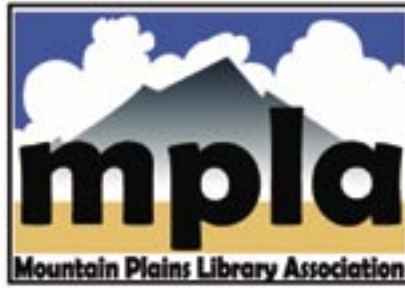


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## President's Message



It is amazing that a year has almost gone by. It just seems like we were in Salt Lake City and here we are nearly in Wichita.

If you haven't ordered an MPLA shirt, I encourage you to go to the MPLA online store and get one ordered. You'll have a nice shirt that proudly displays your affiliation with MPLA and it helps MPLA in the process.

I know budgets are tight, but I really encourage you to come to the conference in Wichita. We have an outstanding line up of authors and programs as well as some of the trademark great social events. Don't miss the "Hot Tub Roundtable"! It is impossible to have too much fun at an MPLA conference!

As we all face troubles at home, I remind you that your colleagues in MPLA have a lot of experience and are always willing to share. Check in with your friends for ideas other have used successfully to address similar problems. Being there to support each other is one of the major strengths of MPLA.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Wichita!

---*Rob*

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## Congratulations to Newly Elected MPLA Officers

Vice-President/President-Elect: **Elvita Landau**. Elvita is Director of the Brookings Public Library, Brookings, South Dakota. She will be an officer for three years, serving as Vice-President 2009-2010; President 2010-2011; and Past-President/Chair of Administration Committee 2011-2012.

Recording Secretary: **Robin Brooks Clark**. Robin is Director of the Sump Memorial Library, Papillion, Nebraska. She will serve a one-year term as Recording Secretary for 2009-2010

Continuing Officers: Eileen Wright, Vice-President/President-Elect, becomes President for 2009-2010. Rob Banks, President, becomes Past-President and Chair of the Administration Committee for 2009-2010.

Outgoing officers: Wayne Hanway completes his 3-year term as Vice-President, President, and Past-President. Annie Epperson completes her 1-year term as Recording Secretary. New terms begin on April 3, the last day of the KLA/MPLA 2009 Conference in Wichita. Terms are from conference to conference.



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# MPLA 2009 Award Winners

## Dan Chaney *Carl Gaumer Library Champion Award*



Dan Chaney has worked in libraries since 1983 when his first job was as an undergraduate circulation student employee at Northern Illinois University's Founders Memorial Library. He earned a B.S. degree from NIU in political science in 1987 and joined the NIU Library staff, serving in many public service staff positions. He earned his MLS from NIU in 1992. He came to Oklahoma State University's Edmon Low Library in August 1992 as a Social Sciences Librarian and was tenured in 1997. His duties at OSU have included being the Library's first Web Editor (Webmaster) when he developed the OSU Library's initial web presence. He served as OSU Library Web Editor off and on from 1995-1998 and still dabbles in web projects for the OSU Library.

Dan joined the Mountain Plains Library Association in 1996. His first MPLA conference was in Wichita that year. He left Wichita with a valuable committee appointment and he was appointed MPLA Webmaster in 1997. Dan has served several terms as a member of the Electronic Communication Committee, including serving as that committee's chair. He has also served as chair of the New Members Roundtable.

As MPLA Webmaster, Dan has largely been responsible for the conceptualization, development and implementation of all facets of the MPLA website. Dan was instrumental in putting the Manual of Procedure and Bylaws online. He suggested posting executive board reports, meeting agenda and minutes online as well, not only so officers could review them, but also to allow members and prospective members to see what the Association does. Dan had the idea of creating a "Faces of MPLA" page to give people a face to go with the name of officers. Dan also suggested posting conference handouts and presentation materials as a service to MPLA members and the greater library professional community. Dan has worked hard to make the MPLA website a very functional site, but also a "human" site, alive with color and photos.

According to Dan, "being MPLA webmaster continues to be an extremely fun opportunity, allowing me to exercise my creativity and problem solving skills. Every day has been fun, working with the MPLA board, the officers of the Association, the members of MPLA, and even non-members. I am very appreciative to MPLA for the opportunities to substantially contribute to the Association, as well as the members who have helped me develop as a professional."

Nominator Carol Hammond says, "Dan's work will be a lasting legacy to MPLA, and something that has changed us for the better forever. He has consistently been accommodating, easy to work with, and a source of wise advice on all matters technical. I simply can't imagine how MPLA would be where it is today without his impressive, outstanding contribution."

## Dorothy Liegl *Distinguished Service Award*

Dorothy Liegl decided to be a Librarian while she was in grade school. What other possible career could there be for someone who read one or more books every day? She resisted all attempts to convince her that teaching would be a wonderful career choice. Teaching was *DEFINITELY NOT* for her.

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Following high school, Dorothy first worked part-time at the Medical School Library and then at the I. D. Weeks Library while attending the University of South Dakota. Graduate school at Emporia State Teachers' College followed. In graduate school, Dorothy focused on public libraries because she was *NOT* going to teach.

After graduation, Dorothy went to the South Dakota State Library to work as a cataloger. About two months into her new career, the State Librarian assigned her to develop and conduct workshops at eight locations across the state... and the rest, as they say, is history. Even though filled with fear and trepidation throughout the first series of workshops, a career in continuing education and library development was launched. Since that first series of workshops, Dorothy has been working to improve the libraries of South Dakota -- one librarian at a time.

Throughout her 36-year career at the South Dakota State Library, Dorothy held many job titles, including: cataloger, head of technical services, film and video librarian, director of library development, deputy state librarian and state librarian. She was a grant writer, federal grant coordinator, collector and disseminator of statistical data, continuing education presenter and cheerleader.

Dorothy has been very active in state, regional and national organizations. Within the South Dakota Library Association, she has been the President, Secretary, Treasurer, Federal Relations Coordinator and MPLA Representative as well as serving on numerous committees. Within MPLA, she has been the President, state representative, Leadership Institute committee member and mentor (twice), and has served as member or chair on many committees through the years. On the national level, Dorothy has been a committee member on both PLA and ASCLA committees and chaired a PLA Committee for two years. Dorothy has also served as a Board Member and Chair of the



National Film and Video Market.

Her work has been recognized by numerous awards but when asked, "What makes you the most proud?", Dorothy's answer was the development of the South Dakota Library Training Institute and watching the amazing professional growth of the many attendees. Some libraries now have third generation Institute graduates as their directors.

Throughout her career, Dorothy has maintained that there are no dumb questions -- only questions that you have not yet found the answer to. She has led from the front (as President and as State Librarian) and from the middle (as continuing education coordinator and as a presenter). Library staff and trustees across South Dakota and the MPLA region have commented that Dorothy always has time to listen and offer a word of encouragement. That's not surprising for a person who believes that your success is measured by the success of those you assist.

