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Great News!

Rob Banks, MPLA President, recently sent the following message to MPLA members.

The Executive Board of MPLA voted unanimously at their October 11th meeting to continue the MPLA Leadership Institute. The institute is tentatively scheduled for Spring of 2010. Exact dates and location will be announced as soon as a contract is signed. Because of expense, it was voted to hold the institute every other year. The board will be working over the next few months to organize the effort. We are very excited to announce this decision and will keep you posted as additional information becomes available.

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President's Message

Greetings,

You have probably heard the good news by now that the Executive Board approved the MPLA Leadership Institute for Spring of 2010. I am currently negotiating a contract for a location. We will be announcing additional information as it becomes available.

The recent national financial news raises questions on many levels. The board reviewed our current financial status at our October meeting. The good news is that the money we have is safely placed in insured CDs and accounts. Our Association has always taken a conservative approach to managing these funds. The bad news is that our membership numbers are down, which impacts the operating budget.

Through the contentious efforts of Judy, our Executive Secretary, and other members of the association we operate efficiently and cost effectively. The lack of funds is most seriously felt in efforts such as the Leadership Institute, which is a very expensive undertaking. We are

searching for additional sources of funding but in tight economic times, those sources are more difficult to find.

One of the great joys of being President of MPLA is the opportunity to visit State Association conferences. I recently returned from North Dakota and Wyoming. I had a great time and appreciate the warm welcome I received in both states. The question I was asked most often regarded the future of the Leadership Institute. It became very obvious this is an important benefit of MPLA membership! My experience at those two conferences reinforces my pleasure that we plan to continue offering this growth opportunity for our members.

To help energize our organization, I challenge each one of us to find one new member for MPLA. I have found that many people just need to be asked. Also, that personal testimony from someone passionate about the association can be very convincing to a new member. Let's really try to expand those membership numbers before the end of the calendar year! Thank you in advance for your help with this and all you do to make MPLA an excellent association.

---Rob

Plan now for the KLA-MPLA Joint Conference

**[http://www.kansaslibraryassociation.org/
displayconvention.cfm](http://www.kansaslibraryassociation.org/displayconvention.cfm)**

Libraries: Dynamic People, Places & Ideas
April 1 - April 3, 2009
Wichita, Kansas

Former MPLA Presidents Retiring

Dorothy Liegl

Dorothy Liegl was honored October 15 at her retirement party at the State Capital Visitor's Center in Pierre. A Proclamation by the Governor declared October 15 as Dorothy Liegl Day in South Dakota.

For the past 36 years she has worked with the South Dakota State Library, beginning in 1972 as a cataloger. Over the years she has been in Library Development, Film Librarian, Deputy State Librarian, and State Librarian.

Throughout her career Dorothy has held several offices in the South Dakota Library Association and the Mountain Plains Library Association including President, has been recognized by SDLA with the Librarian of the Year Award and the Distinguished Service Award, and has been recognized by the American Library Association with the Intellectual Freedom Award, and was named to the National Advocacy Honor Roll and the Freedom to Read 30th Anniversary Honor Roll.



Dorothy (center) with colleagues at reception

Jasmine Rockwell, South Dakota State Library Children's Services Coordinator emceed a program at the retirement party. Speakers included State Librarian, Dan Siebersma, Dr. Melmer, Secretary of Education; Dan Boyd, Director of Access Services at the State Library; Suzanne Miller, Minnesota State Librarian and former South Dakota State Librarian; Jane Kolbe, Library Development Division Director for the Arizona State Library and former South Dakota State Librarian; and Donna Morris, Utah State Librarian. MPLA honored Dorothy with a proclamation read by

Colleen Smith of Huron and former MPLA Representative.

Dorothy doesn't plan on slowing down in her retirement. She will be launching a new career as a library consultant, working primarily in the western states. She also continues on the current MPLA board as chair of the nominating committee.

Marilyn Hinshaw



Marilyn Hinshaw, long-time member and supporter of MPLA, MPLA President 1999-2000, and energy behind the MPLA Leadership Institute, is retiring December 31, 2008 from her position as Executive Director of the Eastern Oklahoma District Library System.

Marilyn started her career in the State Library of Kansas as public library consultant and became continuing education coordinator the following year. She then moved to El Paso, TX as branch coordinator, then established the Trans Pecos Library System and organized the regional effort to approve the Texas Library Systems law. Hired in 1978 as Head of Public Services for the Daniel Boone Regional Library, Columbia, Mo, she was promoted to Assistant Director after eighteen

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months on the job. In 1982, Marilyn moved to the Eastern Oklahoma District Library as Executive Director.

Marilyn began working in the ALA Junior Members Round Table in 1973 and was elected its President in 1976-77. Following that term with election to ALA Council through 1981 she then had a term as chair of the ALA Awards Committee. Working in Oklahoma, she was Legislative Chair in 1984 and was selected OLA President for 1985-86. Following that office, she went back to ALA service, was elected President of PLA's Small and Medium Sized Library Section and two years later was president of the Metropolitan Library Section and then served the PLA Board as liaison to the Association of Library Trustees and Advocates. In 1999, she was elected President of MPLA, began the first long range planning work by the MPLA Board, and as past president, headed the Leadership Institute Committee.

If that wasn't enough, Marilyn served on ALA Council again from 2003-2006 and from 2004 on was concurrently appointed to the Budget Analysis and Review Committee and served as chair through the 2008 conference. Elected to ALA Council again in last Spring's elections, she is currently serving on Council a third time for the 2009-2011 term.

Marilyn has chosen to buy a paid advertisement to express her thoughts to colleagues. See it on page 10.

Carol Connor



Carol Connor at Retirement Reception

Carol Connor, Library Director of Lincoln City Libraries, Nebraska, retired September 10 after 36 years with the library system. Her retirement was reported in the August 2008 issue of the MPLA Newsletter. Carol was MPLA President in 1997-1998. In addition to a reception at the library, the library staff held a private farewell dinner at which the Wee Brazen Hussies performed.

Linda Rea



Linda Rea, Director of the Hastings Public Library, Nebraska, retired in October. Her retirement was reported in the October issue of the MPLA Newsletter. Linda was MPLA President in 2000-2001. See her article on retirement, *Prepare for a New Phase in Life*, at www.hastings.lib.ne.us/articles/lmr/030207.html.

