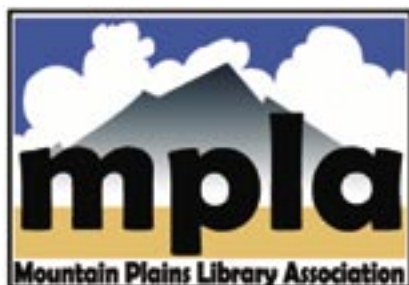


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President's Message



Eileen at Ubirr Rock in Kakadu National Park in Australia

I know how busy we all feel within our own libraries, communities, and personal lives. But MPLA members still donate time by being active within their own state associations, attending joint conferences, and participating as presenters or volunteers at the state conferences. The participation that we give to our joint state conferences makes them a huge success personally for the states and for MPLA members, too. Not only do we give our time and effort to these conferences, we gain professional development, good networking connections, and life-long friendships.

We have an opportunity to experience the enthusiasm of our members at the upcoming joint MPLA\Oklahoma State Conference in April 19-21, 2010. We will see in action the hard work our host state, Oklahoma, and our personal members have committed to making this experience valuable to us all.

Come and listen to three dynamic speakers: Nancy Miller, veteran television series producer and writer, Keynote speaker Dr. Rufus Fears, David Ross Boyd Professor of Classics at the University of Oklahoma, and ALA President Camila Alire. We have informative and stimulating presentations – too many to list here.

Furthermore, the conference location, Oklahoma City, has many sites to visit within walking distance from the conference hotel: Downtown Art Walk, Myriad Botanical Gardens, River Cruise, and Historic Bricktown. More importantly reconnect with old friends and make some new ones in the President's Suite each evening after dinner.

I thank you all for your dedication to the joint conferences and to our MPLA organization. I hope you can make it to Oklahoma City.

--Eileen

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New OLA and/or MPLA Member (joined since 7-1-09) Full Conference	\$100
Trustees and Friends Full Conference	\$ 85
Students Full Conference	\$ 75
Non-OLA/MPLA Members One Day	\$160
Non-OLA/MPLA Members Full Conference	\$185

CONFERENCE HOTEL INFORMATION

The Oklahoma Library Association and Mountain Plains Library Association Joint Conference will be held Monday, April 19 to Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at the Oklahoma City Renaissance Hotel and Cox Convention Center. The room rate is \$139 per night plus tax for single/double/triple/quad. When making reservations, remember to state you are attending the Oklahoma Library Association Annual Conference in order to receive this special rate. This room rate will be honored until March 19, 2010.

The hotel offers complimentary airport transportation to registered hotel guests only. Guests are to call the hotel (405-228-8000) from the airport once their flight has arrived and they are ready to be picked up. Departures will take place every hour on the hour seven (7) days a week from 4:00 am until 12:00 noon (these times may be extended before April).

To Make a Reservation, Group Code is olaolaa

Phone: 1-800-468-3571; URL: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/okcbr>

If you have any problems with your hotel reservation, contact Kay Boies, OLA Executive Director, at 405-525-5100; or kboies@sbcglobal.net

REGISTRATION HOURS

Monday, April 19	8:00 am—5:00 pm
Tuesday, April 20	7:30 am—5:00 pm
Wednesday, April 21	7:30 am—1:00 pm

OLA STORE & BOOKSTORE

The store will feature conference-themed and OLA logo items for sale. Books written by conference speakers will be available at the bookstore. Show your spirit and help your association with your purchases.

Fun Time at the Conference!

Within a few blocks of the Convention Center...

- Downtown Art Walk complete with audio “art talk”
- Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum
- Myriad Botanical Gardens and Crystal Bridge Tropical Conservatory
- Oklahoma City Museum of Art (collection includes a spectacular collection of Dale Chihuly glass)
- Ronald J. Norick Downtown Library (site of the All Conference Event)
- Oklahoma River Cruise
- Bricktown Entertainment District

—Bricktown Canal

with Water

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—Restaurants

—Bars and

Nightclubs

—Shops

—Movie Theater

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The Oklahoma City Arts Festival begins on April 20. Since 1967, the Festival of the Arts has been Oklahoma City's rite of spring. The festival is a community celebration of visual arts, performing arts and culinary arts.

- Transportation: The Oklahoma Spirit, nine trolley replicas, serve downtown and Bricktown. Fare is \$.25.

Websites: www.bricktownokc.com
www.artscouncilokc.com/festival-of-the-arts
www.gometro.org
www.oklahomarivercruises.com

OLA/MPLA Joint Conference Pre-Registration Form

April 19-21, 2010 at the Cox Convention Center, Oklahoma City

Pre-Registration Deadline: Must be received by April 5, 2010; On-Site registration fees will be \$10.00 higher.

PRE-CONFERENCES—MONDAY, APRIL 19—(all preconferences include lunch)

“The Big Event: You Can Do It!”, 10 am-4 pm

Members _____ @ \$80; Non-members _____ @ \$130

“Managing You: Self-Situational Leadership”, 10 am-4 pm

Members _____ @ \$80; Non-members _____ @ \$130

“The Future of Technical Services: Exploring the Possibilities”, 9:30 am-3:30 pm

Members _____ @ \$80; Non-members _____ @ \$130

“Managing in ToughTimes”, 9 am-12 pm

Members _____ @ \$50; Non-members _____ @ \$80

“Advocating from the Library Frontlines”, 1 pm-5 pm

Members _____ @ \$50; Non-members _____ @ \$80

“Everyone a Leader, Everyone a Change Agent”, 1 pm-5 pm

Members _____ @ \$50; Non-members _____ @ \$80

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION—TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21-22 (Choose One)