Dorothy retired from the South Dakota State Library in October, 2008 and has now shifted her focus to consulting throughout the MPLA region.

## **Sharon Morrison Unsung Hero Award**

Sharon Morrison has a life-long love of learning and is a 30-year veteran of sharing that love through library services. She has worked in libraries serving ages six through adult -- and insists those patron's needs are not very different.

Sharon currently serves the students, faculty, and staff of Southeastern Oklahoma State University as the Library Director. In that capacity she is constantly looking out for their needs, whether they are factual research or information access. "I believe our faculty and students are striving to be first-rate scholars, and it is our role to support their efforts," she said.



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Given the rising cost of textbooks, too many students at Southeastern were coping with the stress of doing without the required texts. She saw a problem and she saw a solution. By creating a program wherein students can come to the library and check out any required text for a few hours, she has saved the student population thousands of dollars, and leveled the playing field for them.

Sharon earned degrees in History and Political Science and a Master's of Library Science. She has been active in several library associations. Her professional interests are in library administration, library assessment and distance education.

Kathryn Plunkett, in her nomination letter, said: "Sharon has been an inspiration to me on how a director can make a direct impact in the lives of students and staff. I appreciate the way she does the little things that show us that no job is unimportant but also allows us to offer suggestions and do our jobs without feeling micromanaged."

## **Kaijsa Calkins** **Beginning Professional Award**

Kaijsa Calkins is a reference and instruction librarian and liaison to the Department of English at the University of Wyoming. She is originally from the Seattle area, and before coming to Wyoming, worked in



university and community college libraries in Washington state. She earned her BA in Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences (Culture, Literature, and the Arts & American Studies) from the University of Washington, Bothell in 2001 and her MLIS from the Information School at the University of Washington, Seattle in 2004.

At UW Libraries, Kaijsa is the bibliographer for English, American Studies, African American Studies, and Linguistics and teaches instruction sessions at freshman through graduate levels. She enjoys working with instructional and social technologies and is one of five librarians teaching "Get on the Bus, Wyoming," a state-wide online learning course about the online social library community.

Kaijsa's other professional interests include the first-year experience, information literacy instruction and assessment, and interdisciplinary collaboration. Currently, she is collaborating on a survey research project on college freshmen reading habits, attitudes, and experiences.

In her personal life, Kaijsa enjoys live music, cooking, dancing, reading, and exploring her beautiful adopted state of Wyoming. Lori Philips, in her nomination, said, "Kaija...is highly esteemed by her immediate colleagues for her mature, professional approach to her position, and has also established a name for herself on the U of W campus as a proactive and student-centered librarian. She exemplifies the type of engagement in student learning that is so vital for the future of academic librarianship."

## **Don Coldsmith** **Literary Contribution Award**

A talisman, a Spanish bit from a conquistador's horse equipment, passes from generation to generation among American Indians in a legendary saga. *The Spanish Bit* series also opens the history of the Mountain Plains region from the point of view of the original natives. Author Don Coldsmith uses his fiction to trace the development of the Plains horse culture from the arrival of the Spanish in 1542 until the mid-1800s.

Don was born in Iola, Kansas, and still lives in Emporia. He spent his life in Kansas except for a stint as a combat medic in the Pacific and Japan before and

shortly after World War II. Some said he was physician for the Emperor, but he's quick to correct them—it was only Prime Minister Tojo. He returned to Kansas and worked until he finished medical school. He enjoyed a 40-year career as a physician serving a broad geographical area from his office in Emporia, and proudly boasts about the delivery of 3,000 babies before starting his writing career. He and his wife Edna raised a family of girls, most of whom were interested in horses. So he became involved with horses, too.

Coldsmith began his writing career in the 1960s, mostly writing articles for horse magazines and “some medical, non-technical stuff.” He has had a self-syndicated weekly newspaper column in various Kansas newspapers including



his home town *Emporia Gazette* for about 35 years. But what Don Coldsmith is best known for is his fiction. His fiction writing began in the 1970s while he still practiced medicine. Today he is the widest published living Kansas author. His topics include historical fiction with Western and American Indian themes, focusing on the Indians of the Great Plains from the time of first European contact.

Kansas State Poet Laureate Denise Low has said: “His work is important to Kansans and Midwesterners because he really shows the sweep of geography from Colorado Springs and the Rockies east to the Marais des Cygnes and from the Platt down into northern Oklahoma so you really get a sense of this region and there is not much literature in the country or the world based on that geographic region. **OSCR**

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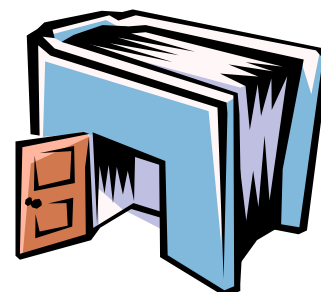
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## **First MPLA Member to become ALA President Camila Alire will be inaugurated at July Conference**

# **A Conversation with Camila**

By Jean Hatfield, Wichita Public Library



*From the 2008 ALA Inaugural where Camila was introduced as the new ALA president-elect. Back row [left to right]-- Louis Cenac and Fred Goodman; Front row [left to right] - Jan Sanders, Beth Bingham, Camila Alire, Carol Brey, Mario Ascencio.*

When you look in a thesaurus under the word “active” you find words that describe ALA President-Elect Dr. Camila Alire. Her energetic workshops and dynamic presentations have enlightened and informed many of us in the MPLA region. She has been part of the Colorado Library Association and the New Mexico Library Association and was honored by MPLA for her work with the Colorado State Legislature. She is a member of MPLA but now she gets to check “retired” on her membership form. Being retired doesn’t mean she is sitting back and taking it easy though. She remains on the go due to her teaching, speaking, writing and professional involvement. “I get a lot of satisfaction out of knowing that I’m helping people and giving back to the profession,” she said.

I’ve known Camila since beginning library school at the University of Denver. At the time, she was Assistant to the Dean and taught an introductory course. Because of her influence I have been professionally active throughout my career in state, regional and national organizations. Her commitment to professional devel-

opment and growth and her passion for librarianship motivated any student who spent time in her class.

In a recent conversation with her, she returned to one of her favorite themes. “What is important [about professional organizations] is the whole idea of networking. You help others and they in turn help you,” she said when asked why she has been so active through the years. “It is important to develop a good network of colleagues in the region. That’s why I see MPLA as an important organization.”

Camila’s hearty laugh and lively presence have been a staple at state and regional conferences. She pointed out that MPLA conferences can have a real benefit. “There are real advantages to being in a smaller organization. Because they are smaller you can develop a strong cadre of friends and a strong network. It might be easier to get involved in MPLA than in ALA. In ALA you have more variety in programs and involvement opportunities, but it is a lot bigger and harder to navigate than the state or regional conferences.”