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MPLA Website
www.mpla.us

Employment Resources



by Dan Stanton,
Arizona Local Documents Librarian &
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Economics is extremely useful as a form of employment for economists. - **John Kenneth Galbraith**

Unfortunately, the following resources may become very important to our users given the economic climate. Government at all levels can provide assistance for the workforce. They look out for job seekers, wage earners, and retirees of the United States by improving their working conditions, advancing their opportunities for profitable employment, protecting their retirement and health care benefits, helping employers find workers, strengthening free collective bargaining, and tracking changes in employment, prices, and other economic measurements. Workers are guaranteed safe and healthful working conditions; a minimum hourly wage and overtime pay; freedom from employment discrimination; unemployment insurance; and other support.

General

Career One Stop - <http://www.careeronestop.org/>
Collection of resources offering solutions to the demands of today's labor market from the perspective of the job seeker, the employer, and the public workforce community.

DisabilityInfo.gov - <http://www.disabilityinfo.gov/digov-public/public/DisplayPage.do?parentFolderId=9>
Comprehensive online resource designed to provide people with disabilities with the employment information they need.

eLaws - <http://www.dol.gov/elaws/> - Interactive tools that provide information about Federal employment laws for employees and employers.

Occupational Outlook Handbook - <http://www.bls.gov/oco/> - Assistance to individuals making decisions about their future work lives. Describes what workers do on the job, working conditions, the training and education needed, earnings, and expected job prospects in a wide range of occupations.

Public Service and Volunteerism - <http://www.firstgov.gov/Citizen/Topics/PublicService.shtml> - Listing of opportunities to serve the public good.

Veterans

Hire Vets First - <http://www.hirevetsfirst.gov/> - Comprehensive career website for hiring veterans of America's military.

VetSuccess - <http://vetsuccess.gov/> - Information about the services that the Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) program provides to veterans with service-connected disabilities. It also provides information about vocational counseling available to active duty service members and veterans who have recently separated from active duty, and to dependents of veterans who meet certain program eligibility requirements.

Youth

Bureau of Labor Statistics - <http://www.bls.gov/k12/index.htm> - Career information for young people.

Career Voyages - <http://www.careervoyages.gov/>
Information on high growth, high demand occupations along with the skills and education needed to attain those jobs.

Youth 2 Work - <http://www.youth2work.gov/index.htm> - Department of Labor site geared towards young people in the workforce.

Starting a Business

Business Resources by Audience - http://www.firstgov.gov/Business/All_Audiences.shtml - Resources geared towards specific populations looking to get into business.

Business Development - http://www.usa.gov/Business/Business_Gateway.shtml - Resources from a variety of federal agencies involved in the business world.

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Startup Basics - http://www.sba.gov/start-up_business/startup/basics.html - Small Business Administration site providing resources and guidance in starting a business.

MPLA Region

The following Mountain Plains state governments provide free services to employers looking for workers, resources for existing workers and for jobseekers seeking training and employment opportunities.

Arizona Workforce Connection - <http://www.arizonaworkforceconnection.com/>

Working in Colorado - <http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CO-Portal/CXP/1165693060190>

Kansas Department of Labor - <http://www.dol.ks.gov/index.html>

Montana Workforce Services Division - <http://wsd.dli.mt.gov/>

Nebraska Workforce Development - <http://www.dol.state.ne.us/nwd/>

New Mexico Department of Workforce Services - <http://www.dws.state.nm.us/>

Nevada Department of Employment, Training & Rehabilitation - <http://detr.state.nv.us/>

North Dakota Working - <http://www.nd.gov/category.htm?id=77>

Oklahoma Employment Resources - <http://www.ok.gov/1350/346/>

South Dakota Department of Labor - <http://dol.sd.gov/>

Utah Department of Workforce Services - <http://jobs.utah.gov/jobseeker/dwsdefault.asp>

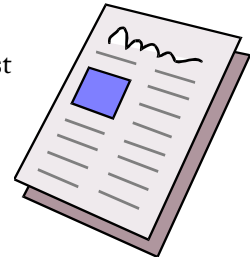
Wyoming Department of Workforce Services - <http://www.wyomingworkforce.org/>

Department of Labor – Services by State - <http://www.dol.gov/dol/location.htm>



Newsletter Notes

Following President Rob Banks' request to members to update their directory profiles, almost half of members have chosen to view the *MPLA Newsletter* on-line-only, thus reducing printing and mailing costs for the association.

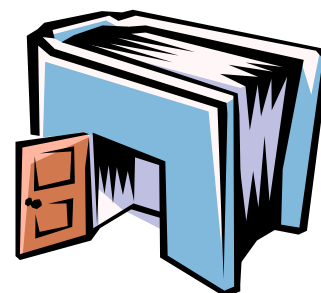


Some facts about the MPLA Newsletter:

- In May 1956, the association's journal, The Mountain-Plains Library *Quarterly*, Vol. 1, No. 1, was published
- In 1975, in order to reduce costs which were at least \$6,000 annually for the journal, the MPLA Board discontinued the *Quarterly* in favor of a bi-monthly *MPLA Newsletter*. It continues in this format today.
- 2008 Newsletter total printing and mailing cost will be just under \$7,000. Annual cost per recipient receiving by mail is about \$9.50.
- Advertising revenue for 2008 will be about \$770.
- The non-profit postal rate for bulk mailing is currently 42 cents each newsletter. Beginning in October the Post Office charges for address corrections. The current annual cost of MPLA's bulk-mailing permit is \$180. In order to keep a non-profit permit, an organization is required to do at least one mailing every 2 years of at least 200 pieces.
- The Editor's stipend is currently \$270/issue.
- The Executive Secretary is responsible for mailing lists, labeling, and preparing the bulk mailings.
- The Newsletter Editor's contract is separate from the Executive Secretary position, though Judy Zelenski holds both posts at this time.

MPLA's Communication Committee oversees newsletter policies. Contact current chair Mary Ann Thompson with policy suggestions (mthompso@fhsu.edu). News and photos for consideration are always welcome. Send to Judy Zelenski, Editor (judyz@operamail.com). Deadlines are January 1, March 1, May 1, July 1, September 1, and November 1.

Welcome New MPLA Members



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KLA/MPLA Joint Conference

The conference website is
up and running with travel
links and hotel links.

