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First MPLA member to head the American Library Association

Dr. Camila Alire ALA President 2009-2010



Camila Alire Presents Program at ULA/MPLA Joint Conference 2008

MPLA member Dr. Camila Alire, dean emerita at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque and Colorado State University in Fort Collins, begins her term as 2009-2010 president of the American Library Association. The inaugural banquet was July 14 at the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago.

Alire is a past president of the Association for College and Research Libraries (ACRL) and served as the national president of the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking (REFORMA).

Alire was named to the ALA/ALTA National Advocacy Honor Roll for her library advocacy work; received the Mountain Plains Library



Camila (second from right) dancing at MPLA's 60th Birthday Bash

Association's Legislative Award; and named Scholar-in-Residence for the Chicago Public Library System. She received the first ALA Elizabeth Futas Catalyst for Change Award and National REFORMA's Librarian of the Year.

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President's Message

We are busy planning the 2010 Leadership Institute. Past LI alumni have told us how important the Leadership Institute was to their careers and to them personally. In fact, many have described their Leadership Institute experience as life-altering. The skills gained at Leadership Institute have been used in all aspects of their lives. MPLA benefits from the strong leaders who have emerged from the Leadership Institute and became active within our vibrant organization. Some graduates have taken part by being dynamic presenters at conferences or assisting with the

planning of a library conference. Furthermore, others have become active within committees or become board members within MPLA. We have also heard how the alumni have used their strong leadership skills within their own states.

We are moving forward with the Leadership Institute April 25 – 30, 2010 at the YMCA of the Rockies, in Estes Park, Colorado. We are excited that Maureen Sullivan will be our facilitator again. I have a strong Leadership Institute committee chair, Dan Stanton, and a committee that is working hard to make sure LI 2010 is a success. However, we are concerned with the Leadership Institute budget, and a key component to its success is obtaining additional funding.

MPLA consists of a diverse group of libraries and librarians. I ask everyone to think about where we can gain additional funding and not only just through vendors. If you have any ideas, please contact Dan at: danton@asu.edu . We all know that any additional resources will help us to put on another quality Institute.

This Leadership Institute will be a success. It will continue to be an Institute that promotes personal growth, gained knowledge, professional support, and potentially develop long-lasting friendships between those who attend. The professional skills and knowledge gained at the Leadership Institute will benefit not only the participant but all those with whom he/she may come in contact with throughout their career.

I encourage you to consider applying for the 2010 Leadership Institute in beautiful Estes Park, Colorado. Additional information and applications will be available in the near future.

--Eileen

Get the Biggest Bang for Your Continuing Education Buck at the Premier Event for Public Librarians.

Registration for the 13th PLA National Conference opens in early September.



Join PLA in Portland, Oregon, a city that continually tops travel destination lists, for the 13th PLA National Conference, March 23-27, 2010. The biennial National Conference is the premier event for the public library world, drawing librarians, library support staff, trustees, Friends, and library vendors from across the country and around the world.

The PLA National Conference will feature:

- More than a hundred high-quality educational programs, preconferences, talk tables, and special events
- World-class speakers and presenters, including the profession's leading experts and experienced practitioners
- A bustling exhibits hall, packed with the latest products and information from library and information technology vendors
- Countless networking opportunities and social events

Visit www.placonference.org for information about registration, conference programming, special events, travel, and insider tips on everything the Conference and Portland have to offer.

Join PLA!

Registration opens in early September. Only PLA and Oregon Library Association members can take advantage of **our lowest registration fee – \$195**, compared to ALA members who pay \$275 and non-members who pay \$330. For more information about all of the benefits of PLA membership, visit www.pla.org or call 800.545.2433, ext. 5PLA.

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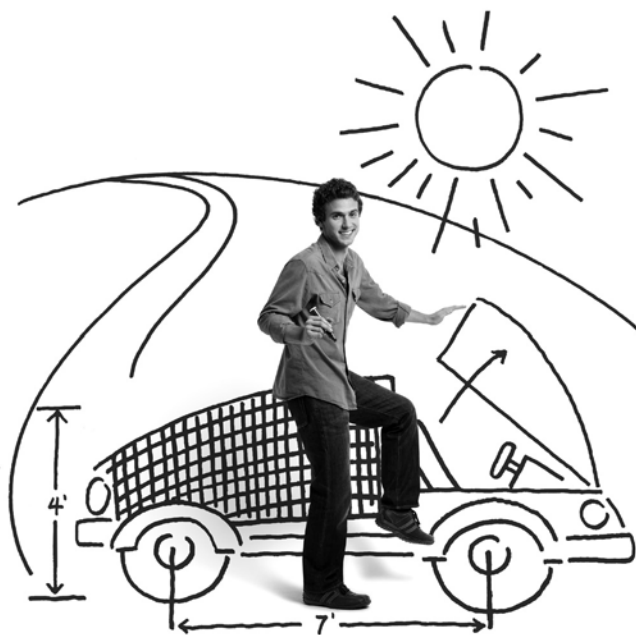
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Alire was honored one year by Hispanic Business Magazine as one of the 100 most influential Hispanics in the country. She also co-authored books on library services to Latino communities, disaster recovery, and leadership and has written extensively on diversity.

“It is an honor to have the opportunity to lead the American Library Association. ALA embodies the hard work of all the librarians, information specialists, and library support staff who take serving the information needs of their communities very seriously. One of my goals is to provide another level of advocacy that articulates the not only the value of all types of libraries, but also the value of our members working in those libraries to their respective communities.”