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## **Camila Aire** continued

When asked what advice she would give to someone who may be a little shy about meeting people she replied, “You don’t have to be an extrovert to develop a network of friends and colleagues. There are people who will bring you into their network so you don’t have to be aggressive about meeting people. When you attend a conference or a program, talk to the people sitting next to you and find commonalities. Mentor others, participate in committees and do presentations. When you get involved you meet people and your network grows.”

Few people who have met Camila would consider her to be a shrinking violet but many mention the warm way she greets everyone she knows and the care she takes to put everyone at ease. “People don’t believe it but I’m really very shy. But when I need to network as part of my professional responsibilities I can talk to people easily.” She chuckled. “I guess VERY shy is not accurate, but I know I’m shy.” This shyness makes her more apt to include those around her in conversations or to get them on the dance floor.

Camila has mentored many people throughout her career. “I was late in getting started in my state organization because there was no one there to mentor me, to say ‘you need to join or go to conferences.’ I discovered the state association and ALA about the same time.” Because she had built a network of friends and colleagues, she felt close ties to librarianship which made it easier for her to stay in the field rather than seeking other opportunities in administration.

She says she “fell into” librarianship as a career. She began working in libraries as a student worker in college and took a class or two in library science. The next thing she knew she had a minor in library science. With an education degree she was able to find employment as a school librarian in a K-12 school on an Indian reservation. “It made me want to make librarianship a career. I wanted to get my MLS then,” she said. “I’ve always had ties to children’s services and an interest in school libraries. People don’t realize that

because so much of my career has been in academic libraries.”

We talked about the current economic climate and how hard it is for libraries to provide travel for their staff to attend conferences. I asked her what she would tell people who might have to make choices about belonging to professional organizations and who are not being supported in their travel to conferences. “I see professional development as an investment in myself and my career. People are going to have to make hard decisions about their professional commitments. If people have been involved in multiple organizations and now times are getting tough they may need to focus on which organization can benefit them the

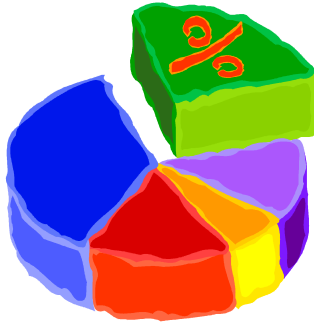
most. They all have benefits but folks have to focus on their career and what will benefit them in terms of networking. We don’t think twice if our car breaks down that we will replace our car. It may not be a new model, but we find a re-

placement that we can afford. So we need to think in a similar way about our careers and the investment in our careers. Networking and professional involvement can move your career along, just like your car moves you. There are a lot of people who don’t get institutional support and have paid their own way for many years to stay professionally active. What you get back in terms of your career and your friendships and network more than offset the investment you’ve made.”

Camila’s goal as president of ALA is to get more member involvement in advocacy and in ALA. “I want members to be able to articulate the value of the library to their community whether it is public, school or academic. I want members to realize that EVERY voice makes a difference. Everybody has a place in our professional associations,” she said. “Sometimes it takes people longer to find that place, but there is a place for everybody to feel comfortable and where they feel they can contribute and give something back to the association. They can do that by being extremely active or just by attending conferences or meetings where they come back feeling they have learned something.”

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# A Brief Introduction to Statistics

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*Without data, all you are is just another person with an opinion. - Unknown*

The United States government is the largest producer, collector, and distributor of data in the world. All manner of information is collected through a decentralized system of federal agencies, bureaus, and offices. Depending on the data collected, information may be available nationally and/or broken down and reported geographically, chronologically, or demographically.

We use these data as indicators of where we are as a community, as a society, and as a nation. Every day we are exposed to statistical reports in the news generated by government entities – population growth/urban sprawl, unemployment and crime rates, cost of living, and the spread of West Nile Virus cases and flu season, to name a few. While the specific reports may not be named in the news, the data is often readily available from the issuing government agency. In addition, agencies also produce and make large data sets available that are used in academic research, historical analysis, government planning, and entrepreneurship.

Again, one of the great things about government information is that because you have already paid for it, most of it is freely available – if not online, then

through the Federal Depository Library Program. What follows are some of the major US government statistical web sites:

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- Crime - Bureau of Justice Statistics (Department of Justice) – [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/)
- Demographic, Population, and Household Economic Topics - Census Bureau (Department of Commerce) – [www.census.gov/population/www/](http://www.census.gov/population/www/)
- Economic –
  - Bureau of Economic Analysis (Department of Commerce) – [www.bea.gov](http://www.bea.gov)
  - Census Bureau (Department of Commerce) - [www.census.gov/econ/www/](http://www.census.gov/econ/www/)
- Education – National Center for Education Statistics (Department of Education) - <http://nces.ed.gov/>
- Energy – Energy Information Administration (Department of Energy) – [www.eia.doe.gov](http://www.eia.doe.gov)
- Health – National Center for Health Statistics (Department of Health and Human Services) – [www.cdc.gov/nchs](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs)
- Immigration – Department of Homeland Security - <http://www.dhs.gov/ximgtn/statistics/>
- Income – Internal Revenue Service - [www.irs.gov/taxstats/](http://www.irs.gov/taxstats/)
- Labor – Bureau of Labor Statistics (Department of Labor) – [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)

- Science and Engineering – National Science Foundation - <http://nsf.gov/statistics/>
- Transportation – Bureau of Transportation Statistics (Department of Transportation) – [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.gov)
- Other sources
  - Foreign Countries
    - CIA – <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>
    - Census Bureau - [http://www.census.gov/main/www/stat\\_int.html](http://www.census.gov/main/www/stat_int.html)

One word of caution regarding statistics – be sure to understand the context in which the data is collected and reported. For example, a report issued in 2008 may use data collected in 2005, certain terms may be defined differently by an agency than by you or I, and information may not be available for the exact geographic, demographic, or date range that you need. The government collects statistics generally to help it do its job, and often times data on hot topics or advocacy issues are not available for a while, or are not reported *exactly* as you'd like it.



## Camila Alire continued

She also affirmed her interest in literacy. “Literacy is important whether it be reading, information literacy, techno literacy, cultural literacy, or financial literacy. If you aren’t literate you can’t be informed. If you aren’t informed as an individual you are hampered in your decision making. You need to be informed to be able to make decisions in your everyday life. The idea of advocating for literacy is something that I will have in the forefront during my presidency.”