[http://www.kansaslibrary-
association.org/displaycon-
vention.cfm](http://www.kansaslibrary-association.org/displayconvention.cfm)

Check it out for regular up-
dates to what's going on
with conference planning.
Some highlights:

- Keynote Speaker Will
Manley
- Keynote Speaker Brad
Meltzer
- Luncheon Speaker
Roland Smith
- Pre-Conference Speaker
Warren Graham
(Black Belt Librarians)

See you in Wichita!



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Memo from Marilyn

October, 2008

Dear Friends and Colleagues

At the end of December I am retiring. It's been a good long while and a great time in history to take a rural public library district from a \$700k budget to \$4.5 million, from 10 branches to 15 and from sending home 300,000 items to 1,096,000 in FY 2008. Then there is the addition of computer connections with some 250,000 computer uses this year across our fifteen branches in this rural area. We have opened the electronic horizon to people who would never have a ghost of a chance to participate otherwise.

The greatest reward of all is how many people at any level of responsibility, and pay, in library systems where I have worked have become full participants in library learning – from state library certification as a library clerk to earning a master's in library education to the highest levels of association leadership. I thank them all for the joy of witnessing transformation and, on occasion, being included in discussion of a career choice.

Always I will thank my friends and colleagues in the associations that have been my succor and support – the Mountain Plains Library Association where devotion to working in rural areas of the mid-American landscape is tantamount to taking vows, with the result that it nurtures a well of outstanding library service; the American Library Association, especially for the jump start that was the Junior Members Round Table with a class of leaders who are still great friends; to the Oklahoma, Missouri, Texas and Kansas Library Associations. All of them gave me the arenas to practice politics of the best kind – the kind that improve libraries for generations to come.

I walked this road beginning at age 16 in a small library of 3 staff members, merging with classmates at Emporia State University's SLIM program, then joining hands through the years with great staff members and with colleagues who have gifted me with intellectual and professional survival. I have been sustained for the last 26 years by an ever renewed phalanx of terrific and dedicated Board of Trustee members who had faith in me and my plans to strengthen and diversify library service. Their policies staffed our branch libraries with people who respond to the reward of becoming fully engaged participants with frequently renewed skills by continuous training. Through that we brought about a thriving library environment, the best possible description of the Eastern Oklahoma District Library System and its community branch libraries.

Retirement by another name should be thanksgiving; for the memories of 38 years of great places to work with great companions and dear friends in the cause of America's libraries. We must keep libraries at the center of the life of the mind in all our communities, neighborhoods, schools, colleges and universities as we do daily battle to challenge the narrow minded demagoguery that so easily multiplies around us. Our task is no simple one. It is to offer and defend freely available information for free choices that will keep the light of our democracy shining!

Marilyn L. Hinshaw, Past MPLA President

Around the Region

Arizona

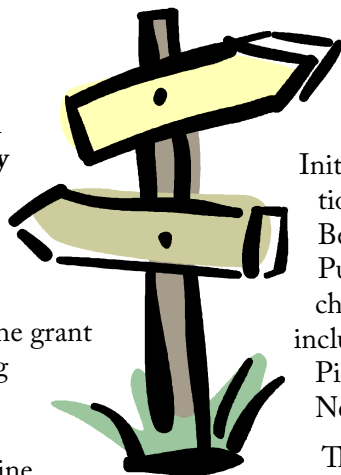
The **University of Arizona's School of Information Resources and Library Science** received a three-year grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services that will allow for a hands-on approach to teaching and learning digital library technologies. The grant totals nearly \$540,000, with a matching award of about \$328,000. The project, "Improving Student Learning of Advanced Digital Technologies in an Online Laboratory: A Research Approach" is meant to bring to the classroom the type of learning that students would have had to seek out in internships. The school's partners are the UA Libraries, UA University Information and Technology Services, the Harvard University Herbaria and the Missouri Botanical Gardens. Each of the partner institutions will provide with information that will be recorded and catalogued, then developed into databases by students.

Arizona State Library and Pima County Public Library recently launched *Baker's Dozen: Learning 2.0 Arizona*, a statewide learning program designed to encourage library staff in Arizona to experiment and learn about new and emerging technologies and how information is used and created on the Internet today. The fully online self-discovery learning program used many Web 2.0 tools to design this program, including WetPaint, YouTube, Flickr, & Blogger. See <http://bakersdozenarizona.wetpaint.com/?t=anon>.

Colorado

BCR's Collaborative Digitization Program, the nationally recognized digitization collaborative, celebrates 10 years of access, training and service to the cultural heritage community. It originated as a state-based Colorado Digitization Project and in April 2007, the CDP merged into BCR.

The **Colorado Association of Libraries (CAL)** conference held its second annual job fair, coordinated by **Art Glover**, Associate Director of Human Services



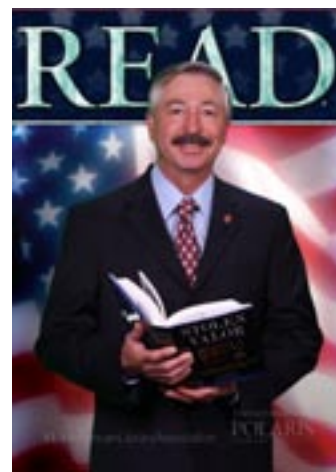
for the Douglas County Libraries. There was no fee for participation.

Anne Marie Lyons joined BCR as Digital Initiatives Trainer, filling a newly created position in BCR Training & OCLC Services. Before joining BCR, Lyons worked for National Public Radio and the National Security Archive, Washington, D.C. Her library experience includes work at the Van Deusen Post Library, the Picatinny Arsenal and Rutgers University, all in New Jersey.

The **Library and Information Science Program at the University of Denver** and its partners, the **Westminster Law Library** and the **Sturm College of Law**, will recruit and educate ten new law librarians with a grant of \$999,360 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The grant was one of 31 awards given to institutions nationwide as part of a \$20.3 million initiative of the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program. For more information contact MPLA member **Sylvia Hall-Ellis**, Associate Professor, Library and Information Science Program at shellis@du.edu.

BCR, in partnership with Tutor.com, is expanding its offerings of online tutoring services to include Live Homework Help, an award-winning one-to-one homework help service for students from five to 95, and Ask a Librarian Express, a 24/7 virtual reference service. Tutor.com is offering special pricing through BCR.