Alire chaired several committees including the ALA’s Committee on Legislation, Nominating Committee; Committee on Education and American Libraries Advisory Committee; the 2005 ACRL National Conference Committee; the Colorado Council on Library Development board; several Colorado Association of Libraries committees; and several regional library system-governing boards. She has served on ALA Council, ALA Executive Board and the Association for Research Libraries board

Alire is currently adjunct professor of practice for Simmons College’s Ph.D. program in managerial leadership and part-time professor for San Jose State University Library & Information Science’s executive MLIS managerial leadership program.



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Library Lock-In

*By Eileen Wright, MPLA President
Reference Librarian/Archivist, Montana State University Billings Library*

Would you be scared being locked in a library with 20 kids (4th – 6th graders) for an overnight stay? I held the 2nd annual Library Lock-In at the Montana State University Billings Library. Yes, I am in an academic library. It was promoted as a night of fun! We never stopped moving.

Our evening started with a couple of rounds of link tag followed with sharks and lifeguard parachute game, next we tried to see how far our water balloons would fly with our “*canon*” water balloon launcher. We stopped



for a mere half hour to wolf down some pizza. We then moved on to the traditional water balloon toss with our new friends, which quickly followed with the launching of a few balloons down our waterfall to see if they would survive. You could hear the chants all the way across campus.

As we headed inside, we had to hunt for our glow necklaces within the stacks. As we all started to glow, we played a few rounds of beach volleyball with not one ball but let's just say that I think we stopped at 10 balls in the air. We also needed to refuel with a quick bite from the giant cupcakes. Once the sugar rush kicked in, we turned the lights out and started the many rounds of capture the flag in the stacks. All we can see is streaks of color running through the night. After a few more games, we head into our own movie theatre (a classroom which I dragged all the couches into for the night).

We watched a few movies and some of us passed out right where we laid, while others moved to sleep in front of the fish tanks. I think the last one passed out by 4 am!!!

When the parents arrived at 9 am, more than half of us were still sleeping. It is a whirlwind and I walk around the next day as an extra for *Night of the Living Dead*, but hey the kids remember having fun in the library!!



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Constitution Day – September 17



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Government is too big and too important to be left to the politicians.

– Chester Bowles

While July 4th is the quintessential American holiday, celebrating the decision of thirteen colonies to break free from the British monarchy; Constitution Day seeks to draw attention to the values that continue to make the United States great, formalized in our governmental charter. After gaining independence, the founding fathers were still wary absolute governmental power, as wielded by the British monarchy. Their first attempt at self-rule (formalized in the Articles of Confederation) overwhelmingly gave the balance of power to the states, and failed to coalesce a central government with any real power. In May of 1787, delegates from twelve states convened in Philadelphia to revise the Articles of Confederation. They deliberated secretly and ended up rewriting the document, creating the supreme law of the land as we know it today. On September 17, 1787, thirty-nine of the fifty-five delegates signed the new Constitution, and it was made public. It was not ratified by the nine states needed to enact it until June 1788, and the thirteenth state (Rhode Island) did not ratify until May 1790. Concerns about governmental power continued, leading to the first ten amendments to the

Constitution (the Bill of Rights) in 1791, which protects the freedoms of individuals. The Constitution currently has twenty-seven amendments and many are proposed each year but lack the support to survive the rigorous required to alter the document.

On September 15, 2004, Senator Robert Byrd of West Virginia introduced S. 2808, seeking to amend Title 5 of the United States Code (Government Organization and Employees), to make the date of the signing of the United States Constitution (September 17, 1787) a legal public holiday. The bill was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Senator Byrd, who carries a pocket Constitution with him at all times, hoped that Constitution Day would provide an opportunity for people to come together to celebrate the power of this “living document” by learning about the ideals embedded in the document – among them: separation of powers, checks and balances, individual rights, and the rule of law. Awareness of our system of government is critical as we continue the struggle to maintain our core values today.

On December 8, 2004, Public Law 108-447 (the decidedly unsexy “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005”), amended 36 USC (Patriotic Societies and Observances) to add “Constitution Day” to the already existing “Citizenship Day” designation for September 17. It also added stipulations that federal agencies provide educational and training materials on the US Constitution as part of new employee orientation and on September 17 of each year. Also mandated is that each educational institution receiving federal funds must hold an educational program on the Constitution.

So while Senator Byrd did not get the legal public holiday he wanted, the final legislation guarantees that educational materials will be available and distributed, and that instructional programs and commemorations will be held in educational settings on September 17th, by law. The resources available are numerous and varied – from step-by-step guides on how to conduct a public reading and/or signing of the Constitution, to individual interactive online games; from lesson plans for all ages of schoolchildren, to DVDs and streaming audio/video of Supreme Court

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Justices discussing the Constitution and judicial independence. So while the 4th of July is a day off, September 17th is a working holiday. As Senator Byrd states on his webpage, “To preserve the Constitution, we must be willing to make it work, to make it an active part of our lives.”

Resources

★ National Constitution Center - www.constitutioncenter.org/ConstitutionDay - Crucial source for everything you need to know about “Constitution Day” – lesson plans, events, activities, books, and media.

★ Ben’s Guide - <http://bensguide.gpo.gov/9-12/documents/constitution/index.html> - No one explains things more concisely than Ben!