As the first Latina President-elect of ALA, Camila acknowledged that she serves as a role model for others. “I’ve been the first Latina dean of an ARL library and the first Latina ACRL president so I’m used to being in that role. And now it is going beyond ALA. I’m doing more non-library speaking engagements so people will know that librarianship is a great profession and that there is room for diversity in the profession.”

I asked her for her final words to MPLA members and she said “I would like to encourage people to stay involved. I truly believe it is a win-win situation. You can benefit from your colleagues and they can benefit from you when you participate in professional organizations.”

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# Around the Region

## Arizona

Arizona Teacher Librarians met in February at the 39th Language & Literacy Conference at Arizona State University. Ralph Fletcher, author of *Boys Writing*, spoke on the need to examine constraints placed on boys' writing. Dr. Elisabeth Hayes, Arizona State University, closed the conference with her study of girls and simulation games and the new type of literacy.

The Friends of the University of Arizona Library sponsored "The Talkies Come to Town: Vaudeville on Film" in February, an evening of Vitaphone Shorts provided by Warner Bros. at the Fox Theater. Admission was free with donations are encouraged. A \$50 ticketed reception followed the program with wine and hors d'oeuvres.



Library, Douglas County Libraries, Fleming Community Library, La Veta Regional Library District, Pitkin County Library, San Miguel Library District #1/Telluride, and Vail Public Library. For more about "America's Star Libraries" and the index see <http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6635248.html>.

The Colorado Library Consortium is sponsoring several spring workshops scheduled around Colorado. The annual two-day events cover current topics of interest to school, public, and academic librarians. This year, a keynote speaker, George Needham from OCLC, was added. For information, visit LEO (Library Education Opportunities), a continuing education calendar for Colorado's libraries at <http://leo.clicweb.org>

The Bibliographical Center for Research (BCR) welcomed the University of Colorado-Boulder Libraries as the first participant in BCR's Shelf2Life program. By joining the Shelf2Life program, CU Boulder Libraries is bringing its collection of pre-1923 U.S.-published monographs back into the public domain, along with other unique collections that have had limited or no access due to age, condition or scarcity. CU Boulder Library's initial Shelf2Life collection is focusing on western history, followed by collections on railroads and mining. The books will be available as print-on-demand through hundreds of online retailers.

The inaugural issue of *Collaborative Librarianship*, featured an article from MPLA member Dr. Camila Alire, ALA President-Elect. Ivan Gaetz, Dean of Libraries at Regis University, is managing editor of the new journal. Each issue of the digital-only journal contains four sections: Scholarly Articles, From the Field, Reviews, and News. "We are particularly excited about our From the Field section," Gaetz said, "since it will include analysis of a more practical nature not often found in scholarly journals." For more information contact Ivan Gaetz, Regis University, 333 Regis Blvd; Denver CO 80221-1099; [igaetz@regis.edu](mailto:igaetz@regis.edu); 303-458-3556; [www.collaborativelibrarianship.org](http://www.collaborativelibrarianship.org).

## Colorado

The John C. Fremont Library District in Florence has been selected by the Public Library Association as the winner of the *EBSCO Excellence in Small and/or Rural Public Library Service Award*. The \$1,000 award, donated by EBSCO Information Services, recognizes demonstrated excellence in services to its community provided by a public library serving a population of 10,000 or fewer. The award presentation, along with a plaque, will be made at the annual meeting of the American Library Association in Chicago in July.

Seven Colorado Libraries were ranked among "AMERICA'S STAR LIBRARIES" in a new public library national rating system instituted by *Library Journal* and sponsored Baker & Taylor's *Bibliostat Connect* web-based statistical analysis software for public libraries. The libraries are Boulder Public

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## Kansas

The first *Experience Johnson County Library* newsletter – co-sponsored by the library, the Friends of the Library, and Johnson County Library Foundation – launched in January. The full-color, 11x17 newsletter will be published three times per year, dedicating the outside pages to library news and inside pages to Friends and Foundation news. Half of the copies are mailed to Friends, donors, and volunteers, and the remaining 2,500 are available to patrons in libraries. Funding is provided by the Friends and Foundation.

For ALA Newbery Medal committee member **Julie Tomlianovich**, Youth Service Consultant for the **South Central Kansas Library System**, South Hutchinson, the announcement of the 2009 Newbery Medal winner ended a selection process that included her review of more than 600 children's books. Julie is a member of MPLA.

The **Johnson County Library's** Leadership Development Program completed its first full cycle in December with the graduation of 13 members of the Tier 2 class. To celebrate, Library Board members were invited to a special luncheon at which four projects from the library's strategic plan were presented: Materials Handling, Internal Communication, Organizational Culture, and New Way of Thinking. For further information about the staff development project, contact Associate Director Jennifer Mahnken at [mahnkenj@jocolibrary.org](mailto:mahnkenj@jocolibrary.org).

## Montana

The **Montana Library Association** continues to support the Central Asia Institute's (CAI) Batangi Girls and Boys School in Pakistan, through the *Pen-nies for Peace* program and other fund raising activities. At two recent retreats close to \$100 was raised – enough to pay a teacher's salary for an entire year or buy educational supplies for eight students. CAI founder and Bozeman native Greg Mortensen and his daughter, Amira, recently appeared on the Today Show talking about his new



books: *Three Cups of Tea: Young Reader's Edition* and *Listen to the Wind*. Mortensen has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

During the recent library reception at **Legislative Day** in the state capital 48 legislators, the governor, secretary of state and Congressional delegation posed for their own READ posters. They are available for all libraries to use for publicity and marketing, either by downloading an 8 ½ x 11 poster, or requesting the larger 18x24 size.



Recorded Books is working with the **Montana State Library** to record a collection of popular works by Montana authors. So far seven Ivan Doig works are planned, and some Thomas McGuane titles are being considered. Libraries across the state are asked to vote for their favorites from a list of possible choices, with *Blind Your Ponies*, *Fool's Crow*, and *Winter Wheat* being the top titles so far. Recorded Books needs 180-200 libraries interested in each title to make a recording cost-effective; Montana needs to provide a minimum of 80-100 of these initially.