During the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, DC, three Colorado House of Representatives members of Congress posed for a READ poster to demonstrate their commitment to nation's libraries. They were John Salazar; Marilyn Musgrave, and Doug Lamborn.



Representative John Salazar

Kansas

The **Northeast Kansas Library System** and the **Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library** held its third annual *Celebrate the Book! A Regional Readers' Advisory Conference* on November 7 at the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library. The featured speaker was nationally recognized Reader's Advisory guru Michael Gannon, regular reviewer for *Booklist* and the author of *Blood, Bedlam, Bullets, and Badguys: A Reader's Guide to Adventure/Suspense Fiction*.

The **Johnson County Library** received a grant of \$38,922.94 from the Johnson County Heritage Trust Fund for its *Digital Cemetery Project*. Library staff will complete and format an inventory of Johnson County cemeteries, accessible on JoCoHistory.net, which will include names, dates, grave locations, and photographs of grave markers. Total project cost is \$61,860, with the remainder of the funding provided by the library.

Tom Taylor is the new **South Central Kansas Library System** Continuing Education Coordinator. He is responsible for planning and organizing the annual program of continuing education and training for SCKLS member libraries. Taylor has a Masters of Library and Information Science degree from the University of South Florida in Tampa. His undergraduate degree in history is from Bethel College, North Newton, KS. His library experience includes work in two public libraries and one academic library and he served as the Supervisor of Public Relations, Special Services and Assistant Automation Consultant at the Newton, KS Public Library during 2001 to 2006. Taylor recently relocated to Wichita from Clearwater, Florida.



Dodge City Public Library Foundation recently held their second annual Wine & Cheese Fundraiser. Approximately 95 people attended the event held at the library with wine being served from the circulation desk and cheeses and other hors d'oeuvres served throughout the library. On display was the upgraded computer lab and the videoconferencing equipment as

well as the library itself. Guests visited while enjoying the wine & cheese then heard guest speaker Robert Rebein read an essay from his upcoming book *Dragging Wyatt Earp*. Dr. Rebein is a former Dodge City resident and currently an English Professor and author. The Library Foundation donated part of the profits from the fundraiser toward technology as part of the library's match for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Grant. MPLA member **Cathy Reeves** is Library Director.



Guest speaker Dr. Robert Rebein



Enjoying the Wine & Cheese at Dodge City Public Library

The **Johnson County Library** has established a blog which allows members of a book discussion group at the De Soto Neighborhood Library, a small branch, to communicate between meetings. De Soto Information Specialist **Janine Myers**, who facilitates the group, established the blog at <http://dsbookgroup.blogspot.com> as a tracking and communications mechanism for the members to log past selections and to encourage discussion about future book selections.

MPLA member **Patti Butcher**, Director, Statewide Resource Sharing at the Kansas State Library, is a new state library representative to the BCR Board of Trustees.

New staff promotions at the **Johnson County Library** include **David Hanson** who has been promoted to System-Wide Services Manager, and Jennifer Mahnken who has been promoted to Associate Director for Branch Services. Hanson has been with



David Hanson

at the Central Resource Library and, most recently, as Adult Programming Manager.

Photo credits: Johnson County Library

Johnson County Library since 2006 as the Specialty Reference Services Coordinator at the Central Resource Library. During her 14 years with the library, Mahnken has served in many positions, including Leawood Pioneer Assistant Branch Manager, Business Services Manager



Jennifer Mahnken

Rob Banks, Deputy Director of Operations for the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library and MPLA President, recently represented MPLA at state association conferences in North Dakota and Wyoming. Between conferences he visited MPLA Vice-President **Eileen Wright** in Montana.

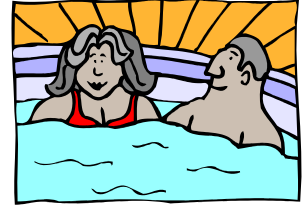


Eileen Wright & Rob Banks

Montana

Public libraries in Montana now have access to the HeritageQuest online genealogy database for their patrons, both within libraries and remotely. This database provides information from every US census through 1930, published family histories and genealogy articles, Revolutionary War records and the Freedman's Bank. Purchase of this opportunity was possible as a result of contributions from 48 libraries and money from the State library.

The annual Academic and Special Library Division/ Public Library Division (ASLD/PLD) of the **Montana Library Association** retreat was held in October at Chico Hot Springs. Approximately 30 librarians attended workshops on using OpenOffice, TechAtlas, digital cameras, Koha (an open-source ILS) and others, as well as participating in the traditional Hot Tub Book Discussion group. The retreat's theme was "Floatin' & Gloatin': Celebrating MT Library Successes!"



Programs for the 2009 **Montana Library Association** conference in Kalispell have been chosen - there will be something for everyone! In addition, the association has decided to hire a conference planner to help out with this conference, and for future conferences. According to Montana Representative **Pam Henley** the association has grown to a size where only a few towns have facilities large enough which puts a burden on the same groups every year. A conference planner should be able to take over many of these responsibilities.

As part of the **Great Falls Public Library** and the Great Falls Animal Shelter's new program, **Read to an Orphan**, one night a month beginning in October a dog will visit the library, hear stories, and be available for adoption.

Sarah McHugh, Statewide Projects Manager for the **Montana State Library**, is new state library representative for the BCR Board of Trustees.



Meet MPLA Vice-President Eileen Wright's new puppy River. She is a cairn terrier.

Nebraska

Pat Leach has been appointed Director of **Lincoln City Libraries**, following Carol Connor who retired after 30 years. Leach has worked full-time in the City library system since 1981 serving as Youth Services Supervisor since 1997. She began her career with Lincoln City Libraries in 1979 when a college student she worked as a part-time assistant. She has served as South Branch Supervisor, Circulation and Youth Services Librarian and Acting Public Services Supervisor before taking her current position. Pat has a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and master's degree in library and information science from the University of Illinois. She has been a book reviewer for the *Lincoln Journal Star* and the *School Library Journal* and has made many presentations at state reading and library associations.

Natasha Friend, young adult author, visited the **Panhandle Library System's** schools in October. All 7th and 8th graders in the system were invited to attend and bussed into the participating schools. Natasha, being an urbanite from Connecticut, longed to see the real Nebraska countryside so a media specialist arranged a trip to a ranch. Besides reading to a steer, she told kids about why she became a writer and talked about her books.