★ The Avalon Project - http://avalon.law.yale.edu/subject_menus/constpap.asp - A documentary record of primary sources related to the United States Constitution – before, during, and after its publication.

★ Library of Congress - www.loc.gov/teachers/constitutionday.html - Resources from the mother ship, including primary sources, lesson plans, stories, and bibliographies.

★ National Endowment for the Humanities - <http://edsitement.neh.gov/ConstitutionDay> - Outstanding site for teachers, students, and parents to come together and better understand the importance of the Constitution. Includes lesson plans by grade level, and online activities.

★ GPO ACCESS - www.gpoaccess.gov/constitution/browse2002.html - Analysis and Interpretation of the Constitution. Annotations of Cases Decided by the Supreme Court of the United States, a must for hard-core constitutional scholars!

★ U.S. Courts - www.uscourts.gov/outreach/resources/constitutionday.html - Activities created by the Public Affairs Office of the federal courts to

promote understanding of Constitutional issues and the court system.

★ Department of Defense - <http://constitutionday.cpms.osd.mil> - Example of Federal Agency responsibility for Constitution Day. Includes an excellent interactive online course about the Constitution.

★ The National Archives Experience - <http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution.html> - Home of the actual U.S. Constitution, the National Archives provides information and high resolution images of the Constitution as well as other historical documents.

★ Sunnylands Classroom - <http://www.sunnylandsclassroom.org> – The Annenberg Foundation provides resources so that schools may comply with federal Constitution Day requirements. Lesson plans, promotional materials, streaming audio/video, and networking with others.

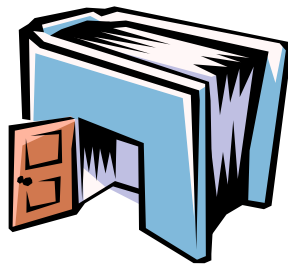
★ CQ Press in Context - www.cqpress.com/in-context/constitution/ - A nonpartisan resource for information on pivotal events and issues shaping today’s world of government and politics. Includes lesson plans, pros/cons on constitutional issues.

★ Mankato University - <http://lib.mnsu.edu/govdoc/subjectlist/constitutiond/constitutiond.html> - Constitution Gov Docs Displays – Constitution-related Documents plucked from depository collections for displays to the People.

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Welcome New MPLA Members



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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. 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 - 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 comments.

Talk - 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 - View the MPLA conference image gallery.

How to Get to MPLA 2.0

- * From the MPLA homepage 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.

Around the Region

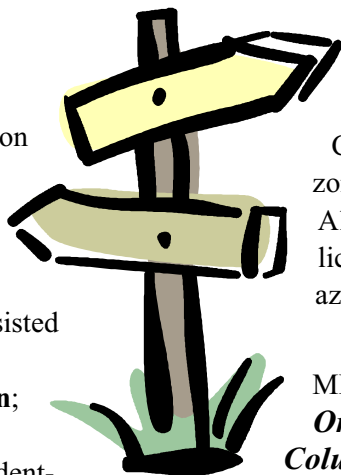
Arizona

Arizona sent a strong delegation to attend National Library Legislative Day in Washington, DC. to thank congressional delegates for their support as well as bring key issues into the limelight. The contingent consisted of State Librarian **GladysAnn Wells**; AzLA Legislative Chair **Rita Hamilton**; President of the Friends of the Phoenix Library **Wilma Mathews**; AzLA President-Elect **Cynthia Landrum**, and AzLA President **Denise Keller**. AzLA offers the latest legislative news and information about Arizona library issues on its blog: <http://azlalegislativenetwork.blogspot.com/> Members are encouraged to check in frequently to stay abreast of current issues affecting the library industry as well as learn how to get involved and communicate with legislators.



l-r: Cynthia Landrum, Denise Keller, Wilma Mathews, GladysAnn Wells, and Rita Hamilton.

Jana Bradley, Director of the University of Arizona's School of Information Resources And Library Science, has announced that she is stepping down from the Directorship at the end of her five year term in June and joining the faculty as a professor. The University has started a search to fill this position. To review the posting, see SIRLS Director Position at the UA Career Track applicant site at <http://www.hr.arizona.edu>.



Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records is presenting a monthly lunchtime speaker series at the Carnegie Center on topics ranging from Arizona history, music, dance, and the economy. All presentations are free and open to the public. Call 602-926-3368 or e-mail sweber@lib.az.us for more information.

Carol Hammond, a past president of MPLA, recently reviewed *Seven Months to Oregon: 1853* by Harold Peters in *Columbia* magazine.

Colorado

Dr. Camila Alire, MPLA member and dean emerita at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo., begins her term as 2009-2010 president of the American Library Association on July 14 at the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago.

Annie Epperson, Chair of the MPLA Communications Committee recently was promoted to Head of Reference Services at the University of Northern Colorado Michener Library in Greeley.

BCR has recently added several new services and collaborations. Mango Languages has been added to its collection of learning resources. The **University of Denver Penrose Library** has joined its new Shelf2Life program, bringing its collection of pre-1923 U.S.-published monographs back into the public domain, along with other collections that have had limited or no access due to age, condition or scarcity. The books will be available as print-on-demand through hundreds of online retailers and through the library as eBooks. The **Colorado-Wyoming Association of Museums**, in partnership with BCR, the **Society of Rocky Mountain Archivists**, the **Colorado State Library** and the **State Historical Society of Colorado**, have received a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to survey and create workshops to address the most urgent

collections needs identified by library and cultural heritage institutions in Colorado. The National Endowment for the Humanities awarded \$218,154 to BCR to support workshops on digital preservation for leaders of collaborative digitization programs.