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# Nebraska

*Libraries Matter* was the theme for Nebraska Library Legislative Day on February 10. The annual event is sponsored by the **Nebraska Library Association** to remind senators of the importance of Nebraska's media centers and libraries. Five postcards were delivered leading up to Legislative Day highlighting the role of libraries in addressing community concerns and issues. The cards featured:

- **Bob & Wauneta Burkley Library and Resource Center** in DeWitt, a source of Internet connectivity for many individuals looking for jobs, going back to school, or looking for inexpensive leisure activities.
- **Keene Memorial Library** in Fremont, a source of information for all sides of the immigration discussion by providing materials from the National Council of La Raza, The Minutemen Project, Nebraska Appleseed, The American Legion and national authors including Lou Dobbs, Bill Richardson, Barbara Ehrenreich, Geraldo Rivera, Jason Reilly and Mark Krikorian.
- **Irving Middle School** media specialist and teacher host *One Book, One Family Book Club* aimed at generating family reading and community. Students and a parent or guardian are given a book a month to read alone or together and then discuss.
- **NebraskAccess** – [www.nebraskalibraries.org](http://www.nebraskalibraries.org) – is an online resource for Nebraska residents of all ages providing full-text magazine, journal, and newspaper articles, as well as genealogy information. It is provided through the Nebraska Library Commission with funding from the state.
- **Scottsbluff Public Library** works in conjunction with AARP Tax-Aide to assist low and middle income, with special attention to those 60 years and older, in filing tax returns. The program at the library started approximately 12 years ago and in 2008 assisted 676 people.

*Nebraska Learns 2.0* wrapped up at the end of January. The online course, sponsored by the Nebraska Library Commission, offered 23 short online lessons ranging from blogging to Flickr to more. Participants who finished were eligible to win one of nine MP3 players and gained 15 CE credits. Over 2300

blog posts happened during the course of the program. Eighty-three people finished the course out of the 165 that started. Participants came from all over Nebraska and from various types of libraries. It was reported that Nebraska had the highest completion rate among other 2.0 programs. The Commission will continue the program beginning in April on a monthly basis.

# Nevada

**Henderson Libraries** opened their new library in the Galleria Mall at Sunset. "What began as a casual meeting and conversation about doing story time in the mall turned into a full-blown library," says Henderson Libraries Outreach Manager **Evelyn Walkowicz**. The Galleria location is a full service library with popular materials and children's books. The location will also offer free Wi-Fi access to mall customers.



**Carson City Library** patrons are enjoying *Reading Wonderland*, a winter tale read by a Carson City VIP followed by a voucher for a free skate rental at the local ice rink.

The **Las Vegas-Clark County Library District** held a ribbon cutting ceremony in January to open the **Centennial Hills Library** in the northwest area of Las Vegas. Five years in the planning, the library opened on time and on budget, funded completely by regularly transferring a portion of operating fund revenue to savings.

Construction has been proceeding ahead of schedule on the **Henderson Libraries Green Valley Library** as the building is transformed in both services and design. This new design will feature the one service

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desk concept where all departments of the library, Circulation, Adult Services, and Youth Services will work together from a central location, allowing staff to share knowledge and streamline efficiency. The library will also provide patrons with self check machines and self registration computers. The *new* Green Valley Library is now offering limited services to patrons in their programming room until the library opens in late spring.



The **Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library System** now offers online access to Salem Press' award-winning health reference works *Salem Health: Cancer*. Covering more than 800 topics of crucial interest to patients and others who have received a diagnosis or are associated with those who have cancer.

The National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, and the American Library Association, organized the National Exhibit and Speaker Series *Changing the Face of Medicine*. The traveling exhibition was offered in February and March at the **Northwest Reno Library of Washoe County Library System**. With support from the National Library of Medicine, the National Institutes of Health Office of Research on Women's Health, and the American Medical Women's Association the Reno appearance is a collaborative effort among the **Washoe County Library System, University of Nevada School of Medicine** and **Savitt Medical Library**.

**Christina Barr**, Program Outreach Coordinator at the Western Folklife Center in Elko, has been named Executive Director of **Nevada Humanities**. Barr previously served as Folklife Program Associate for the Nevada Arts Council in Las Vegas. Barr assumed her

new duties in January, taking over from Executive Director, **Judith Winzeler**, who retired after 24 years at the helm of the organization.

## New Mexico

After 17 years as an all volunteer library, the **Edgewood Community Library** was taken over by the Town of Edgewood and has moved to a new location. For the first time the library has a paid director, Peggy **Martinez**, who has an MLS. The new library has 12 public access computers with internet and free WiFi, new shelving, a children's area, a study area, and a conference room.

The **New Mexico Library Association 2009** Annual Conference will be held April 22-24 at the Albuquerque Convention Center.

**Dan Kammer**, director of the **David Townsend Library at New Mexico State University Alamogordo**, was selected as a 2009 National Institute for Staff and Organization Development (NISOD) Excellence Award recipient.. NISOD, a consortium of over 700 community colleges and universities worldwide, has a 30-year history of recognizing faculty, staff and administrators for outstanding contributions to teaching, leadership and learning. He is also the vice president of the New Mexico Library Association and in April will become President.



The Georgia O'Keefe Museum and the **New Mexico State Library** collaborated to present a professional development workshop for librarians gearing up for the Summer Reading Program called *Implementing Be Creative @ Your Library* and *Express Yourself @ Your Library Summer Reading Programs: A Professional Development Workshop for Librarians*.

The **New Mexico State Library** and **BCR** hosted a series of three March workshops in Santa Fe. Targeted to libraries and cultural heritage institutions, the workshops guided participants through the planning stages of a new digitization project, including instruction



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in digital imaging best practices and the creation of Dublin Core metadata. The workshops were taught by BCR's digital initiatives consultant, **Leigh Grinstead**.

## North Dakota

The 2009 **North Dakota State Library** Spring Workshops were held in Bismarck on March 24-25 and in Fargo on March 26-27. Workshops included a technology track in both locations plus workshops on the topics of library marketing and developing programs in your library presented by MPLA members **Christine Kujawa** and **Dorothy Liegl**. Representatives from ProQuest, EBSCO, and Gale attended as well as staff from UND School of Medicine and Health Science.

**Maple Valley** fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students participated in an interactive television adventure with students from across the state. *RAND, Reading across North Dakota* allows students in schools with video-conferencing equipment to interact with kids from different schools in North Dakota by reading to each other. Maple Valley/Buffalo students engaged in a question and answer session with students from Beulah while Maple Valley/Oriska school performed a play for students in a Bismarck classroom. Afterwards, it was the Bismarck students turn to perform a play for the Maple Valley kids. After the lessons and plays were over and the students were able to converse, they realized that kids all over have many things in common.

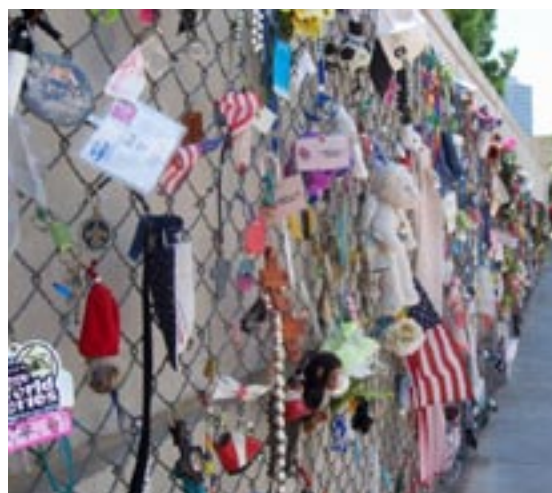
The town of **Elgin** is inching closer to establishing a new library, with a search for a suitable building. The current library, which was funded and run by volunteers from the American Legion Auxiliary, is small and limited in both collection and technology. Elgin City Council has agreed to take over the library from the American Legion. A library board has been established and the American Legion will remain a supporter.