OLA or MPLA Member	Full Conference	\$110	_____
New OLA Member (joined since 7-1-09)	Full Conference	\$100	_____
Trustees (FOLIO)	Full Conference	\$85	_____
Students	Full Conference	\$75	_____
Non-OLA/MPLA Member	One Day	\$160	_____
	Full Conference	\$185	_____

PROGRAM FUNCTIONS WITH MEALS

Monday, April 19

Banquet: Nancy Miller, TV writer, creator and executive producer No. _____ @ \$35 _____

Tuesday, April 20

Legislative Luncheon: Camila Alire, ALA President No. _____ @ \$25 _____

Sequoyah Authors Luncheon: Sara Pennypacker/Wendelin Van Draanen No. _____ @ \$25 _____

Wednesday, April 21

Luncheon: “Reading and Boys and Books—Oh My!”, Michael Sullivan No. _____ @ \$25 _____

FOLIO Luncheon: Poet/Writer/Editor/Publisher Dorothy Alexander No. _____ @ \$25 _____

TOTAL COST FOR REGISTRATION AND MEALS

___ I want to participate in Dine-a-Round on Sunday evening

___ I want to join tour to National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum on Monday afternoon

NAME: _____

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Refund requests must be received by April 12

Conference Schedule

Monday & Tuesday, April 19-20

Sunday, April 18

3:00 - 5:30

MPLA Board Meeting

Evening

Dine Around

Monday, April 19 Pre-conference Workshops

9:00 — 12:00

Managing in Tough Times

9:30 — 3:30

The Future of Technical Services: Exploring the Possibilities;

10:00 — 12:00

Sequoyah Children's Award Presentation;
Sequoyah Intermediate Awards Program;

10:00 — 4:00

The Big Event: You Can Do It!

10:00 — 4:00

Managing You: Self-situational Leadership.

12:00 — 1:00

Joint luncheon for pre-conference attendees

1:00 — 5:00

Advocating from the Library Frontlines: Whose Job is it Anyway?

Everyone a Leader, Everyone a Change Agent: skills and tools that facilitate positive change in libraries; Sponsor: MPLA

4:00 — 5:30

OLA GOLD Reception.

5:30 — 6:30

OLA/ODL Certification Reception.

MPLA Leadership Institute Alumni Reunion.

University of North Texas School of Library and Information Sciences Alumni Association Reception.

University of Oklahoma School of Library and Information Studies Alumni Association Reception.

7:00

MPLA/OLA Awards Banquet

MPLA Hot Tub Roundtable following banquet

Tuesday, April 20

General Conference Programs

All Day

"Make A Splash" Craft Ideas.

7:45 — 8:45

First Timers' Breakfast and Orientation

CATS Coffee Klatch.

Playing Catch-Up with Technology.

Choosing a Digital Camera.

GODORT Business Meeting S

9:00—10:30

Opening General Session and Keynote Address; "The Price of Change: Are We at Risk of Losing our Heritage?" Dr. J. Rufus Fears

10:30 — 11:30

Exhibitor No-conflict Time

Poster Sessions

11:30 — 1:00

Legislative Luncheon with Camila Alire, ALA President

Sequoyah Author Luncheon

12:00 — 1:00

Table Talk: Inspired Talks by Future Librarians.

Table Talk: Twitter and Google Wave: New Ways to Communicate?

1:15 — 2:15

Serving Your Latina Communities: Whose Responsibility Is It and Why?

I'm Right, you're Wrong: belief, censorship, and you.

Using GIS Data: make decisions and find new customers

Academic Libraries Need Friends Too!

Oklahoma Authors' Panel Session I

A Comic View of the History of Technical Services

Expanding the American Indian Universe through Federal Government Information

2:30 — 3:30

Maintaining Smooth Relationships in the Workplace

Meet Wendelin Van Draanen

All Weather is Good – Yes, Really!

Conference Schedule

Tuesday & Wednesday, April 20-21

There and Back Again: Kim Monday, Virtual Librarian, in Second Life
Sharing the Sandbox: Libraries and Community Info & Referral Services
Assessing Information Needs of International Graduate Students
Ever Green: Making Your Library the Catalyst for Sustainability
Opening Doors: letting the student in through the course management system

3:30 — 4:30

Exhibitor No-conflict Time; Poster Sessions:

4:30 — 5:30

ALA Forum

More Than Sparkly Vampires: Science Fiction and Fantasy for Teens and Tweens

Transforming into a Customer-Centric Library
Banned Books Exposed!

Library Education Showcase

Professional Forum

Power Up Your Library Services! Lightning Talks

5:30 — 7:00

MPLA Pub Crawl

7:00 — 10:00

All Conference Event - Stacked: Fashion Off the Shelf

Wednesday, April 21

7:30 — 8:30

OASLMS Business Meeting

Recruiting and maintaining millennial members in library associations

8:45 — 9:45

MPLA Membership Meeting

OLA Leadership Institute - go for the GOLD

Connecting Boys with Books

New Spaces in Old Places

Together We're Better: A Little Interlibrary Cooperation Can Go a Long Way

9:45 — 10:15

Exhibitor No-conflict Time

10:15 — 11:15

FOLIO Annual Meeting

Authors and Self-Censoring in times of Conflict
Sequoyah Children's Masterlist
Taking the Oh NO! out of 2.0
Oral History @ the Library: Voices from Across the Plains
Cultural Shifting: young adults accepting Anime and manga as a medium
"What Are You Wearing?" and other interesting questions from electronic reference

11:30 — 1:00

FOLIO Awards Luncheon

Public Libraries Division Luncheon: Reading and Boys and Books--Oh My!