Kansas

Johnson County Library couriers are making their book deliveries between library locations in some specially decorated, literary-themed trucks: *Captain Ahab's Fine Seafood*, *Benjamin Button's Diaper Service*, *Kafka's Pest Control*, and *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde's Pharmacy* with the tag line "Available at Johnson County Library". The messages on the trucks are part of campaign to promote the library, the many stories that can be found there and to encourage reading, even the classics. The campaign theme and design was developed for the Johnson County Library pro bono by Barkley Advertising Agency in Kansas



MO. According to County Librarian **Donna Lauffer** "On first seeing the trucks, people may think oh, what a clever name for a business," she stated. "Then catching the tag line 'Available at Johnson County Library' will definitely get them thinking more about the message and what the library has to offer.

The South Central Kansas Library System in South Hutchinson was recognized by the Institute of Museum and Library Services in its June 2009 publication *A Catalyst for Change* (<http://www.imls.gov/pdf/CatalystForChange.pdf>). "Project Automate @ SCKLS" which was the recipient of a \$101,812 Library Service and Technology Grant (LSTA) was identified as the exemplary project for Kansas during 2003 - 2006. The purpose of Project Automate @ SCKLS was to assist public libraries within the South Central Kansas Library System in automating their collections to provide an enhanced level of service to their patrons. On May 1, 2007, all 12 participating library sites went live. Not only were the librarians able to begin an electronic method of circulation, but their patrons became more empowered users of the library. Patrons now have the ability to view their circulation status, renew items and place reserves via the Internet from outside the confines of the library. For more information contact: **Larry Papenfuss**, Director of Information Technology, SCKLS, larry@sckls.info or 800-234-0529, Ext. 160.

Kansas literary great **Don Coldsmith** has died at 83. Nominated by the Kansas Center for the Book, Coldsmith won the MPLA Literary Contribution Award earlier this year. He attended the MPLA/KLA joint conference in April to receive the award.

Authors Howard Kazanjian and Chris Enss spoke at a book launch at **Dodge City Public Library** on June 5. Approximately 80 people gathered to meet the authors, hear them speak about the book, and purchase signed copies. The book, *Thunder Over the Prairie*, tells the story of the death of Dodge City Entertainer Dora Hand and the posse who was sent after the man accused of killing her. This most intrepid posse was composed of Wyatt Earp, Bat Masterson, Charlie Bassett and Bill Tilghman. Kazanjian is an award-winning producer and entertainment executive who for three decades has produced television programs and feature films including *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. Enss is an award-winning screenwriter and the author or coauthor of more than a dozen books on the subject of the Old West. Research for the book included various libraries and museums in Dodge City. MPLA member **Cathy Reeves** is library Director.



Coauthors Chris Enss & Howard Kazanjian sign copies of their new book Thunder Over the Prairie at a book launch held at Dodge City Public Library

The **Kansas Historical Society** announced that Kansas has been awarded funding by the National Endowment for the Humanities to participate in the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP). The Historical Society will receive \$259,354 to digitize 100,000 pages of Kansas newspapers, dating from 1860 to 1922. Kansas is one of seven new states being brought into the program in 2009, bringing the total number of participating states to 22.

Struttin' their stuff, teens designed, created, and modeled their own creations for "Poetry in Motion," the Second Annual Teen Fashion Show, attended by 257 people at the **Johnson County Library**. The event also featured music and slam poetry from teens and National Slam Poet Champion Gino Morrow. See the video at www.JoCoTeenScene.org.

Friends of the **Johnson County Library** Board members presented "Why the Library Matters" booklets to County Commissioners at the Commission's regular meeting and were in turn presented with a proclamation for National Library Week. The booklet is a compilation of comments from library patrons about how they use the library and why they value it.

Montana

The **Great Falls Public Library** recently celebrated the grand reopening and rededication of its plaza as the *Alma Jacobs Memorial Plaza*, a project that took two years. Alma Jacobs was a respected community leader who inspired racial awareness. As the Great Falls Public Library Director (1954 – 1973), the Lewistown native was not only instrumental in the construction of the current library in 1967, but also the first black person to hold that position in the state. In 1957, Jacobs was the first black person to be elected as president of the Pacific Northwest Library Association. She also served as the Montana State Librarian from 1973 – 1981. In 1972, Jacobs co-founded Humanities Montana.



Great Falls Public Library plaza

Lewis & Clark Library in Helena has received a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to host *The Big Read under the Big Sky III*. *The Big Read* gives communities the opportunity to come together to read, discuss, and celebrate one of 30 selections from U.S. and world literature. *The Big Read under the Big Sky III* will focus on Tim O'Brien's award winning novel, *The Things They Carried*. Tim O'Brien will visit Helena and serve as keynote speaker for this year's event, announced Library director Judy Hart.

Great Falls Public Library Director **Jim Heckel** will retire this month after a 40-year career, including 21 years as director. When he arrived, the library was in financial trouble, closed two days a week, was not computerized and sponsored no local programming. The library is now considered a model of computerized access and has one of the most active series of library programs for the community in the state as well as a successful Foundation.

