Upcoming sessions will include luggage packing tips and more ballroom dancing. Valentino was taught the art of being a butler by his father when he was a young boy in Puerto Rico, and he has been studying ever since. He is a champion ballroom dancer and is said to be taught to cook by the best chefs in the world.



Valentino Crespo

The **Washoe County Library System** Board of Trustees approved a reduction of library hours which took effect July 1. The adjustment is the result of cost-cutting measures taken by Washoe County to meet a shortfall in the 2008-09 budget. The new schedule reflects a decrease of 39.5 hours per week including 23 hours lost through the May 16 closure of Mendive Community Library. The Library System currently has 29 vacant positions that are frozen indefinitely. More vacancies are expected during the coming year.

NEW MEXICO

MPLA member **Susan Pinkerton** of Las Cruces was awarded the New Mexico Library Leadership Award. As the director of the library science program at NMSU-Doña Ana Community College, she developed an online curriculum leading to an associate of applied science degree and a certificate of completion in library science skills.

On May 6, First Lady of New Mexico Mrs. Barbara Richardson read *Diary of a Spider* by Doreen Cronin to a group of students at Santa Fe's Southside Library. Harry Bliss illustrated the book and also created all the artwork for this year's summer reading program. His artwork is on posters, bookmarks, t-shirts, reading logs, and much more at libraries across the state this summer. The annual statewide summer reading program is sponsored by the New Mexico State Library.



NORTH DAKOTA

The Grand Forks Public Library staff and board are saddened by the death of Library Director **Dennis Page**. He died June 30.

From June 1-August 15, 2008, the **North Dakota State Library** will be offering a grant that is available to North Dakota citizens who are pursuing a Master's of Library Science degree from American Library Association accredited programs. Recipients are eligible for up to \$7,000, which can be used to pay for tuition, fees, and

textbooks. The grant is available for graduate work that takes place during the time period of July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2010. In an effort to encourage library professionals to live and work in North Dakota, the grant is being offered only to North Dakota residents. The grant also requires that any recipient must be employed in a North Dakota library within nine months of receiving a degree and must work for 24 months in a full time position in a North Dakota library after receiving a degree.

The **Kindred Community Library** celebrated the dedication of their recent remodeling project and new flagpole. The dedication was the culmination of a remodeling project that started in February. Money was raised by fundraising and donations as well as having two major donors, the Edwin and Helen Overboe Foundation and a gift from Jean Hertsgaard in memory of Jean Darring. Three walls were removed and a door was covered. In addition, the library added lighting and new carpet. There are no paid librarians at the Kindred Public Library which is staffed by volunteers.

Traci Juhala is the new Children's Librarian at the **Bismarck Public Library**. Traci earned her library degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Prior to her appointment as children's librarian, Traci worked at the New Ulm Public Library in New Ulm, Minnesota, and at the Mandan (now Morton Mandan) Public Library.

MPLA member **Beverly Clouse** from the North Dakota State University Library is moving to Kingman, Arizona, to be a branch manager at the Mohave County District Library. She has been with NDSU Library since 1988 when she

began work in the periodicals unit.

The **Grand Forks Public Library** recently hosted a R.E.A.D. program (Reading Education Assistance Dogs), a national program to help improve the literacy of children by having children read to dogs. By reading to a dog, a child who

may struggle with reading can find a companion to share a story with that wouldn't be judgmental of their reading ability. The dogs are registered therapy animals.



The **New Rockford City Commission** voted to relocate the existing public library to a vacant building in the downtown area, offering more space and additional services to the residents of Eddy County. New services will include jobs and skills training, a wireless network, and more public access computers.

The Valley City Optimist Club along with Bank Forward hosted a **Library Skate** this past spring. Proceeds from the event went to area schools' libraries based on the number of students from each school that attended each Sunday night.



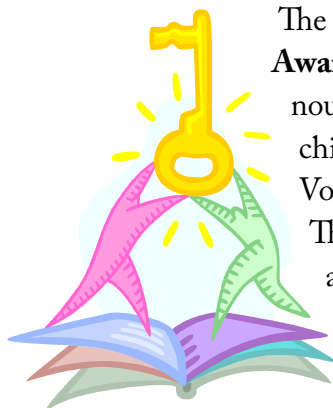
The **West Fargo Public Library** has received \$2,500 to purchase computers from the Midcontinent Media Foundation. The money will be spent on laptop computers for patron use and computer

training. The Midcontinent Media Foundation, established in 1987, is the charitable arm of the Midcontinent family of companies. Its purpose is to provide charitable support for non-profit organizations in the communities served by Midcontinent Media, Inc. and its affiliates.