Author Natasha Friend and Listener

The **Grand Island Public Library** received the Multicultural Business of the Year Award from the Grand Island Multicultural Coalition. The library has been a partner with the coalition for a number of years and has participated in naturalization ceremonies,

panels for Hispanic youth leaders, and library services workshops for multicultural coalition agencies. In the past year the library opened up its own Multicultural Center and is currently working with the Coalition to enhance the center's collections and services. The Multicultural Coalition made special mention at the award ceremony of the entire library staff's welcoming and helpful attitude to everyone who comes in, and related stories of how comfortable recent immigrants are in using the library.

Steve Fosselman, Director, of the Grand Island Public Library, won the Nebraska Library Association's Excalibur Award for Outstanding Public Librarian.

Veronda Pitchford, Vice President for Membership and Communication for the Urban Libraries Council, presented information about ULC's program "Welcome Stranger: Public Libraries Build the Global Village" at the Fall Colloquium sponsored by the **Eastern Library System** and the **Southeast Library System**.



MPLA member Emily Nimsakont follows Scott Childers as the Nebraska Library Association's Internet Site Coordinator. She recently began working as a cataloguing librarian at the Nebraska Library Commission and won a free MPLA membership at the annual conference.

The **NLA/NEMA** conference was held October 15-17. See conference presenter's handouts at: <http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/conference/2008/handouts/>

MPLA members recently elected to **Nebraska Library Association** Offices for 08-09 are Vice-President/President Elect **Scott Childers** and ALA Councilor **Pam Soreide**. Newly elected Secretary is Joanne Ferguson Cavanaugh

Lincoln City Libraries is offering three parent-child book groups for various grade levels and their adult reading partners starting this fall. The groups meet once a month and are lead by a trained facilitator.



Sharon Osenga, Director of the Meridian Library System in Kearney and former MPLA President, on the Island of Staffa in the Scottish Hebrides.

Nevada

The **Centennial Hills Library of the Las Vegas/Clark County Library District** which is being constructed in northwest Las Vegas will be an energy efficient structure, and when completed will apply for LEED Silver Certification. The 45,555 square foot facility is on schedule for a January 2009 opening. Other amenities in Centennial Hills Park will include an outdoor amphitheatre, playgrounds, picnic shelters, horseshoe pits and much more.

The **Nevada State Library and Archives** and BCR recently announced a partnership to develop a five-year digital action plan to guide the development of Nevada's statewide digital collections. The project runs through June 2009, and includes activities designed to define the priorities and tactical strategies to be used to implement the five-year plan. Participant groups will be comprised of primary stakeholders, including the libraries, cultural heritage institutions, state and local governments, tribes and other content owners, as well as users of the collection.

Henderson District Public Libraries celebrated their 2nd annual One Book Henderson program with a month long series of events focusing on the themes in John Grogan's bestselling book, *Marley & Me: Life and Love with the World's Worst Dog*. Featured programs included a Kick-Off Carnival, "Who Let the Dogs Out?" on October 4th. Over 1600 canine lovers and their pets enjoyed activities for all ages, including demonstrations by Joe the ATF Dog, Vegas Valley

Obedience Club, Atomic Dogs, and a Dog Costume Contest and Parade.

Other library sponsored programs included the showing of canine movies, book discussions of *Marley & Me*, classes on "Pet Pages Scrapbooking" and "Knitting for Dogs", culminating with John Grogan's visit, book talk and signing on October 26. Over 700 fans welcomed Grogan to the Henderson Pavilion as he recalled his family's adventures with Marley. One Book Henderson events were sponsored in part by the Friends of Henderson Libraries, City of Henderson, Henderson Pavilion, Wheeler Family Foundation, Nevada Arts Council, National Endowment for the Arts, and Nevada Humanities. See more photos at the MPLA website under MPLA Stories: <http://www.mpla.us/stories/index.html>.



Pups and friends enjoy the "Who Let the Dogs Out" Carnival at Henderson Libraries

In November and December the **Washoe County Library System** will accept non-perishable food items in lieu of library fines to help feed the hungry. Food may be donated at any of the System's 10 library locations and it will be delivered to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada or Project MANA.

New Mexico

Three new librarians have joined the faculty of the New Mexico State University Library. They are **Liz Miller**, Cataloging Unit Head in Technical Services; **Dorothy Ormes**, Government Documents Librarian; and **Cary Osborne**, Political Papers Archivist.

The **New Mexico Library Association's** Fall Mini-Conference was held in Socorro. Dr. Veronica Garcia, Secretary of Education for the State of New Mexico was the luncheon speaker.

Several fall workshops were recently held around the state, including the Taos Storytelling Festival in Taos; a workshop on Identify Theft at the Esther Bone Memorial Library in Rio Rancho; and the 10th annual NM Data Users Conference at the New Mexico Continuing Education Conference Center in Albuquerque.

North Dakota

The **North Dakota Library Association** held its 2008 annual conference in Mandan with the theme "Librarians under Construction: A Life of Continuous Education." The keynote speakers included Jennifer Grady, director of the American Library Association's Allied Professional Association and author Margaret Read Macdonald. **Al Peterson**, MPLA Representative, reports that the North Dakota Library Association was honored to have MPLA President **Robert Banks** in attendance.

MPLA member **Michael Miller** received the North Dakota Library Association's 2008 Librarian of the Year Award. He is Director and Bibliographer of the Germans from Russia Heritage Collection housed at North Dakota State University. The **Friends of the Leach Library** in Wahpeton won Major Benefactor of the Year and the Youth Excellence Program of the Year Award went to the **Bismarck Public School Libraries**. Also honored was NDLA President and MPLA member **Donna James** who won School Library Administrator of the Year. Commendations Awards were given to **Valley City State University** and The **North Dakota Department of Public Instruction**, Education Standards and Practices Board for their work in

supporting school library media programs in the state. MPLA member **Aubrey Madler** won a Grassroots Award from the New Members Roundtable. Grassroots Grant winners receive a free registration to the next conference. The North Dakota Library Association also recognized long time members. **Mary Miller**, MPLA member **Kathryn Thomas** and MPLA member **Toni Vonasek** were recognized for thirty years of membership and **Marry Ann Henderson**, **Amy Bryn**, **Pegi Ecker**, **Kristi Engle**, and **Mary E. Fischer** were given recognition for twenty years.