MPLA Executive Board Meeting

12:00 — 1:00

Table Talk: The 24 hour library: increasing your database use!

1:15 — 2:15

FOLIO Business Meeting

"The Library as Place": meaningful change or just another "Design on a Dime"?

Sequoyah Masterlist Grades 9-12

Oklahoma Authors' Panel Session II

Searching Patents Online: a quick course for science and general reference librarians

Digital Copyright in Academic Libraries: how do you know if your use is fair?

HeLIOS: bridging the information literacy gap from high school to university

2:30 — 3:30

Outsourcing: Does it Save Time or Money?

Sequoyah Masterlist Grades 6-8

Buried Treasures

Embracing Community: Resources and Barriers for LGBT Patrons

Building Relationships with Tribal Communities

Beyond Book Sales: making money on old books through online sales

3:45 — 5:15

OLA Membership Meeting

Welcome New MPLA Members



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Dulcie Brown, Assistant Director, Berthoud Community Library District; Berthoud, CO

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Around the Region

ARIZONA

Scottsdale Public Library Launches READ Local - Arizona Author Collection. The “Eat Local” movement encourages people to buy and eat food that is harvested within the community. This movement gives consumers an opportunity to discover unique community bounty and re-establishes the connection between the eater and the grower. In the spirit of the Eat Local movement, the Scottsdale Public Library is piloting a new READ Local - Arizona Author Collection in order to:

- Showcase the emerging literary efforts of the Arizona community
- Introduce readers to unique homegrown talent that is not yet nationally known
- Give local authors a tangible way to connect with Arizona readers.
- Enable the library to further vision and plan for new acquisition models in light of the ongoing changes to the publishing industry.

According to Dana Braccia, Collection Development Coordinator for the Scottsdale Public Library, “we have an amazing wealth of talented authors in our community and many of them have decided to bypass the traditional publishing route. However, because of limited distribution and grassroots marketing efforts, oftentimes readers can only find these unique books online or at special book festivals. We want to make them readily available to the public and celebrate our community creations. I’ve often heard authors say they knew they’d made it when their books were in the library. We’re putting out the welcome mat for our Arizona authors.” The collection will be available to the public in the spring of 2010 and will feature adult, teen and youth fiction and nonfiction materials. Arizona authors of all ages are encouraged to submit their work. Info at: http://library.scottsdaleaz.gov/books/read_local.cfm



Dr. Jana Bradley, University of Arizona School of Library Resources and Information Science professor and former director, has been awarded the 2009 Library Leadership Award as well as the President’s 2009 AzLA Conference Program Award by the Arizona Library Association.

Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records Presents Lunchtime Family History Lessons. The topic for the January program was *The Civil War and Genealogy* with information provided on resources about Civil War ancestry.

Through the Recovery Act Public Computer Center grant, the **Arizona State Library Archives and Public Records** will help 84 public libraries in the state enhance service to their communities with additional public-access computers in their institutions. Located in areas where citizens have very limited access to computers or the Internet, the expanded capacity at these libraries will provide residents with access to a wide range of online resources, including government, business, and health information, while also facilitating training for job searches and skill development. The libraries will partner with a variety of government, not-for-profit, and tribal organizations in serving residents. It is anticipated that the computer centers will serve more than 75,000 users per week and more than 450,000 residents in total.

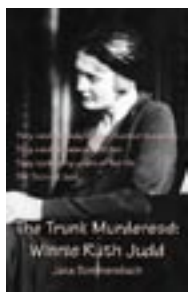
The **Arizona Library Institute Virtual Extension (ALIVE)** offers a new opportunity for library education, camaraderie and professional growth. ALIVE is to help library professionals excel in their jobs. The self paced, online program began in January and ends in May. For more information, contact Janet “Jaime” Ball, jmball@frontiernet.net or (928) 251-4596.

EBSCO is providing online training just for Arizona libraries. Each month, two webinars will focus on various EBSCO databases and support resources. This month the sessions will cover resources for Public Libraries and Teachers.

The **Books for Arizona Libraries** (BAZL) program provides funding for Arizona's smaller libraries and literacy groups to acquire quality books from large library systems' book sales. Grant funds are allocated separately to each participating large library system. Friends organizations, literacy groups and public libraries of all kinds are all eligible to shop anytime. For more information see <http://www.lib.az.us/bazl/index.cfm>.

Arizona Adult Literacy Week, February 14-20, 2010, is an annual, statewide event celebrating adult literacy and lifelong learning in Arizona communities. An awards ceremony at the Carnegie Center will showcase the writing and artistic talents of Arizona's adult learners who participate in a statewide contest currently underway.

Arizonans have voted and chosen the one book they want to read in 2010: *The Trunk Murderess*:



Winnie Ruth Judd by Jana Bommersbach. Beginning this April, communities across the State of Arizona are encouraged to read the same book at the same time and participate in discussions and programs centered around that book.

COLORADO

Award recipients were honored at the annual awards banquet during the Colorado Association of Libraries (CAL) Conference in November 2009:

- The "Unsung Hero" Award was presented to **Susan Oakes**, Denver Public Library.
- Michelle Jeske**, also from Denver Public Library, received the award for "Colorado Librarian of the Year."
- Retired principal of Denver's Cherry Creek High School, **Dr. Kathleen Smith**, received the "Library Advocate" Award.

The "Library Community Partnership" Award was jointly received by the **Poudre River Public Library** and Austin's American Grill for partnering to provide a venue for a sorely needed neighborhood story time in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Colorado State Library employees **Christine**

Kreger, Jim Duncan, and Stephen P. Gregory led project "PLINKIT" and received the "Library Project of the Year" Award.