Library Board President Susan Ellison, Library Director Sandra Hannahs, and Clay Stephens, General Manager for Midcontinent Communications West Fargo Division.

OKLAHOMA



The **Oklahoma Sequoyah Award Winners** were announced. The winner of the children's award is Cynthia Voigt for *Angus and Sadie*. The winner of the young adult award is Rick Riordan for *Lightning Thief*. The new reading list for both book awards

may be found on the OLA web site: <http://www.oklibs.org/sequoyah/> There are book talks, reader's theater scripts, and other activities to promote the books.

The **Tulsa City County Library System** opened a new donor-funded library the end of June. The **Herman and Kate Kaiser Library** replaced the old library housed in a store front wedged between two businesses. The new library site overlooks gardens at LaFortune Park. The extra space will accommodate reading programs for all ages. The site has an abundance of windows with a dragonfly themed children's section to enchant the youngest readers. The children's section overlooks a sculpture garden featuring Mother Goose and a large rabbit with a young child reading on its back.



Herman and Kate Kaiser Library



Susan Stevens Crummel was the speaker for the Author Workshop at **Northeastern State University**. Susan writes children's books; many that are illustrated by her sister, Janet Stevens. Susan delighted her audience with puppets, art work, and the background on several of her books.



"You know the audience is engaged when they are willing to wear bunny ears and fruit on their heads" says MPLA's Oklahoma Representative Barbara Ray.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Kathy Jacobs has been appointed director at the **Yankton Community Library**. She previously was the director of the South Sioux City Public Library. Future plans for the Yankton Library include increasing the number of adult programs with a fall series planned for the opening of the new bridge across the Missouri, focusing on the past and the future.

The \$6 million renovation of **Mikkelsen Library at Augustana College**, Sioux Falls, began in earnest in late May with staff moving the journal collection, much of the book collection, library staff, and student furniture into the lower level to make way for construction crews. Much noise was created as an internal concrete spiral staircase and other walls were removed.

Pictures of the renovation progress are available at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/mikkelsenlibrary/sets/72157605777476601/>



Early demolition



Artist drawing of completed project with exterior stairway

MPLA member **Annie Brunskill** is Director of the **Haakon Community Library**. She was previously with the South Dakota State Library.

Branch Out South Dakota 2008 was held July 18th at South Dakota State University in Brookings. It is a one day conference designed by and for library support staff and paraprofessionals in the region.

The South Dakota Humanities Council, Brookings, partnering with the South Dakota Council on World Affairs, is one of four recipients nationally of **The Big Read** Egypt/US grant, focusing on the book, **The Thief and the Dogs** by Egyptian Nobel laureate Naguib Mahfouz. The grant

aims to deepen and broaden cultural understanding through programs presented in Brookings and other South Dakota cities. The **Brookings**



Public Library and Briggs Library, South Dakota State University, will host many programs related to the grant with more than 20 libraries sponsoring discussion groups. Programs for this grant will begin with a presentation at the South Dakota Library Association Conference September 24-26 and conclude in late November.

The main branch of the **Siouxland Libraries**, Sioux Falls began an expansion project. Expected to take two years, the building project will add about 19,000 square feet of library space. It will also be constructed to add a future second floor on the addition. Building features include more space for computers, library materials, programs, meetings, group study, a special area for teens, a coffee shop, and a beautiful glass reading area on the southeast corner. The Library will remain open during the construction. More photos of the construction can be seen at http://www.siouxlandlib.org/general_info_policies/main_construction



Library is to right side of the picture.



Artist Drawings of new facility

The **South Dakota State Library** has recently added two new School Library coordinators to their library development team. These new coordinators will work with school districts around the state to ensure that quality library information literacy skills are an integral part of the educational process. The goal of the new program is to build excellent school libraries in every school district in South Dakota.

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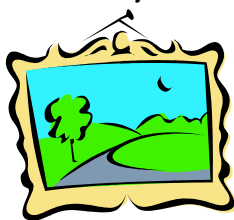
Utah State Library Director Donna Jones Morris and **ULA President-Elect Ruby Cheesman** represented the Utah Library Association and the Utah State Library at the American Library Association's National Library Legislative Day, May 13-14 in Washington D.C.