United States Senator Jon Tester joined the in announcing that the **Montana State Library** was one of 33 successful grant applicants selected to receive a \$730,659 *Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program* award from the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS). It is the third grant the State Library has received from IMLS for recruitment purposes. The three-year grant, known as **SWIM**, consists of a formal partnership between four states – South Dakota, Wyoming, Idaho, and Montana. The objective of the grant is to recruit and provide IMLS-funded scholarships to educate 50 librarians and school library media specialists from throughout the region to work in rural communities.

The **Bozeman Public Library Foundation** and **Montana State University-Bozeman** collaborated in choosing *The Solois*, by Steve Lopez as the community read book for *One Book – One Bozeman 2009* and MSU's Summer Reading program. The personal account written by the LA Times' columnist is the perfect choice to bring together incoming students, faculty, and residents for a broader community discussion. There will be activities and events at the Bozeman Public Library, on the MSU campus, and around town to promote and encourage meaningful dialogue to tackle tough issues such as homelessness,

mental illness, and the uplifting strength of music. Lopez will be in Bozeman on September 9 to deliver the convocation, followed by a book signing and informal talk on September 10.

Nebraska

Plans are underway for the Nebraska Library Association's October 2009 convention to be held in the new LaVista Conference Center: Nebraska Libraries: Bridges to Information October 28-30

The **Nebraska Leadership Institute** is July 20-24 at the St. Benedict Center in Schuyler.

Rivkah Sass, Director of Omaha Public Library announced her resignation. She is moving to become the Director of the Sacramento (CA) Public Library.

The **Nebraska Library Association** Board recently spent a morning doing strategic planning, including a SWOT analysis. A small task force will develop a strategic plan, along with goals, and a new mission statement.

The power of social networking is visible at **Lincoln City Libraries**. The Library Board of Trustees voted to close two small libraries in response to budget guidelines from the city. According to MPLA's Nebraska Representative **Julie Beno**, Sheridan Elementary 4th graders heard about it and planned a demonstration at South Branch Library. The press, the Mayor, and members of the City Council heard about it via email the morning of the demonstration. That afternoon the kids were there with signs (*Honk to Save the Library*), along with reporters from the local TV station and the newspaper. The Mayor came and visited with the children. The noise from the honking cars was deafening. The library received major press. A friend of South Branch then started a Facebook page which was soon the fastest growing Facebook page in Nebraska. It currently has 2352 members, loads of testimonials, a PDF flier to pass out to friends, and a website. City Council candidates also posted their memories of South Branch (before the election.) Next, a save Bethany Branch Library Facebook page was started, and has 648 members. The final budget will not be approved by the City Council until later this summer.

The 2008-2009 **Golden Sower Award winners** were recently announced: Primary Winner: *If I Built a Car* by Chris Van Dusen; Intermediate Winner: *Satch and Me* by Dan Gutman; Young Adult Winner: *Twilight* by Stephanie Meyer. The Golden Sower Award is sponsored by the Nebraska Library Association's School, Children's and Young People's section (SCYP), with 66,648 readers across Nebraska voting.

Perkins Library, Hastings College, was the runner up in Wiley Publishing Company's "for Dummies" Library display contest. Photos are on display on Facebook.



Lincoln City Libraries Gere Branch

Teen Advisory Board created a rain barrel which was then auctioned off to support a scholarship fund to allow kids to attend Adventure and Extreme Nature Camp at Pioneers Park Nature Center.

The **Nevada Library Association** 2009 Conference Committee chair Laura Oki reports that the 2009 NLA Conference will be October 7-10, 2009, at the Elko Convention Center.

The **Las Vegas-Clark County Library District** held a groundbreaking ceremony June 18 to mark the onset of the construction of the Southwest Library and Service Center. The new library and service center will be built on a 15-acre site containing a 27,096-square-foot library, a 300-seat auditorium with additional shell space of 11,342-square feet for future growth. An 86,617-square-foot service center will house District administrative offices, support functions and centralized materials processing center. The library will open in March 2011.



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Nevada

Daniel L. Walters recently ended his 10-year tenure as Executive Director of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District.

Jeanne Goodrich is the new Executive Director of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District. She was the Deputy Director of the Multnomah County Library in Portland, Oregon, for 11 years as well as Director of the South San Francisco Public Library and the Idaho Falls Public Library. For the past 10 years, she has been an independent library management consultant specializing in organizational and staffing assessments, strategic planning, and staff development and training.

New Mexico

As part of the Town of Taos "Summer of Love" event, the **Taos Public Library** is hosting a series of noted authors and artists. The library will also offer lists, displays, photography exhibit, book bags, and more. See details at www.taoslibrary.org.

The **New Mexico State Library** is presenting a workshop on "Using Electronic Resources". The workshop includes Mark Adams demonstrating basic searching techniques using one or more of the databases included in Magazines Online.; Linda Harris

covering the content in Newsbank and demonstrating search strategies; and Susanne Caro giving a detailed overview of state agency websites and helping participants use the New Mexico Statutes to track bills.

The **New Mexico History Museum's** "Van of Enchantment" is traveling through the state with a mobile museum exhibition of the history of New Mexico transportation from prehistoric roads to the interstate system.