- The "Colorado Library of the Year" Award was presented to the **Pueblo City County Library District**.
- Joel Robinson**, retired Executive Director of the Marmot Library Network, received the "Career Achievement" Award.
- Patrene Rice**, recipient of the "Outstanding Library Volunteer" Award has logged over 10,000 hours since 1986 as a volunteer in the Mesa County Public Library District in Grand Junction.
- Recipient of the "Jean Maio Award for Excellence in Adult Literacy," **Martha Fredendall** is the Director of Literacy Outreach for the Garfield County Public Library District.
- Lynda Hoffman**, library technician at Morgan Library, Colorado State University, received the "Lucy Schweers Award for Excellence in Parali-brarianship."
- The "Legislative" Award was presented to Colorado **Governor Bill Ritter**.
- CAL President's Awards are given by the current CAL President to those who have provided excellent service to the association during the president's term in office. The recipients for 2009 were **Sharon Morris**, Colorado State Library, **Elena Rosenfeld**, High Plains Library District, and **Janine Reid**, also of the High Plains Library District.

Collaborate Like You Mean It Conference. The **Colorado Academic Library Consortium** Summit planning committee seeks proposals for presentation and poster sessions for the fourth CALC Summit. The Summit will be held May 20-21, 2010.

BCR is partnering with Mosio, Inc., to bring its **Text a Librarian** service to BCR member libraries. Using mobile phone technology, patrons can text questions to reference services from their mobile phones and librarians can type answers on a web-based interface.

The 2010 conference of the **Colorado Association of Libraries** is scheduled for October 7-9, at the Embassy Suites in Loveland, Colorado.

The **Colorado Association of Libraries** Leadership Institute (CALLI) completed its first year with a final session during the CAL conference in November 2009.



The CALLI Inaugural group: Back row from l to r: Richard Lyda, Brooke Phillips Andrade, MPLA member Annie Epperson, MPLA member Terri Mondschein, Becky Russell, Jordana Vincent, Denise Muniz, Laurie Van Court, MPLA member Stephen Sweeney, Sandy Hudock; Seated from l to r: Victoria Petersen, MPLA member Karen Pardue, Dawn Middleton, Heather Dominique, Liza Keating, Suzanne McGowan; On the floor from l to r: Charlene Swanson, Elizabeth Flores, Currie Meyer; Missing: Zeth Lietzau, Matt Hamilton, Traci Peter

ColleagueConnection 2010 - The **Colorado Association of Law Libraries**, in conjunction with the **Special Libraries Association**, **Colorado Council of Medical Librarians**, **Colorado Association of Libraries**, and the **University of Denver Library and Information Science Program** has scheduled a panel discussion for Wednesday, April 7. The topic is "Colorado's 2010 Anti-Tax Ballot Issues: Their Impact on Colorado and its Libraries"

Colorado Libraries 2.0 is a free learning program to help library staff become familiar with Web 2.0 tools. The program is designed in modules associated with categories of tools. Included are Communication, Collaboration, Visual Communications, Personal Learning Environments (PLE), Productivity Tools, and a capstone project – Your PLE. Additional modules will be available in 2010. *Colorado Libraries 2.0* was created by Reach – Leading Learning in Libraries – a group of library staff members committed to sharing continuing education opportunities with others.

BCR Board of Trustees officers for FY 2009-2010 include librarians from the MPLA region. MPLA

member **Lori Phillips**, University of Wyoming Libraries, is new at-large trustee. **Daphne DeLeon**, division administrator of the Nevada State Library & Archives, joins the ten state agency trustees. Also reelected to the Executive Committee was MPLA member **Gina Millsap**, Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library (KS).

KANSAS

"23 Things Kansas" Launched in January. According to Kansas MPLA Representative Mickey Coalwell, **23 Things Kansas** is a fun way to learn about and practice with online tools for community, sharing and productivity. It is open and free for anyone in the Kansas library community — really anyone who works in or for a Kansas library of any type. Each week, for 15 weeks, a new module will be unveiled to introduce an online tool that will help connect libraries to the community. The self-paced program was launched January 11. See <http://www.23thingskansas.org/2009/12/04/welcome-to-23-things-kansas/>

Governor Mark Parkinson has announced the appointment of **Joanne (Jo) Budler** to the post of Kansas State Librarian. For the past five years, Budler has served as the Ohio State Librarian. Previously, she was the deputy state librarian for the Library of Michigan and the director of Network Services and NEBASE, the State of Nebraska's Online Computer Library Center network.



Kansas Library Trustee Certification Program

now has 196 Certified after its launch in July 2007. Kansas has been dedicated to ongoing trustee development since the Kansas Library Trustee Association was founded in 1999. There were 100 certified trustees at the end of 2008. At the end of November 2009, there are 196.

Library Advocacy Made Easy. MPLA members **Royce Kitts** and **Gail Santy** of the Kansas Library Association Governmental Affairs committee have been working to create Library Advocacy tips, including a short YouTube video. **Good Advocacy: How**

To Help Get It Right shows exactly how to do great advocacy with a legislator. Watch the Good Advocacy at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pJjPmmUyFhQ>

Johnson County Library's literature-themed courier trucks campaign – designed pro bono by Barkley Advertising Agency – has been recognized by a Gold MarCom Award from the Association of Marketing & Communication Professionals in its 2009 international competition. The courier trucks are illustrated with designs alluding to classic books – 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 a 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 Tom Demetriou and Glendon Scott of Barkley Advertising Agency. According to Pat Hassan, Johnson County Public Library, "Just as we were launching the 'Connect with a Classic' programming based on Moby-Dick – to tie into the courier truck campaign introduced last summer – we learned that this campaign earned a Gold MarCom Award from the Association of Marketing & Communications Professionals...We are thrilled! This entire campaign has been scintillating in its tongue-in-cheek creativity, and it's a really nice way to begin a second phase with the programming."