The 2008-2009 Flicker Tale Award winners were given out at the NLA conference. Picture Book winner was **Bad Dog Marley** by John Grogan; Intermediate Book was **Toys Go Out** by Emily Jenkins; Juvenile Fiction was **Marley: A Dog Like No Other** by John Grogan; and Nonfiction was **Go to Sleep, Gecko!** by Margaret Read MacDonald. A very lively luncheon presentation was given by Margaret Read MacDonald assisted by MPLA member and former Bismarck Public Library Childrens' librarian, **Marvia Boettcher**.



Citizens in the Fargo/Moorhead region walked on October 4 to raise money for PACODES, a North Dakota nonprofit organization that is working to build the first library in Panyijiar County in Southern Sudan. The walk also commemorates the trek of thousands of refugees who fled Sudan on foot during its brutal civil war. PACODES, which stands for Panyijiar Community Development Services, was founded by members of Fargo's Sudanese population, many of which are "Lost Boys." For more information about PACODES, see <http://www.pacodes.org/>

Steve Axtman and **Stephanie Baltzer-Kom** from the North Dakota State Library read to school children in four North Dakota towns as part of Jumpstart's **Read for the Record**, a campaign to bring attention to the importance of early education. By encouraging hundreds of thousands of children and adults to read the same book on the same day, Jumpstart aims to break a world record and to make early education a national priority. Children and adults read the book **Corduroy** at events nationwide in an attempt to break the world record for the largest shared reading experience in history. Between the two, Steve and Stephanie read to over 300 kids and helped break last year's record by increasing participation in North Dakota.

The **First Annual Innovative Bookcart Competition** was held at the NDLA conference in the fall. The three winners, with only a difference of two votes between each) were: Gold Book Cart Award: **Arlene Gunderson**, Viking Media Center, Viking Elementary School Silver Book Cart Award: Doris Ott and the North Dakota State Library Staff. Bronze Book Cart Award: **Christine Kujawa** and MPLA member **Zack Packineau**, Bismarck Public Library. **Mark Holman**, Director of Library Services at the Sitting Bull College Library in Fort Yates, coordinated the contest. According to Holman, "Many of the entrants in the completion found the experience to have benefits that went beyond the obvious fun of the whole thing. On the one hand, the "jazzed up" bookcart was created to serve as the focal point of an event or activity. On the other, the process of creating the bookcart brought together staff from diverse and often disconnected library departments to think creatively, problem solve and work as a team. This seemingly frivolous activity is more than it appears on the surface."



Gold Book Cart Award - Viking Media Center



Silver Book Cart Award - North Dakota State Library

Oklahoma

Marilyn Hinshaw, selected an Oklahoma Library Legend in 2006, will retire from her post as Executive Director of the six county Eastern Oklahoma District Library System headquartered in Muskogee, Oklahoma effective December 31. See article on page 4 and her ad on page 10.

The **Northeastern State University College of Education** hosted a grand opening of the new Reading Clinic on the Broken Arrow campus. The clinic provides tutorial assistance to students from pre kindergarten through 12th grade. The Reading Clinic strives to prevent early literacy problems, offer supplemental instruction, and provide specialized services beyond intervention for those still needing assistance. It is also a perfect opportunity for graduates in the school library media program to experience hands on practice in cataloging. Kim Doner, an Oklahoma author and illustrator, shared her new book, *On a Road in Africa*. She spent a month with animal rescuer Chrysee Martin in Nairobi, Kenya. Proceeds from the book are going toward food and other necessities to care for the animals at the shelter.



The celebration of the Northeastern State University Reading Clinic. Illustrator Kim Doner is demonstrating how illustrations are a combination of shapes: this is a raccoon.

The **Oklahoma Library Association** held its first Mildred Laughlin Festival of Books for Young People at the **Stillwater Public Library**. Susan Campbell Bartoletti shared the importance of primary sources when writing non fiction books. Her book, *Hitler Youth*, has become part of the curriculum in Germany.

Jacqueline Woodson told the audience that books read to her in elementary school allowed her to grieve. Although her mother frowned upon the books that made Jacqueline sad, grieving through books was part of the process of growing up. According to MPLA Representative Barbara Ray, Eric Rohmann put many smiles on the faces of the audience and encouraged them to see illustrations through the eyes of the child.

MPLA member **BJ Vinson** recently retired as Coordinator of AV Services and Cataloger at Rose State College in Midwest City.

The membership committee of the **Oklahoma Library Association** invited school library media specialists to share their thoughts on professional organizations. Networking, sharing ideas, professional development opportunities, keeping up with the latest issues in librarianship, and problem solving were mentioned the most often as the greatest benefits of professional organizations. Being knowledgeable ranked very high but having a good time and reconnecting with colleagues was also very important. Only a few had been directly asked to join the association.

South Dakota

Anne Cooper Moore, Ph.D., began her new job as Dean of Libraries at The University of South Dakota on September 1. She was Associate Director for User Services at W.E.B. Du Bois Library at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Previously, she served as a branch librarian and as electronic resources librarian for New Mexico State University; and was a library manager for George Mason University libraries in Fairfax and Manassas, Va. An active member of the American Library Association, Association of College & Research Libraries, Association for Library and Information Science Education, and Massachusetts Library Association, Moore has a Ph.D. in educational management and development



with concentration in higher education administration and technology integration from New Mexico State University; a master's degree in library and information science from the University of North Carolina; and a bachelor of arts degree in English and Spanish from Duke University. She is a new MPLA member, receiving a Board Choice membership from MPLA Administration Committee member Elvita Landau.

The **South Dakota Library Association** Annual Conference drew more than 200 librarians, exhibitors and speakers to Cedar Shores Resort in Chamberlain September 24-26. Attendees were encouraged, instructed, and entertained by keynote speaker Joe Janes, ALA President Jim Rettig, authors Ken Davis, Will Hobbs, Jane Cobb & Elaine Alphin, and many others. The Library Institute alumni, AKA "Tooters", held a reunion which required relocation in the bar. According to MPLA Representative Elvita Landau "Fun was had by all."

Members honored recently at the SDLA Conference include **Keri Smith**, New Librarian of the Year, MPLA member **Judy Trzynka**, Trustee of the Year, **Gil and Barbara Johnsson**, Friend of the Library, MPLA member **Colleen Kirby**, Distinguished Service Award, and **Ann Smith**, Librarian of the Year.