MPLA member **Val Nye** was on of "Librarians as Writers" featured in the June/July 2009 issue of *American Libraries*. She is author of *Breakfast Santa Fe Style: A Dining Guide to Fancy, Funky, and Family Friendly Restaurants*, a finalist in the Best Travel/ Guidebook category of the 2007 New Mexico Book Awards.

North Dakota

Traci Petry recently began as Director of the **Divide County Library** in Crosby. She has a bachelor's degree in business management from the University of North Dakota. She replaces former library director Leslie Deering.

The **North Dakota State Library** budget passed both houses with funding for State Library services, as well as an additional \$1.3M for State Aid to Public Libraries, \$237,000 for Library Vision 2010, and \$320,000 for Online Library Resources.

Michael Swanson was recently hired as the Assistant Archivist in the Elwyn B. Robinson Department of Special Collections at the **Chester Fritz Library, University of North Dakota**.

The **Grand Forks Library** has two new library employees. **Wendy Wendt** is the new Director and started in her new position on June 1, 2009. Wendt, who earned her MLS from the University of North Texas and her undergraduate degree from NDSU, most recently served as the Director of the Marshall-Lyon County Library in southwestern Minnesota. She is also the immediate Past-president of the Minnesota Library Association. Wendy replaces longtime director Dennis Page, who passed away on June 30,

2008. **Aaron Stefanich** is the new Children's Librarian. He earned his MLS from San Jose State University and BS degrees in English and Social Work from Bemidji State University.

The **Garrison Public Library** celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday with the Garrison Memorial Hospital Nursing Facility by providing an assortment of books.

Oklahoma

The Community of Oklahoma Instruction Librarians (COIL), the instruction section of the Oklahoma Chapter of ACRL, is sponsoring a workshop called unCOILed: Participatory Learning in



the Age of the Unengaged! The workshop, a combination of the usual COIL summer workshop mixed with an unconference-like approach, is held in Muskogee. Registered participants will be able to help direct workshop content via a social network on Ning where they can post questions and comments for presenters. For more information see <http://okacrl.okstate.edu/coil/>.

The **Oklahoma Library Association** invites all MPLA Members to the joint OLA/MPLA Conference, *Explore the Possibilities*, scheduled for April 19-21 at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City. According to conference planners this is a great location! Bricktown is within easy walking distance with a wide variety of restaurants and pubs, a ball park, a multi-screen movie theater and Bass Pro Shop. There is a canal with boats so that you can float through Bricktown if you need to just relax. On the other side of the Cox Center is Myriad Botanical Gardens and Crystal Bridge Tropical Conservatory. Seventeen acres of colorfully landscaped gardens surround the Crystal Bridge Tropical Conservatory. The vision of architect I. M. Pei, this paradise nestled in the heart of downtown Oklahoma City is a delight to discover. OLA is planning wonderful programs. There will be something for every librarian to enjoy. So mark your calendars to come see Oklahoma next April.

The Oklahoma State Legislature finished up a controversial session on budget issues in tight times. As with most states, Oklahoma is facing budget shortfalls. The **Oklahoma Department of Libraries** was concerned that they would have to deal with further cuts after years of stagnant budgets. However, in the end, Oklahoma Department of Libraries received only a \$300 reduction. Director Susan McVey said "Thanks go to grass roots efforts of so many public librarians who informed their legislators of the value of libraries to their communities during hard times." Librarians also followed the progress of Senate Bill 834 in the session. This bill could have removed the mandate requiring school librarians in public schools, possibly making all public schools in Oklahoma "charter schools" and thus no longer required to conform to the mandates and laws governing regular public schools. It would have affected school libraries and many other services of the public schools. The bill passed the State House and the State Senate but was vetoed by the Governor.

South Dakota

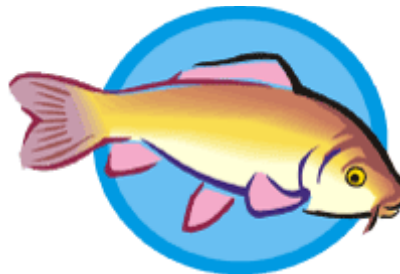


MPLA member **Dorothy Liegl's** mother has created a library quilt using summer reading program t-shirts. The quilt has been donated to the **South**

Dakota Library Association to be used to raise money for the Raney Scholarship Fund. Raffle tickets will be sold through morning of the last day of the SDLA conference, October 9, 2009.

Reported in the June issue of *Cornerstone*, the South Dakota State Library's e-newsletter: Concerned that her middle-grade-aged students were using Internet resources with little regard for their reliability, **Mavis Schipman**, middle school librarian at Douglas School District in Box Elder, wanted them to consider four criteria: accuracy, relevance, currency, and purpose. When she remarked that her plan was to use the first letter of each word in an acronym, a staff member looking over her shoulder- no doubt a fisherman - said that was an easy one: the letters spelled

CARP. Mavis now hands to her students printed cards with an image of a fish in the background, on top of which is printed this legend:



C = Currency
A = Accuracy
R = Relevancy
P = Purpose

She tells the students if their resources don't meet those four criteria, the information may be "fishy."

Utah

The American Library Association announced that **Orem Public Library** is one of the libraries selected to host the "Harry Potter's World" exhibit for a four-week display period this fall. The library will also present programs in tandem with the exhibit. The exhibit deals with historical and ethical questions that would affect the students in Harry Potter's fictional world. More information about "Harry Potter's World: Renaissance Science, Magic, and Medicine," including educational resources, is available at www.nlm.nih.gov/exhibition/harrypotter-world. For more information on the traveling exhibit, visit www.ala.org/harrypotter.