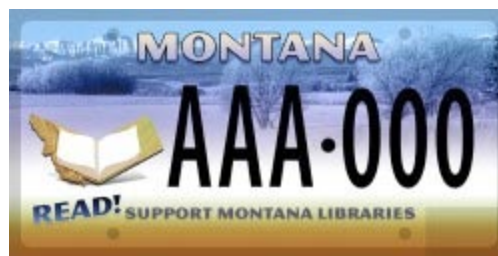
MONTANA

Submissions are being accepted for the **Montana Library Association** cookbook, *A Literary Feast*, which will be available at the upcoming April conference. In addition to recipes, libraries are encouraged to submit photos illustrating the "literary feast" theme to be used on divider pages. Potlucks at most libraries usually offer delicious selections, so this promises to be an excellent cookbook!

Programs have been chosen for the April 2010 **Montana Library Association** conference in Bozeman, with a wide variety of topics and speakers. Keynote speaker is Dr. Lorie Roy, 2007-2008 presi-

dent of the American Library Association; Dr. Jack Horner, paleontologist from Montana State University and the Museum of the Rockies, and author Christopher Paolini are also featured. In addition, there will be a concert, "Ricky Nelson Remembered" performed by twins Matthew and Gunnar Nelson, and tours of local sites such as the Gibson Guitar manufacturing plant and Sunset Hills Cemetery.

The long-awaited **Montana Library Association** license plate is now available at county motor vehicle offices! All proceeds from sales of the unique plate go to support MLA and its many library projects. The first-time fee is \$40, with a \$25-a-year renewal cost. This project has been in the works for several years: in 2007 the Marketing Committee called for design submissions, and votes were cast at the conference that year. This winning design incorporates the blue sky and white snow of Montana, with the MLA book logo and the phrase "READ! Support Montana Libraries" below. Montana librarians have already begun purchasing this eye-catching plate for their vehicles and showing their support for all the programs funded by the state association.



NEBRASKA

The **Mid-Continental Chapter of the Medical Library Association** (MCMLA) has awarded its Outstanding Achievement Award to **Jim Bothmer**, Director of the Health Sciences Library/Learning Resources Center at the Creighton University School of Medicine. MCMLA is a professional organization for individuals and institutions in the health sciences library field. The Mid-Continental Chapter includes the states of Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.

Patty Hall has retired as Director of the **McCook Public Library**. After working at the University of South Dakota at Vermillion's University Library for several years, she moved to McCook. Her career at the McCook Public Library began in Technical Services in 1985. In 2000, she became the Library Director. Walt Sehnert, a Foundation Board member told Patty that she was "a good tightrope walker – you know there is a place for both technology and books and you have learned balance in the library." Patty starts her latest life chapter as a live-in nanny for her daughter Sarah, son-in-law Jay, and three grandchildren in Gillette, Wyoming.



Meet **Theresa Jehlik**, Nebraska Representative to MPLA. Theresa is Branch Manager of the Benson & AV Sorensen Branches of the Omaha Public Library.

Nebraska's **One Book-One State** selection for 2010 is *The Home Place* by Wright Morris. As the Barnes and Noble reviewer wrote, "This account in first-person narrative and photographs of the one-day visit of Clyde Muncy to 'the home place' at Lone Tree, Nebraska, has been called "as near to a new fiction form as you could get." Both prose and pictures are homely: worn linoleum, an old man's shoes, well-used kitchen utensils, and weathered siding. Muncy's journey of discovery takes the measure of the man he has become and of what he has left behind."

See the **Panhandle Library System's** new website at <http://libraries.ne.gov/pls>. Described as "easy to use, has lots of useful links and relevant information, looks pretty, has a short URL, and was created in Plinkit." Plinkit is a template-based website creation toolkit made with open-source software. **Michael Sauers**, Technology Innovation Librarian with the Nebraska Library Commission, set up the template for PLS. More information about Plinkit is available at <http://plinkit.org>.

NEVADA

Carson City, Nevada voted 4-1 to move forward on the plans for the Nugget Economic Development Project which includes a new state-of-the-art **Carson City Library** located downtown in the 8 acre area surrounding the Carson City Nugget Hotel & Casino. The library is planned to be built with a business and technology incubator and next to a "digital" lab all designed to support business and get Carson City back to work.

Henderson Libraries is now extending its services to the cell phone world with *Text a Librarian*. The Text a Librarian program allows patrons to send a text message to the library at 66746 to ask questions. For example, send a text to 66746 that begins with *askmylib*, followed by the question, what are your hours? Within a few minutes, the patron will receive a text message with the answer. Henderson Libraries also now offers a free online service to its patrons allowing anyone to learn a new language. From more commonly spoken languages like Spanish, French and Portuguese to languages rarely heard in the United States like Afrikaans, Greek and Swahili, there is something of interest for everyone. The program, which is part of the libraries' massive Adult Resources section, offers more than 70 languages and gives the user both audio and visual guidance in learning their language of choice. Users must have a Henderson Library card and can sign in online.

The Las Vegas-Clark County Library District announced checkouts of library materials during Fiscal Year 2008-2009 totaled 13.2 million items. This is the third consecutive year in which the library district has broken circulation records. The FY 2008-2009 achievement is a 9% increase over the FY2007-2008 circulation of 12.1 million items. The 9th Annual Visual Poetry Contest was held October 19-November 30, 2009. This juried photographic competition was created to encourage local middle and high school students to showcase their creativity in the visual arts.