## Oklahoma

The *Information Matrix Camp* for ages 12-14 will be held this summer July 19-25, to generate interest in the library profession. The camp is mainly supported

by a grant from the Institute for Museum and Library Services and sponsored by the **Oklahoma Library Association** and **Rose State College**. Information on the camp may be found at <http://www.rose.edu/lrc/careers/camp.asp>, which has the application, sample schedules, etc. The cost is \$50. Hotel, food, transportation, and staff are all furnished by the grant, gifts from Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma, local friends groups, individual gifts, hosting libraries, library volunteers, and the sponsors.

MPLA Representative **Barbara Ray** reports that the Oklahoma City area has wonderful resources such as the **Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism**, and the **National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum Library**. **Michele Frasier-Robinson**, Librarian of the Memorial Institute, is a new MPLA



member.

*The fence outside the National Terrorism Museum and Library*

The **Fletcher Public School Library** was one of the three winners of the Association for Library Service to Children third annual *Bookapalooza* program. The books, videos, audiobooks and recordings, are intended to help transform each library's collection and provide an opportunity for these materials to be used in each community in creative and innovative ways. Part of the collection will be used to conduct a family night where the Fletcher Public School library council, consisting of students in the 7th-11th grades, will introduce the collection to parents. The collection will also be used to increase and enhance the existing collection in the soon-to-be constructed central library.

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**Debbie Arthur**, Fletcher librarian said, "Acquiring this collection will create excitement among the students and community and spark their interest in reading new materials." Debbie has been a teacher at the school for 18 years, and received her master's degree in library science from the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond. Fletcher is a small rural town with a limited budget. A new school library planned for Fletcher will serve both elementary and high school students and will be opened to the community since the nearest public library is 25 miles away.

## South Dakota

An intense construction project has resulted in a completely renovated **Mikkelsen Library** on the **Augustana College** campus in Sioux Falls. Features include a new wall of windows on the south side of the library which fill the reading/study space with natural



light, a distinctive two-story fireplace, a reference area and circulation desk accented by refurbished wood paneling from the original 1954 building, and a new glass stair



tower providing soaring views of the campus and neighborhood. The project incorporated the latest technology with numerous group and quiet study areas, a video production and editing suite, and flexible library instruction classrooms. Additional photos are available at the library's *Make-over Madness* blog: <http://mikklib.edublogs.org/>. A public celebration is planned for Friday, April 17.

Initial drawings for the new **Emma Burnham Public Library** were unveiled recently for public input during the *Love Your Library Winter Festival*. Attendees were also able to play games, hear stories and go sledding outside. Cookies, bars and cocoa were served. Librarian **Tamie Nickelson** is working with the Northeast Council of Governments to find money for the new construction. The estimated cost is \$300,000 with plans to complete the building in the next three years.

**Shirley Arment** started working at the **Alexander Mitchell Public Library** 34 years ago as a part time

shelver. She was appointed as its Director in November. Formerly adult services librarian and assistant director, Arment replaced Pam Lingor, who left in May for health reasons. Lingor died in November. Arment's goals for her new position include making progress on building problems, including water issues in the basement and a lack of space; and to make the library more inviting to the public as a free, fun place to go.

The **South Dakota State Library**, Pierre, announces the hiring of two new professional staff members. MPLA member **Brenda Hemmelman** is the new Research/Government Documents Librarian. She has a bachelor's degree from South Dakota State University in math and Spanish, where she was also a proud member of the Pride of the Dakotas marching band, and a MA in Information Resources and Library Science from the University of Arizona in Tucson. Hemmelman has worked in almost every area of libraries: ILL, circ, documents, reference, cataloging, but enjoys the reference work the most because it allows her to work with and help people find information. Hemmelman has also served as executive secretary of the South Dakota Library Association since 1999 **Stacia McGourty** joined the State Library as Digital Librarian in early 2009. She is a graduate of the University of South Dakota and currently enrolled in the distance education MLIS program at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She has worked as a teacher, a sales associate in a bookstore, and as a telephone service representative, agent, quality coach and trainer in a call center. This is her first job in a library.



Stacia McGourty

The **South Dakota State Library** launched its new e-newsletter, *Cornerstone*, in January '09. The newsletter is edited by staffers Joan Upell (MPLA member), Wynne Nafus Sayer and Colleen Kirby (MPLA member). According to MPLA State Representative and President-Elect Elvita Landau, the *Cornerstone* has been wildly popular and well received by both the library community and South Dakota educators.

The **Rapid City Public Library** celebrated its *Teen Tech Week* in mid-March with several technology-focused programs for teens. The first was “Build A Robot,” a four-day after-school robotics workshop, modeled on one created by NASA. It was open to students from 6th grade through high school, but limited to sixteen participants. The library’s second Teen Tech Week program was “The Latest and Greatest in Video Gaming”, offered at both library locations. Gaming experts from Play ‘N’ Trade demonstrated the newest video games featuring the XBOX 360 with participants being able to try them out.

Rapid City kids never need to be bored on a No School day. The **Rapid City Public Library** offers “Discovery Day” events for schedule school holidays. January’s events included a program called “Feathered Friends,” bringing live birds from Mt. Rushmore Birds to both library locations. Exotic birds such as quick-witted cockatoos and colorful parrots were there, and kids participated in bird-related crafts. A second January holiday featured a celebration of Chinese New Year to usher in “The Year of the Ox” (said to foretell prosperity through fortitude and hard work!). Guest presenter Lin Washington explained the significance of Chinese New Year and there were treats and crafts as well.



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**Sharon Henry**, library director and children’s librarian at **Grace Balloch Memorial Library** in Spearfish, retired Jan. 2. In her retirement, she plans to travel and visit her children, grandchildren, and other family, with an immediate trip planned to California, Hawaii, and Australia. Following her travels, she hopes to continue her work with the children’s programming at the library part-time. The new library director will be current Spearfish reference librarian **Amber Wilde**, formerly of the Vermillion Public Library, the South Dakota State Library, and Black Hills State University Library.

## Utah

The **Davis County South Branch Library** was featured in the January 8 issue of the *Standard-Examiner*. Services provided by the library, which is located in Bountiful, were highlighted. Davis County libraries director **Chris Sanford** was interviewed for the article, mentioning that the library was being utilized by patrons to help them create gifts and to find budgeting and home decoration information. Several patrons were interviewed about their visit to the library, including one patron headed home to watch a video on golf, in preparation for an upcoming golfing trip to warmer climates.