New officers who assumed their duties at the end of the SDLA conference, many who are MPLA members, include **Nancy Sabbe**, Madison Public Library, Madison, president, **Kay Christensen**, Augustana College, vice-president/president elect, **Robin Schrupp**, Grant County Library, Milbank, Past President, **Julie Erickson**, South Dakota State Library, Recording Secretary, **David Gleim**, South Dakota State University, Academic/Health/Special Libraries Section, **Jane Norling**, Beresford Public Library, Public Library/Trustees Section, **Kerri Smith**, Washington High School, Sioux Falls, School Library/Media Section, **Ann Smith**, Sioux Falls School District, SDACT and **Jennifer Meiners**, Augustana College, Support Staff Section.

The **South Dakota Library Association** announced accreditations of several public libraries: Alcester Community Library, Cozard Memorial Library (Chamberlain), Canton Public Library, Potter County Library (Gettysburg), Hot Springs Public Library, Madison Public Library, Grant County Library (Milbank), Rapid City Public Library, and Yankton Community Library. The purpose of the voluntary

certification and accreditation program for public libraries and librarians in South Dakota is to encourage the ongoing development of quality library service in the state. These standards are intended to provide a tool to assess the quality of library service, identify areas needing improvement, and aid libraries in gaining maximum community support. Public libraries seeking accreditation must meet 90% (45 of the 49) of the standards.

Librarians from across South Dakota and beyond gathered October 15 to honor **Dorothy Liegl**, former MPLA president, state representative and member of numerous committees, at her retirement party at the State Capital Visitor's Center in Pierre. Throughout her years at the State Library Dorothy has traveled from one end of the state to the other, visiting almost every South Dakota library. See story and photo on page 4.

Dan Boyd, Director of Access Services at the South Dakota State Library for 32 years, has retired. He reminisces that when he was hired, the SD State Library was in an old grocery warehouse and the Braille & Talking Book Program was across town in an old lumberyard building. The Braille & Talking Book Program building was cold in the winter and very hot in the summer. The lighting was so bad that there were places in the stacks where a flashlight was needed to read the book numbers on the containers. "Thankfully," says state representative Elvita Landau, "much has changed."

Utah

The Children's Services and Young Adult Round Tables of the Utah Library Association sponsored a summer Workshop in Cedar City August 14-15. Speakers included Fred Adams of the Cedar City Shakespeare Festival and author Jessica Day George. Other programs included The Utah Kids Ready to Read! Program; Young Adult Services; Reference Services; Utah Pioneer Online Library; Health &

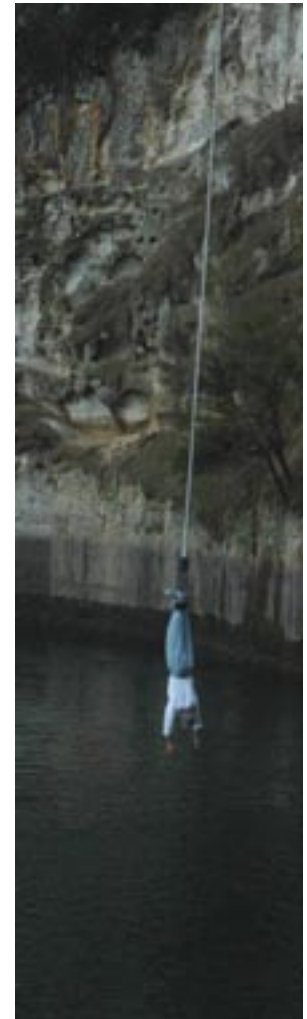


Anna Zanarini (CSRT Chair) & Samantha Hastings (YART Chair)

Wellness issues; and Marketing Library Services and Establishing Community Partnerships. A link to the program is found on You Tube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mss6rFUfKIg>. CSRT and YART also sponsored the visit of author Cinda William Chima to the **West Jordan Library** on September 24. Author of the popular children's/YA series entitled "Heir," she discussed "Magic on the Page: Elements of Young Adult Fantasy."



Cynda William Chima with Library Staff



Betty Dance, MPLA member and Chair of By-Laws & Procedures, recently visited New Zealand and had the opportunity to go off the Taupo Bungee Jump. "I told myself before doing it that I would not stand there looking down – to just go!" she says. "After having my feet shackled together, I shuffled up to the edge of the platform. First they took my picture, and then said "put your arms over your head and lean forward." I did as told and then I was off! It really was a fun experience. Would I do it again? Definitely!"

The **San Juan County Bookmobile** received an \$8,500 grant from the Institute of Museums and Libraries and Utah State Library to purchase a Native American Collection. Librarian, Chad Bartlett, wrote the winning grant.

The **Utah Library Association** Continuing Education Committee sponsored a successful Fall Workshop at the College of Eastern Utah in Price, Utah. More than 50 persons attended the workshop.

Wyoming

The **Natrona County Public Library's Youth Services Department** received the Wyoming Library Association's 2008 Milstead Award for excellence in children's services. The award-winning team serves youth from infancy to high school in many ways: providing books and materials, offering programs, inspiring youth to read and learn about their world. The group produces preschool and tiny-tot storytimes, tween book discussions, weekly programs such as knot tying, creating book ends, programs about dinosaurs, music and movie events. The annual Summer Reading Program, which attracts over 3,000 youth remains a cornerstone of NCPL's library service. Members regularly work in the schools, providing literacy-based puppet shows, book talks, and storytelling. Teen programming has included Poetry Slams, Writer's Workshops, and monthly book clubs. The teens enjoy such programs as "Game On!" where they can play guitar hero and "Dance, Dance Revolution." Such offerings provide the youth with a positive environment to see that their library is both welcoming and educational.



Left to Right: Kate Berry, Jennifer Beckstead, Twyla Gaylord, Jerry Jones, Joe Rogers, Glenda Williams

The **Teton County Library & Library Foundation** is sponsoring three December events featuring a free presentation *Page to the Podium: Amy Tan*; a \$250 ticket *Intimate Chat with Amy Tan*; and a \$100 ticket *Annual Library Party at Four Seasons Resort*.