A member of the world-famous U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds Demonstration Team was at the **North Las Vegas Library** in November visiting with enthusiasts and presenting a flight demonstration video,

stories and information about the Thunderbirds.

Washoe County Library System wrapped up its Fall Reading Program in December. Since the traditional Summer Reading Programs have become so popular, and year-round schools have become so prevalent, the Washoe County Libraries have expanded these events. The libraries continues with its Winter/Spring Reading Program, **"Be Cool @ Your Library."**

Florica Hagendorn, Henderson District Public Libraries has been elected to a full term as Nevada Representative to MPLA. She was previously filling out a partial term.



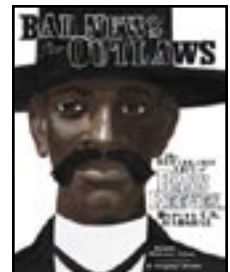
Florica's adopted dog Moose (right), seen here with his mother, was of uncertain paternal lineage. Says Florica, "We wondered Mastiff, Rhodesian Ridgeback, large Sheppard? Keep in mind mom is a Boxer. We did a dna test on him and dad was a Great Dane! Seems that Moose is a very good name for him since he is filling out to be an enormous dog....the crazy big boy has his arm (guess I should say leg) around his mom. They really love each other."

The **Nevada Library Association** had its annual January board meeting on Thursday, January 21, 2010. The videoconferenced meeting took place at the University of Nevada Las Vegas Lied Library and joined library staff from southern Nevada with our colleagues in Elko, Fallon and Reno. The meeting began with the passing of the gavel from out-going NLA President Jeanette Hammons, Director, Elko County Library to in-coming President Joan Vaughn, Henderson Libraries. The Nevada Library Association currently has 314 members up from 309 members in 2009.

Washoe County Library System launched a new program that offers students of all ages live, one-on-one help from certified tutors online. The K-12 Student Center, College Center and Adult Career Center from Tutor.com include tutoring, a real-time writing center and 24/7 access to worksheets, videos and tutorials on just about any subject. The live, on-line tutoring and resume writing service is available seven days a week from 3-11 pm and is completely free for the community.

NEW MEXICO

Congratulations to MPLA member **Vaunda M. Nelson** for winning the 2010 Coretta Scott King Author Book Award for *Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshall*. Vaunda is Youth Services Librarian at Rio Rancho's Esther Bone Memorial Library. See page 21 for more information.



The **New Mexico State University Library** in Las Cruces held a "Celebrate Our Past, Present and Future," in December with tours of refurbished spaces at Zuhl and Branson libraries. The celebration highlighted the historical materials in the Library's Archives and Special Collections (past) and the recent user-friendly space redesign (present). The event also kicked off the library's Two Million by 2012 Campaign (future), which aims to increase its collection to two million books by the end of 2012.

NORTH DAKOTA

The **North Dakota State Library** recently delved into the vast world of social communication with the establishment of a Twitter account. According to Adam Emter, Public Awareness coordinator and MPLA member, visitors to the State Library's Twitter page will be greeted by information about services of the State Library and other North Dakota libraries. These "tweets" will contain relevant information for librarians, educators, professionals, students, and the general public. See <http://twitter.com/NDStateLibrary>. Twitter users can follow the State Library, RSS users can subscribe to the State Library's Twitter feed even without a Twitter account, and visitors to the North Dakota State Library's website can view the most recent tweets at www.library.nd.gov.

New E-Readers allow the **May-Port CG School** to go "Paperless." Recently, the May-Port CG school library purchased three Kindles from Amazon. According to librarian, **Doreen Rosevold**, the kindles have been a big hit and students really like them. Not only are students interested in the Kindles, but also other staff members. The Kindles have helped students who benefit from a larger print for reading or need to use the voice function to help follow along with the text. In addition to purchasing Kindles, the library purchased four IPODs loaded with classical music, audiobooks, and podcasts. Students and staff may use the Kindles and IPODs while in the library.



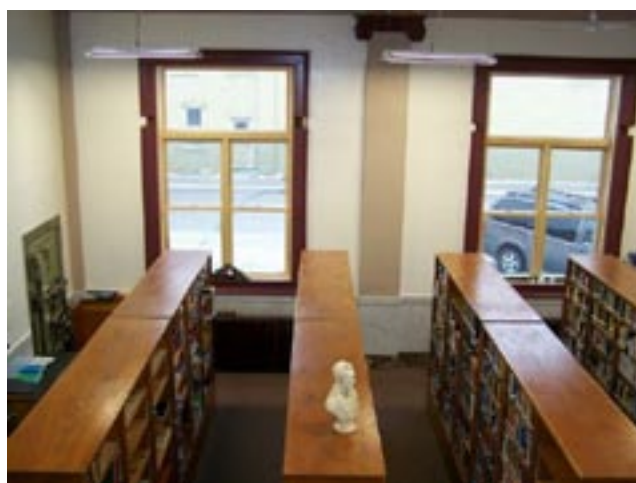
The **Underwood Public Library** now offers wireless Internet service for the public. Now visitors and community members alike can use the library's wireless service with their own laptop and access the Internet without waiting for a public access computer to become available. The "open" wireless Internet service also benefits the city offices which share the same building. Now, people who need Internet access during meetings can access the library's wireless

service without needing to be connected to the city government secured connection.

The **Lidgerwood Library** is up and running again after a March fire in downtown Lidgerwood burned down two bars and nearly consumed the entire block. The nearby Lidgerwood City Hall and Public Library suffered major smoke and water damage. Hundreds of volunteer hours were spent cleaning up and restoring the library and restocking their shelves. The Lidgerwood Library Board celebrated their remodeling efforts with a Christmas open house and treats at the library. Mrs. Claus kept children thoroughly entertained with story time and two ornament projects.