The **Cedar City Public Library** turned 100 on February 19, with Utah author L. E. Modesitt appearing at the library as part of a celebration. The party continues this year with other programs as part of a year-long celebration. Science Fiction and Fantasy author Brandon Sanderson is scheduled to appear at the library on St. Patrick’s Day. Storyteller Glenda Bonin will visit the library in April. An exhibit from the National Endowment for the Humanities, *Picturing America*, will feature American Art masterpieces in September. The Utah Humanities Book Festival will take place at the library in October, featuring several authors. The final program will take place in December when cake will be served to library visitors. The Cedar City Public Library centennial was celebrated in an article in the Southern Utah University *Journal* on February 19th. MPLA member **Steven Decker** is Director of the Cedar City Library.

The **Utah Library Association** is planning the 2009 ULA Conference with the theme *Utah Libraries: Turn Up the Volume*. The conference will focus on ways to handle the challenges faced today and prepare to face the future. It will be held April 22-24 at the South Towne Exposition Center in Sandy, Utah. Speakers presenting at the program include local radio talk show host, law professor and book reviewer Amanda Dickson, Library



Journal 2008 Librarian of the Year and New Jersey State Librarian Norma Blake, noted readers advisor and author Joyce Saricks, Law, Utah Poet Laureate Katharine Coles, illustrator Nathan Hale and Librarian-Genealogist Grace Mary Gouveia. The Utah Center for the Book will give several awards to authors including Newbery winning author Shannon Hale, Frederick H. Swanson, Kenneth W. Brewer and Christine Allen-Yazzie, who will read from their work and share some of their writing experiences. Other programs include “Bilingual Story time for Gringos”, Dealing with Budget Cuts in a Bad Economy”, “Pioneer Library – Benefiting All of Utah Citizens”, “You Do Not Have the Right to Remain Silent”, “Success With Library Surveys”, “Show Me! Online Library Tutorials”, “Making Sense of Business Reference” and a panel composed of Utah teen authors Mette Ivy Harrison, Sara Zarr and Ann Dee Ellis.

## Wyoming

Bruce Andrews, MS, presented *Hurricane Ike and the American Red Cross*, a program at the **Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library**. Andrews has served as a Disaster Mental Health Services provider at hurricanes Andrew, Katrina and Rita, as well as Ike. He was a Child and Family Therapist at Northern Wyoming Mental Health Center. During that time he spent 14 years on the Sheridan County Child Protection Team.

**Colleen Asplund**, retired Children’s Librarian at the Albany County Public Library in Laramie and past Chair of the MPLA Children’s and School Library



Section, died on February 25. Services were in South Jordan, Utah. Memorial donations can be made to the Albany County Public Library Childrens Services.

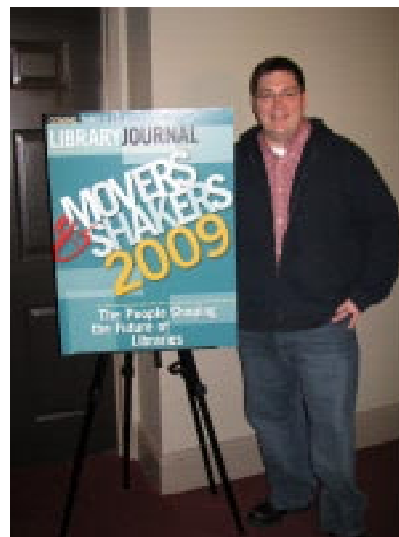
Nikki Yeigh displayed her series of oil paintings, *The Gunfighter Period*, at the **Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library** in March. Her prints have been included in juried art shows at the University of Wyoming Art Museum and her work is included in the permanent collections at the University of Wyoming Library and the Teton Research Center in Jackson.

Award-winning, international storyteller **Diane Ferlatte** returned to the **Teton County Library** in February for her performance **Have I Got a Story to Tell**. “Diane brought so much talent, energy and enjoyment to her performance here last year that we responded to audience requests by bringing her back for a 2009 visit,” says **Debbie Schlinger**, Youth Services Program Coordinator. Also an actress and Grammy-nominated recording artist, Ferlatte performs traditional African American songs and stories, classical tales such as *Aesop, Alive & Well*, and contemporary and personal stories for all ages.

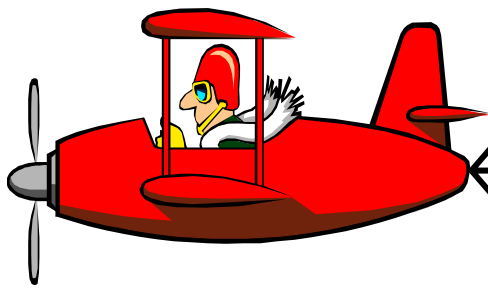
The March issue of the *Wyoming Outrider* announced that a \$34,500 grant from the Wal-Mart Foundation gave all 23 Wyoming public library foundations a \$1,500 boost each toward their Library Endowment Challenge fund raising goals. Seven counties – Lincoln, Uinta, Sweetwater, Carbon, Albany, Niobrara and Goshen – also received \$4,000 each from the Union Pacific Foundation. Foundations will see these endowment dollars matched by as much as 3 to 1, depending on the county.

The **Teton County Alta Branch Library** is presenting Michael Hurwitz and Jerry Linn: Singin’ Happy Trails during the Senior Center Luncheon March 31. The event kicks off future outreach programs on the last Tuesday of each month at the Senior Center to be presented by the Alta Branch Library and Valley of the Tetons Library. The program is free and open to the public, with support from Teton County Library Foundation.

**Jamie Markus**, Continuing Education Coordinator for the **Wyoming State Library**, was chosen as one of *Library Journal’s* “Movers and Shakers” for 2009.



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## MPLA Communicates

Dan Chaney, MPLA Webmaster, announces new communication formats available to MPLA members and friends.

### Facebook



The Facebook group for the Mountain Plains Library Association is transitioning to a Facebook Page. The Facebook Page offers the association more options for posting and interacting with MPLA members. The MPLA Page is an actual page for the association that you can all become a “fan” of, and one benefit is you will know when we post stuff on the MPLA page, be it an event for conference, a video, whatever. The new MPLA Facebook page is at: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?ref=logo#/pages/The-Mountain-Plains-Library-Association/55122193140?ref=mf>. Any Facebook member can become a fan of MPLA.