Representatives from Utah libraries joined Governor Jon M. Huntsman and First Lady Mary Kaye Huntsman for a ceremonial signing of Concurrent Resolution making a week every April as “Love Your Library” week. Mrs. Huntsman spoke on behalf of libraries.



Pictured with First Lady Mary Kaye Huntsman and Governor Jon M. Huntsman: (left to right, front row) Dorothy Horan-ULA Past President; Jeri Openshaw-Utah State Library (USL); Donna Jones Morris-USL; Terry Ann Harward-USL Board Chair; Angelica Lopez- Center for the Book; (back row) Michael Goodman-UELMA; Adriane Juarez Reforma; Tiffany Herbon-Reforma de Utah.

The **Cedar City Public Library** and its director, **Steve Decker**, were featured in an article in the June 11 *Cedar City Review*. The library was awarded a “Picturing America Award” from the a National Endowment for the Humanities. The grant will bring 40 large reproductions of American art to the library in August.



The new **Utah Valley State College Digital Learning Center** opened July 1 when UVSC became Utah Valley University. The library was one of eight items required by the Board of Regents as necessary to support the newly-named university. With 190,000 square feet, the 48-million dollar library will host an information commons, four seminar rooms, four classrooms, an accessibil-

ity services lab, a deaf studies lab, three computer labs, a media production lab, the writing center, 33 group study rooms, an art gallery, a 150-person auditorium, and enough space to more than double its current holdings of 215,000 volumes.

The Utah Humanities Book Festival will take place October 25 at the **Salt Lake City Main Library**. **Hikmet Loe**, a former Utah Library Association President is organizing the festival.

The **Draper Branch of the Salt Lake County Library System** has received several awards in recognition of its environmentally friendly features such as xeriscaping and using recycled materials. The awards include a *Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design* energy efficiency certification by the U. S. Green Building Council and an *Excellence in Sustainable Design Merit Award* from the Utah Chapter of the American Institutes.



A new **Church History Library** of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, is currently under construction in Salt Laker City, with completion planned for the summer of 2009. The historical materials are currently housed in the east wing of the LDS Church Office Building. The new 230,000-square-foot library will have two types of archival storage rooms. The 10 main storage rooms will be kept at 55 degrees Fahrenheit with 35 percent relative humidity. There will also be two special rooms that will be kept at minus four degrees Fahrenheit for color motion picture films, photographs, and records of special significance to the LDS Church. Some of the items will be available in an open stacks reading room, while others will be located in archival storage rooms and delivered to patrons for use in a secure

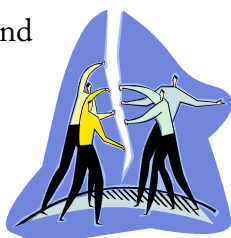
reading room. In addition to more convenient hours, the building will use current technology, such as wireless connections, to enhance the experience of all customers, including those in remote locations. The current library serves about 13,000 people a year, with the staff preparing for increased public interest after the new building opens in 2009. The Church History Library will also meet high environmental standards. It will be certified as a “green” building through the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system, which is the nationally accepted standard for the design, construction, and operation of environmentally-friendly buildings. See a longer article and additional pictures at MPLA “Stories” at www.mpla.us/stories.



WYOMING

The **Albany County Public Library** in Laramie recently collaborated with the Equality Initiatives campaign to spotlight issues pertaining to women in Wyoming. The purpose of the campaign is to illustrate women and girls’ lives, and identify gaps between Wyoming’s Equality State traditions and present-day realities. MPLA member **Susan Simpson** is library director.

The **Teton County Library** and Zumba Instructor Manny Sanchez teamed up to present an introductory series of Zumba classes, called *Spice Up Your*



Dance Moves in June. The combo dance and fitness classes were free and open to individuals of all ages. Instruction was in both English and Spanish.

The **Laramie County Library System** in Cheyenne was named **2008 Library of the Year** by *Library Journal*



and Gale Cengage.

Each year *LJ* and Gale select a library whose high

standards, innovative services, and commitment to their community make them extraor-

dinary. LCLS’s success is due in part to a recent and carefully planned vision that grew out of its relationship with patrons. After years of operating in a cramped and “dingy” environment, the library received 55 percent of the resident’s votes for a proposition that added a one penny per dollar sales tax to the state’s five percent for the sole purpose of building a new main library. The new library’s design embraces the capital city’s urban and civic character, as well as the wide open spaces of surrounding landscape. It also achieved a Silver certification as a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design). MPLA member **Lucie Osborn**, Laramie County Librarian, received the award and \$10,000 cash prize during the annual American Library Association conference in Anaheim, CA. For more information and to read the feature article that appears in the June 15 issue of *Library Journal* magazine, see <http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6568073.html>.