The **Utah Library Association** Board met under the direction of the new President, Ruby Cheesman. A training session was held to assist new leaders with their duties. According to MPLA's Utah Representative Dorothy Horan, reports were given about the successful 2009 conference and plans for the 2010 ULA conference were discussed.

The new **Herriman Library** groundbreaking was held July 1 at the new library located at 5440 W. Main Street in Herriman Utah. Attendees included Salt Lake County Mayor Peter Corroon, Salt Lake County Library Services Director James D. Cooper and Herriman City Mayor J. Lynn Crane.

The New **Church History Library/Archives** in Salt Lake City held its Open House June 12-13. The

building took four years to complete, with more than 50 miles of shelving and over 1 million artifacts. It is a “green building” with special filtration systems.

Wyoming

The **Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library** is hosting the art exhibit, “Sheridan County: Finding Peace in a Place,” by Western landscape painter Sonja Caywood through July.

Some of the **Teton County Library**’s many recent programs have included: *Lunch ‘n Learn: Facing Facebook*; *An Evening with Authors Tony Earley and Julia Glass*; *Create 4 Books in 5 Hours* with printer and artist Jean Gillingwaters; *Environmental Forum on Cancer: The Number One Killer in Teton County* with Dr. Devra Davis and a panel discussion with Dr. Jim Little, Teton Pediatrics; Maureen Blum, Teton District Board of Health; and Linda Baker, Upper Green River Valley Coalition; *Forty Years Exploring the Grand Canyon* with photographer Gary Ladd; *Summer Greetings! Personalized Postcard Workshop*; *Life on the Rocks, Adventures in Petroglyph Preservation* with Katherine Wells; and *The Unheard: A Memoir of Deafness and Africa* with Josh Swiller.

Libraries and librarians are bastions of knowledge, and the **Laramie County Library System (LCLS)** got to prove that in May. For example, do you know:

- Who was the University of Wyoming’s basketball coach in 1943?
- Which Michelangelo sculpture is the only one that he signed and why?
- What was the name of Ferdinand Magellen’s navigator, who took over the expedition when the explorer died?

At the 2nd Annual Cranium Cup fund-raiser, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Cheyenne, the LCLS team (better known as “The Unshelved”) beat out 15 other teams made up of 170 other participants, to claim the victory by knowing answers to a curious variety of questions, including those asked above. In addition to receiving a permanent and a traveling trophy, each member of the championship team received a Leonardo da Vinci action figure.



The winning team: County Librarian Lucie Osborn, Library Foundation Director Mary Meyer and library employees Elizabeth Thorson, Lori Lewis, Beth Cook, and Adam Keizer. Tim Thorson and Wyoming State Treasurer Joe Meyer – both spouses of library employees.

The **Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library** collected submissions of original artwork from Sheridan County residents through in conjunction with the Adult Summer Reading Program theme, *Master the Art of Reading @ Your Library*. Submissions will be displayed August 31. The artwork includes photographs, paintings, collages, woodcarvings, and fiber arts.

Tamara Meredith, Chair of the MPLA Professional Development Committee, will be the University of Wyoming’s Head of the Learning Resource Center beginning August 15. She was previously Director of the Eaton, CO, Public Library.

The **Natrona County Public Library** has been busier than ever so far this summer with a record 68,000 checkouts in the month of June, up 16% over last June. Some of this jump in circulation can be attributed to a corresponding rise in visits to Natrona County schools. For many years, NCPL staff has been actively engaged with the Natrona County School District #1, presenting literacy programs and library information in classrooms throughout the district while teachers participate in professional development. This year, classroom visits totaled 477 plus 69 classes visiting the library, bringing over 14,600 students at all grade levels into contact with NCPL. As more students are reached in the classrooms,

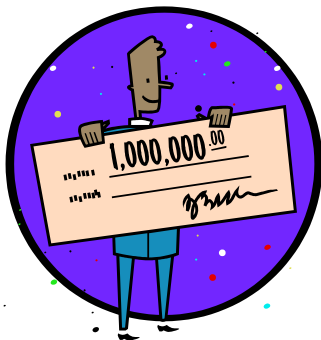
they develop a personal connection with the library, making programs like Summer Reading all the more attractive.



A busy family program featuring Denver performer Jim Loshbaugh at Natrona County Public Library in early July.

Only 21 months after it first opened its doors, the new **Laramie County Library** in Cheyenne welcomed its one millionth visitor on Wednesday, June 10. As Carolyn Chapman and her family entered the library around 2 p.m. that day, they had no reason to believe that their library visit would be anything out of the norm. As one of Chapman's sons went to return his latest storytime book, the entire clan was greeted by many members of the library staff, including County Librarian **Lucie Osborn**, carrying balloons and warm wishes.

The **Friends of the Natrona County Library** in Casper broke the \$1 Million mark this fiscal year, in funds raised on behalf of the library through semi-annual book sales. Funds raised by the sales are used to augment library services and materials. This accomplishment was the result of 38 years of



hard work on the part of Friends volunteers and the Friends board.

Friends of the Library Board President Chris Mullen presents a certificate commemorating the sale that surpassed the \$1 Million mark at the Friends' Spring booksale.