During the restoration project.



After the restoration was finished and the books were moved back.

The National Rural Health Association (NRHA) named **Kathleen Spencer**, an information specialist in the Rural Assistance Center at the **University of North Dakota Center for Rural Health** (CRH), as a 2010 Rural Health Fellow. After the completion of a competitive review process, seven fellows were selected to participate in this yearlong, intensive program aimed at developing leaders who can articulate a clear and compelling vision for rural America. Kathy is also a 2007 fellow of the MPLA Leadership Institute.

OKLAHOMA

A celebration for **Julia Harmon** was held January 14 upon retirement from the Shawnee Public Library after 25 years of service to the Pioneer Library System.

With a private donation from an anonymous donor the **Oklahoma State University Library** Reading Room will receive a major renovation. The lighting and electrical capacity of the room will be upgraded, the woodwork will be refinished, and there will be new carpet, paint and furniture.



Architectural rendering of the completed Reading Room

Find the latest information about the upcoming **OLA/MPLA** joint conference at <http://www.oklibs.org/modx/events/Conferences.htm>.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Mike Mullin, MPLA South Dakota representative, reports that the SDLA Executive Board is in the process of trying to decide what to do with funds that have been raised to provide an endow-

ment for scholarships. Over the last two decades the association has set aside \$50,000 with the intent that the interest from the money would be used to fund continuing education for members in the form of grants to attend training programs or other educational programs. There has been some confusion in past years because the money is comingled with other association funds. A committee was formed last year to recommend what should be done to ensure that the funds would continue to be used for their intended purpose. The committee recommended that the money be used to create a fund within the South Dakota Community Foundation that would pay the interest to SDLA to be used for scholarships. The SDLA Executive Board met with a representative of SDCF at their January 14, 2010 meeting and plans to discuss the idea at their next meeting.

UTAH

Twelve years after serving as Council Member and Mayor of Parowan, Utah, MPLA member **Steve Decker** is returning to local politics. Steve has again been elected to the Parowan City Council. Since deciding not to re-run for office after his last four-year stint, Steve has become the Director of the **Cedar City Public Library**, obtained an MLS degree from Emporia State University, and served in various offices in the Utah Library Association including Public Section Chair, Vice President, President, and currently Past President. Steve has also served on MPLA's Awards Committee. He took office on January 4.

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will help Utah, as well as other states, to obtain broadband internet connections. **Utah State Librarian Donna Morris** pointed out that many libraries have currently have inadequate internet speeds.

The *Deseret News* reported about the **Eagle Mountain** library's space problems January 4. Librarian Michele Graves worked in a tiny library 12 feet square room in the back of the fire station which could only accommodate 3-4 patrons. The library then moved to a 640 square foot trailer in 2002 and is now located in a 2,000 square feet area portion of City

Hall. The library now has over 3,000 patrons, almost 10,000 print materials and four computers. Since that time, they have added a little more room, and are lobbying for a larger site.

MPLA member **Britton Lund** has been selected to fill the position of **Washington County Library** Director in St. George. Britton has a Master of Library Science degree from Emporia State University in Emporia, KS., and a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Utah and recently served as an Assistant Library Director at the Salt Lake City Public Library.

The November 15th issue of *Library Journal* lists several Utah libraries as “Star Libraries”. The **Salt Lake City Public Library** appears as the second library on the list of libraries with expenditures above \$10,000,000. The **Mt. Pleasant Library** is listed as a three star library in the \$100,000-\$199,999 expenditure list. The **Milford Public Library** is listed as a five star 5 library in the \$50,000-\$99,999 expenditure range and the **Lewiston Public Library** is listed as a five star library in the lowest range.

The **Utah Library Association** 2010 Conference will take place May 12-14, 2010 at the Dixie Center in St. George, Utah. The theme is “Come together... for Utah Libraries.” The keynote speaker will be ALA president and MPLA member **Camila Alire**, who will also be presenting a pre-conference workshop about bilingual services. The film “Hollywood Librarian”, which was shown at ALA a few years ago will be shown as part of this year’s Presidents’ Reception.

American Libraries and the Salt Lake Tribune reported that **Bountiful Elementary** librarian **Sheri Thompson** has opened a used bookstore inside the school’s library as a way of funding new library materials. In addition to written materials, Sheri has restored chairs and is selling them, as well as other items found in the school basement.

WYOMING

The **Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library** hosted a reception and open house to honor

Children’s Librarian **Michelle Havenga**. She received the Wyoming Library Association’s 2009 Distinguished Service Award. She has been the Children’s Librarian at Fulmer since 1981.

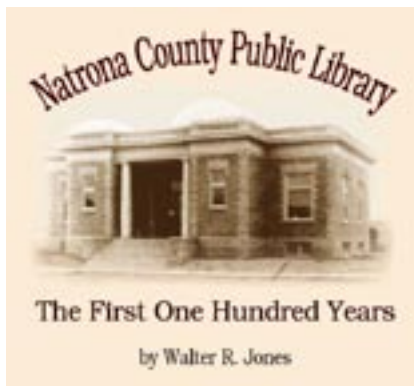
MPLA Dog Interest Group? **University of Wyoming Dean of Libraries Maggie Farrell** recently mailed in her 2010 membership renewal form, below:



Here is Mika...when she is not considering her MPLA membership! According to Maggie, “She is always stealing paper and I hated to waste my membership form that was already filled out.” Maggie adds, “She is a brat who thinks her name is ‘Nostopthat!’ But her papers claim that she is a standard poodle.”