Nationally known classical guitarist Peter Fletcher returned to the **Campbell County Public Library** in November. Fletcher, who specializes in transcribing piano music to the guitar, performed a 70 minute program which was free to the public



The **Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library** has purchased new books in self-contained, digital format. The *Playaways* are similar to MP3 players, but are pre-loaded with an audio book and ready for use. Each *Playaway* holds a single title and can be checked out for two weeks and returned in the same manner as other circulating items. The collection is on display near the circulation desk and staff members are ready to demonstrate their use. The size of the collection will increase with demand.



*Fulmer, the library bear, takes a moment to try out the new library audio books called *Playaways*.*

The **Campbell County Public Library** presented "poetry with a twist." Poetry Alive!'s high-energy shows are presented by a team of two professional performers who have memorized hundreds of poems. The performers transform verse to theatre and audience members become fellow actors. A Campbell County Community Public Recreation District grant funded

the week long residency during which the group performed for high school students and taught workshops.

The **Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library** hosted *The Myths and Mystery of Hans Kleiber*, presented by Gary Temple and Marylee M. Moreland. The program covered their research on Hans Kleiber, the Tucker List, restoration, the discovery of the photogravure, canceled plates, forgery, the bathing scenes, types of marketing, the myths, and the mystery. Temple and Moreland co-authored the book, *Hans Kleiber: Wyoming Printmaker and Artist* and donated 500 copies of the book to the Sheridan County Public Library System. Proceeds from the sale of the signed copies benefit the Tongue River Branch Library expansion project.

The **Teton County Library** hosted an evening program *Turning Real Life into Fiction* with author Chris Crutcher. The talk was followed by a book signing. The library also invited teens to view Crutcher's work on the screen with the Teen Movie Matinee:

Angus, based on the short story *Angus Bethune*. Both events were free, sponsored by the Charles Englehard Foundation and Teton County Library Foundation. **Allie Gillen** is the library's Teen Program Coordinator.

Tea @ Your Library. Tea was served at the **Campbell County Public Library** on Sunday afternoon November 2 at the Tea Extravaganza. The event featured high tea refreshments, beautiful tea pot displays, a chance to win tea pots in a Penny Auction, and a Silent Auction featuring tea pots created by local artists. Tickets were \$10 and benefitted the Campbell County Public Library System Endowment Challenge Program.



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Explore Ancestral Roots of American West at Midwinter Genealogy Institute

The History Section of the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA) invites librarians, library staff and the public to attend "[Behind the Genealogy Reference Desk](#)," a one-day institute from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 23, 2009, at the Denver Public Library, held in conjunction with the ALA 2009 Midwinter Meeting.

Participants will learn from local genealogy experts about how such resources as the Colorado Rail Museum and the Colorado State Archives can assist coast-to-coast family history researchers. Speakers will also address ways to overcome the challenges of closed-record environments.

Institute presenters include:

Janice Prater, genealogy librarian, past-president of the Colorado Genealogical Society and editor of the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History's quarterly publication

Charles Albi, director emeritus of the Colorado Rail Museum, Golden (Colo.)

Jose Esquibel, expert on colonial New Mexico and author of "Royal Road: El Camino Real from Mexico City to Santa Fe"

Dr. Wendel Cox, western bibliographer, Denver Public Library and author of "A World Together, a World Apart: the United States and the Arikaras, 1803-1851,"

Rebecca Lentz, director of the Stephen Hart Library, Colorado Historical Society

James K. Jeffrey, genealogy specialist at the Denver Public Library and president of the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies

The Denver Public Library is located at 10 West Fourteenth Avenue Parkway, Denver and is fully handicap-accessible. Registration includes lunch and a tour of the Colorado Historical Society Stephen Hart Library and the Colorado State Archives. Midwinter Meeting attendees can register using the [online registration form](#). Institute-only registration is available using the [printed registration form](#). Advance registration ends

Dec. 5, 2008. On-site registration will be available at the following rates: \$115, RUSA member; \$135, ALA member; \$160, non-member; \$85, students and retirees.

The History Section (HS) is a part of the [Reference and User Services Association \(RUSA\)](#), a division of the American Library Association. The section represents the subject interests of its members who work as reference librarians, archivists, bibliographers, genealogists, and in other historical reference and research fields. RUSA is the foremost organization of reference and information professionals who make the connections between people and the information sources, services, and collection materials they need.



MPLA 2009 Election Schedule

***Voting for MPLA Vice-President/
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Secretary will be held in early
February.***



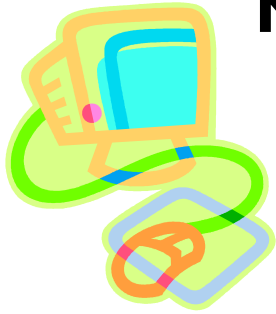
***Watch the MPLA website
www.mpla.us***

for announcement of nominees



***New officers will take over at the
end of the KLA/MPLA Joint con-
ference in Wichita in April, 2009.***

Using MPLA's Online Membership Directory



MPLA uses MemberClicks, an online membership maintenance service, for its Directory, which is accessible only to MPLA members.

This begins a series on how to use specific features.

How to Search the MPLA Database

- At the MPLA website: www.mpla.us, go to the login section at the lower left of the homepage.
- Login with your username and password. If you don't remember these, click on "Forgot Your Password" (be sure to enter the e-mail address which you originally used for MPLA).
- General Search:

Either use the Directory Search options or at the top left of the search page, or select "Directory" and from the fly-out menu select "Simple Search" or "Advanced Search" and proceed.
- Using a "Saved Search"

From "Directory" select "Simple Search." Go to the "Use a Saved Search" section.

From the "Use a Saved Search" drop-down list select one of the searches.

Click on the "Search" with the magnifying glass icon to its left. You will retrieve business card profile displays.

Questions? Contact Judy Zelenski, MPLA Executive Secretary, mpla_execsecretary@operamail.com. For instructions on using all the features of the database, see <http://www.mpla.us/mclicks.html>.

State & National Conferences - 2008

Arizona Library Association Conference
December 8-10, Glendale AZ

2009

American Library Association Midwinter Conference; Jan. 23-28, Denver, CO

Association of College & Research Libraries
March 12-15, Seattle, WA

KLA/MPLA Joint Conference
March 31 - April 3, Wichita KS

Oklahoma Library Association Conference
April 20-22, Midwest City OK

New Mexico Library Association Conference
April 22-24 Albuquerque NM

Utah Library Association Conference
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