Jim Honour, University of Wyoming Libraries, is the Wyoming liaison to the National Network of Libraries in Medicine (NN/LM). He will provide NN/LM outreach and training for Wyoming. A 2006 graduate of the University of Denver’s

Library and Information Science program, he previously worked at the National Jewish Medical & Research Center in Denver.

The **Natrona County Public Library**, as a result of a \$23,200 grant from the Natrona County Recreation Joint Powers Board, is expanding its Summer Reading Program. The funding allows for more professional performances such as magicians, ventriloquists and puppeteers. Additional materials and programs are offered for the "Tween" age group, encompassing kids in grades 4-6, supported by a grant from the Tonkin Foundation. Tween-appropriate software will be added to library computers, and a "Tween advisory board" will be formed.



Having a place of their own shows tweens at NCPL that their library is relevant to them.

The summer reading program for children at the **Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library**, *Catch the Reading Bug @ Your Library*, kicked off June 16. Summer programs include "Larklight Adventure Club" for children 9-12 years old; "Buggy for Books" and "Library Ant-ics" for children in grade school; "Bookworms" for preschoolers; "Wiggly Things" for toddlers; and "Ants in Your Pants" for all ages.

Teton County Library and Mexican theater Director Raúl Juárez offered a Spanish-language introduction to theatrical improvisation with an evening workshop series in June and July. The improv workshop, or Taller de improvisación teatral, was presented in Spanish.

Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library Story Branch held a Book Discussion and Open House with local author Sam Morton on his book *Where the Rivers Run North*. Morton has worked as a horse trainer in Northern Wyoming and South Florida for over thirty years.

Starting in August, the **Tongue River Branch of the Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library** will host "Living Between Fences," a reading and discussion series in the Wyoming Humanities Council's Reading Wyoming program. Participants will read and discuss award winning titles *House of Sand and Fog* by Andre Dubus, *Snow Falling on Cedars* by David Guterson, *Tortilla Curtain* by T.C. Boyle, and *The Work of Wolves* by Kent Meyer. The discussion series is part of the "Between Fences" Smithsonian traveling exhibit that was on display at the Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library in spring 2008.

The **Teton County Library** offered a program in June on *Chado - The Japanese "Way of Tea"* with a tea tasting and lecture by University of Wyoming Professor and certified *Chado* practitioner Janice Harris.



*Handouts from the 2008 ULA/
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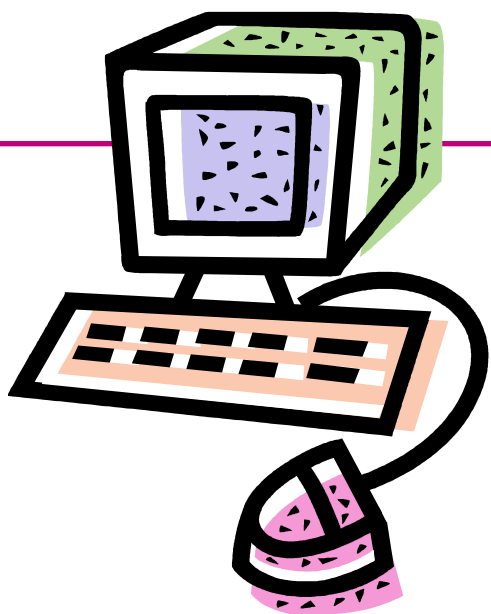
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By-Laws changes Approved at May Membership Meeting

The following changes to the MPLA By-Laws were approved at the MPLA Membership Meeting held at the MPLA/ULA Conference in May:

Article IX, Electronic Communities, is deleted.

4.2: The following sentence is changed from “Their terms of office shall begin at the last Executive Board meeting at the annual conference at which their election is announced,” to new wording of “Their terms of office shall begin at the close of the annual conference at which their election is announced.”



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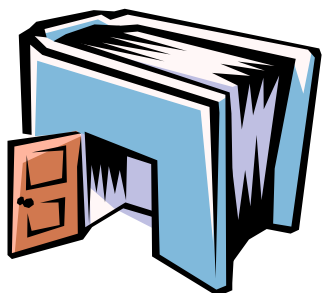
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