### MPLA 2.0



MPLA 2.0 is now available! MPLA 2.0 is the name of the new MPLA bulletin board and blog server created for MPLA members. Members can login and post messages - if you have a library problem you want seek advice to solve, if you wish to communicate with other members who share your interest, etc. The blogs are where MPLA executive committee members (executive, staff, state reps, etc.) can post items to members to comment on. Please join us! Please contribute!

MPLA 2.0 is an online community for Mountain Plains Library Association members. Think of MPLA 2.0 as a social network for MPLA members to meet, discuss, get news, collaborate, communicate and gather information of interest to librarians and

libraries. MPLA 2.0 is built on open source Web 2.0 applications. Currently MPLA 2.0 features three workspaces:

**Soapbox** (officer’s blog) The Soapbox is the MPLA officer’s blog. MPLA’s officers will post announcements, news, and blog articles about libraries and MPLA. Members can participate by posting their comments.

**Talk** (member discussion forum) Talk is a threaded discussion board, where MPLA members can discuss library related topics, the MPLA Conference and hold off-topic discussions at the water cooler.

**Photos** (image gallery) View the MPLA conference image gallery.

### How to Get to MPLA 2.0



\* From the MPLA homepage [www.mpla.us](http://www.mpla.us), select MPLA 2.0 at the top left.

\* Registration Invitation Code: The registration invitation code is ‘mpla20’.

\* You must enter the invitation code when registering for Soapbox and Talk.

\* Registrations will be activated after verifying MPLA membership.

\* The invitation code is required to eliminate spam attacks in the MPLA 2.0 community.

### Conference Handouts



Handouts from the KLA/MPLA joint conference presentations will be available at <http://www.mpla.us/documents/handouts/2009/index.html>. Send documents to [dan.chaney@okstate.edu](mailto:dan.chaney@okstate.edu).



## Public Library Association Reminder

For those who participate in the Public Library Association's (PLA) annual Pub-

lic Library Data Service (PLDS) Statistical Report, completed questionnaires are due on April 6, 2009. To complete the survey online, visit <http://illinois.edu/goto/PLDS>. You will need to use your library's individual User Name (your PLDS ID number) and Password as shown on the instruction letter you received in January. If your library did not receive a letter, and you are a past participant, please contact Kathleen Hughes, [khughes@ala.org](mailto:khughes@ala.org), or 800-545-2433, ext. 4028, to get your library's ID number and password.

## MINITEX Spring Training

This spring, Minitex is offering training (both Webinar and in-person) on digitization and metadata topics, on general cataloging topics, and on OCLC-specific cataloging topics. Classes are given in South Dakota and Minnesota. Visit <http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/> for an alphabetical list of all scheduled offerings. Classes include:

- Metadata Practices for Digital Collections From Pixels to Projects: An Introduction to Digitization Concepts Digital Imaging Developing, Funding and Managing Digital Projects: Digitization Series #1
- Copyright for Digital Materials: Digitization Series #2
- Imaging, Quality Control and Digital Infrastructure: Digitization Series #3
- Metadata for Digital Projects: Digitization Series #4
- What Is Copy Cataloging and How Do I Do It? Cataloging Basics: Description
- Cataloging Basics: Access
- Cataloging Basics: Subject Analysis

# Notes *In & Beyond the Region*

Authority Control  
Brief Introduction to Authorities  
Introduction to Using OCLC Cataloging Statistics  
Introduction to Using OCLC Resource Sharing Statistics  
Introduction to the OCLC Connexion Client  
Cataloging Using OCLC's Connexion Browser  
Tools For Original Cataloging with Connexion Client

## IFCPP 2009 Conference

The International Foundation for Cultural Property Protection announces that its Eleventh Annual Conference will be held at the Art Institute of Chicago, August 13-14, 2009. This year's conference will include two full days of all-new sessions presented by the nation's leading cultural property protection authorities, an all-new/updated CIPM/CIPM II certification program, a nighttime reception at the Art Institute's famous Stock Exchange, significantly discounted downtown lodging, and much more. IFCPP also plans to webcast educational sessions.

See [www.ifcpp.org](http://www.ifcpp.org).

## The Fourth Rethinking Resource Sharing Initiative Forum

The Fourth *Rethinking Resource Sharing Initiative Forum* will be held on May 13-14, 2009 at the OCLC Conference Center in Dublin Ohio. Anticipated Speakers are Ed Rothman, University of Michigan, Professor of Statistics and Director of CSCAR; Mark Leggott, University of Prince Edward Island, University Librarian; Michael Edson, Smithsonian Institution, Director, Web and New Media Strategy; Katie Birch, OCLC Delivery Services Portfolio Manager.

For more information on the agenda, as well as registration and hotel details: <http://www.rethinkingresourcesharing.org/forum09/index.html>.

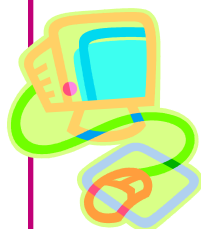
## 2009 DEADLINES FOR MPLA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS

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FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE

[HTTP://WWW.MPLA.US/COMMITTEES/  
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## How to Update Your MPLA Directory Profile!



MPLA uses MemberClicks, an on-line membership maintenance service, for its Directory. The information is available only to members, not to the public.

- At the MPLA website: [www.mpla.us](http://www.mpla.us), use the login section at the lower left of the MPLA 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 in the directory).
- Upon arrival at the MPLA Membership Website, click on "My Profile" at the top left, or use the "Quick Name Search" to find your profile. To make changes to your profile click on "Edit."
- When your profile information appears you may add or change contact information, indicate your preferences, and change your username and password. "Save" the changes to your profile before exiting.

## State & National Conferences 2009

- KLA/MPLA Joint Conference  
March 31 - April 3, Wichita KS
- Oklahoma Library Association Conference  
April 20-22, Midwest City OK
- Montana Library Association Conference  
April 22-25 Kalispell, MT
- New Mexico Library Association Conference  
April 22-24 Albuquerque NM
- Utah Library Association Conference  
Apr. 22-Apr. 24, Sandy UT
- American Library Association Annual  
Conference; July 9-15, Chicago, IL
- Pacific Northwest Library Association  
August 5-8, Missoula, MT
- North Dakota Library Association Conference  
Sept. 23-25, Jamestown ND
- Wyoming Library Association Conference  
October 1-3, Laramie WY
- South Dakota Library Association Conference  
October 6-9, Aberdeen SD
- Nevada Library Association Conference  
October 7-10, Elko, NV
- Nebraska Library Association Conference  
October 28-30, La Vista NE
- AASL National Conference & Exhibition  
Nov. 4-8, Charlotte NC
- Colorado Association of Libraries Conference  
Nov. 19-21 Denver CO
- Arizona Library Association Conference  
December 7-9, Glendale AZ

## 2010

- OLA/MPLA Joint Conference  
April 19-21, Oklahoma City, OK

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