Longtime booksale volunteer Betty Ouderkirk along with other volunteers help to keep the sales going from year to year.



Library patrons searching for bargains during the book sale.

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EVENTS

In & Beyond the Region

Book Repair: Restoring the Words

Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu, NM is hosting a course on repairing damaged materials October 5-11. In libraries large and small, minor repair is a cost saving way to keep materials in circulation. Bound volumes mended as soon as they show signs of damage may never require more complex repair or binding. A book with tightened hinges is sometimes more sturdy after treatment than it was at the time of purchase. Learn methods for repairing general collections materials so that they can continue to serve your public. Using the correct methods to repair will allow a book to continue to open for ease of use and will prevent a bad repair from further damage. Many books can be restored to reasonably good condition if you know how to perform a few simple repairs.

In this course, you will learn how to assess book damage, how to identify which books can be repaired safely, and how to perform basic book repairs. This Ghost Ranch course is for private collectors and librarians alike. Anyone who wishes to understand how to repair a book to extend its useful life is welcome to sign up. A Certificate of Attendance will be given to participants.

The workshop is being taught by Jeanne Drewes of Washington, DC. Jeanne is the Chief of Binding and Collections Care in the Preservation Directorate at the Library of Congress. She is responsible for general collections treatment and binding. Formerly she was the Assistant Director for Access and Preservation at the Main Library of Michigan State University. She has a BA in English and an MLS from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Author of several articles and a presenter of workshops on bookbinding, Jeanne is a member of the American Library Association and the American Institute for Conservation. She has taught bookbinding at Ghost Ranch for two years.

For information and cost go to www.ghost ranch.org or call 505 685-4333. Scholarship money is available.

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In coordination with Elaine Kelash, Buyer, University of Minnesota Purchasing, Minitex will finalize license agreements with the vendors for access to the following statewide electronic resources. The resources will be available beginning July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2012.

Minitex Reference Services staff, Jennifer Hootman, Matt Lee, Carla Steinberg Pfahl, and Beth Staats, with vendors' staff, will work to provide training on the resources licensed.



More EVENTS

In & Beyond the Region



How Safe Is Your Heritage? Regional Meetings in North Dakota

Join fellow archive, library and museum professionals and volunteers at regional meetings in October for:

- collections care information and resource materials;
- discussions about the current state of collections in North Dakota, leading to potential future funding opportunities; and
- networking lunch with collections professionals/volunteers and elected officials.

The free meetings, sponsored by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, will be hosted by the North Dakota Cultural Heritage Initiative and held at 8 cities around the state. For more information see <http://collectionconversations.eventbrite.com> or call 701-355-4458.



ALA to Partner in White House Volunteer Effort

The American Library Association, along with a host of other non-profit organizations, will participate in United We Serve, a national effort launched by President Obama to engage more Americans in serving their communities this summer.

Libraries will play a major role in this initiative, which was announced by the President today. The ALA and the White House are encouraging libraries to post volunteer opportunities at www.serve.gov. As the initiative develops, the ALA will make available

resources to assist libraries in conducting volunteer efforts. Visit www.ala.org/unitedweserve for more information.

“In today’s economic climate, libraries face increasing challenges in carrying out their mission to provide opportunities for lifelong learning. In an era when demand for library services is increasing but funding for them is declining, volunteers play an important role in supplementing the high-quality service library staff provide,” said ALA President Jim Rettig. “We applaud the president’s recognition of volunteers’ value and his commitment to ensuring they continue to serve our society in many ways.”

United We Serve kicks off on June 22 and runs through September 11. The initiative focuses on four key areas: education, health, energy and the environment; and community renewal. It is being led by the Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency that improves lives and strengthens communities through volunteering and service.

“This presents a great opportunity for libraries of all types to involve young people as volunteers,” said ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels. “This will also be a great opportunity to educate the public about the importance and vitality of America’s libraries.”

Libraries fit neatly into this new national initiative, since they already employ vast numbers of volunteers. One area where volunteers will prove especially valuable is summer reading. Summer reading programs are particularly effective in helping children avoid the “summer slide,” the decline in reading skills that sometimes occurs during the long break from school.

Research has shown that children who participate in summer library reading programs are better equipped to continue their education in the fall when they return to school, demonstrating better vocabulary skills and increased comprehension.






MEMBERSHIP ENCOURAGEMENT CORNER

From Rita Severt, MPLA Membership Committee Chair

For each person/area/library published in the MPLA newsletter, now it's your turn to crow about your spot in the newsletter and the wonders of MPLA. I would like to encourage each of you to show off your article to ten fellow library workers who are not MPLA members. Tell them about the half-price first year membership deal; take them to the website, explain how beneficial it is to ruminate with those outside of your state and get a regional perspective; and don't forget to tell them about the grants and leadership opportunities! Then let us know what happened. Good or bad; we want to know. You can email any of the Membership Committee and maybe, you will have some new membership forms to include with your responses.

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The Facebook group for the Mountain Plains Library Association is transitioning to a Facebook Page.

According to MPLA Webmaster Dan Chaney, “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 about postings 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.



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State & National Conferences 2009

- 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

2011

- MLA/MPLA Joint Conference Spring, Billings, MT

2012

- NLA (Nebraska)/MPLA Joint Conference, Fall, Omaha, NE

2013

- NDLA/SDLA/MPLA Joint Conference, October, Sioux Falls, SD

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