The **Wyoming State Library** has contracted with Gale to bring many new resources to Wyoming residents. This contract is pay per use, enabling access to a broad array of collections for all education levels including specialized collections and ebooks. A complete list is at <http://galesupport.com/wyoming/>

In honor of the **Natrona County Public Library's** approaching 100th anniversary to be celebrated in May of 2010, author and historian Walter R. Jones was commissioned to write a history of the library,



from the town's original request for funding to build a library to the present day. Jones is a native of Casper, Wyoming, and has written two books and several articles about his

hometown, in addition to other historical works. Currently, he is a resident of Salt Lake City, Utah, where he works as the Assistant Head of Special Collections at the University of Utah Library.

The **Wyoming Library Association** is now accepting proposals for the 2010 Annual Conference that will be held in Casper at the Parkway Plaza Hotel, September 29 – October 2, 2010. The submission form is at <http://wyla.org/confcommittee/form/form.php> and the main conference web page will be up soon. The theme of the 2010 conference is “Cowboy up: leadership for Wyoming libraries.”

The **Wyoming Library Association** has redesigned its committee structure, and while the specifics are unique to Wyoming, the process may be of interest to others. The report is at <http://wyla.org/crossroads/>.

The **University of Wyoming** held a dedication ceremony for the addition to William Robertson Coe Library in November 2009. Among those opening the library were Governor Dave Freudenthal, State Senator Henry H.R. “Hank” Coe, UW President Tom Buchanan, and University Libraries’ Dean Maggie Farrell. A video history of Coe Library is at <http://uwlib5.uwyo.edu/blogs/dustyshelves/2009/11/18/coe-library-dedication-video-tribute/> and photos of the

ceremony can be seen at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/coelibrary/sets/72157622842124324/>



Above: Coe Library Dedication Ceremony.

Middle: University of Wyoming library staff celebrate from the balcony.

Left: Dean of Libraries Maggie Farrell

Congratulations!

MPLA member **Vaunda Micheaux Nelson**, author of *Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal* is the winner of the 2010 Coretta Scott King Book Award



honoring African American authors of outstanding books for children and young adults

The American Library Association announced the list of award-winning books at the 2010 Mid-Winter Conference in Boston.

Vaunda Nelson is the author of numerous fiction and nonfiction books for children. In addition to writing books, she has also been a teacher, newspaper reporter, bookseller and is now Youth Services Librarian at Rio Rancho's Esther Bone Memorial Library in New Mexico.

Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal published by Carolrhoda Books, a division of Lerner Publishing Group, Inc. is a biography of a legendary peace officer. Born into slavery in 1838, Bass had a hard life and a strong sense of right and wrong. Bass was one of the most feared and respected lawman in Indian Territory. During his career, he made more than 3,000 arrests but killed only fourteen men.

"The winning title for text was selected because it is engaging, meticulously researched, and offers a riveting account of an unsung African American hero," said Carole McCollough, Award Jury Chair.

The Coretta Scott King Book Awards annually recognizes outstanding books for young adults and children by African-American authors and illustrators that reflect the African-American experience.

Maureen Sullivan, MPLA's Leadership Institute Facilitator, is named ACRL 2010 Academic/ Research Librarian Of The Year. The award, sponsored by YBP Library Services, recognizes an outstanding member of the library profession who has made a significant national or international contribution to academic/research librarianship and library development.

She will receive a \$5,000 award at June 26, at the joint ACRL/LLAMA Awards Presentation at the 2010 ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.

"Maureen's career has been deeply influential across the spectrum," said Barbara Jenkins, chair of the ACRL Academic/ Research Librarian of the Year Award Committee and Director for Instruction and Campus Partnerships at the University of Oregon. "Her work in organizational development and strategic planning has had a unique and lasting impact on many individuals and organizations. Almost



single handedly, she ushered academic libraries into the world of effective strategic planning - strategic planning that has had a significant impact on how we engage our students, faculty and others who use our libraries. She has been a model for others in how to reach out, mentor and engage new professionals and experienced collages."

"I am honored to receive this award," said Sullivan. "It is especially meaningful because of all of the opportunities that ACRL and its members have given me throughout my career. I am very fortunate to have received support and guidance from so many colleagues in ACRL and in the profession."

Operation Teen Book Drop

Readergirlz was launched in March 2007 in celebration of Women's National History Month. This community of young adult authors and teen readers is the top online group for teen girls' literacy. Founded by five women authors in the Seattle area, readergirlz works to produce online monthly issues published through www.readergirlz.com. Readergirlz features a young adult novel and accompanying service project each month via this publication. The authors also contribute to a blog (readergirlz.blogspot.com) and support two special literacy projects a year. This online community has already been recognized for the work they have done to promote teen literacy and leadership in girls, receiving a James Patterson PageTurner award in 2007. In November 2009, readergirlz received an Innovation in Reading Prize from the National Book Foundation.

Operation Teen Book Drop is the result of a partnership between readergirlz, Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), and GuysLit Wire. Operation Teen Book Drop is a nationally coordinated effort to get new books to teens in need. In 2008 and 2009 Readergirlz delivered over 20,000 books to teens in hospitals to help celebrate Support Teen Literature Day. This year's book drop will take place on April 15, 2010 and will contribute books to 10,000 teens attending tribal schools.

Operation Teen Book Drop has paired with If I Can Read, I Can Do Anything which is a national reading club for Native students. Operation Teen Book Drop has been working with tribal librarians across the country to coordinate the distribution of books. Currently, 36 schools with over 7,800 students are participating in the program. Over half of these schools are located in states included in the Mountain Plains Library Association. The 17 schools in the region are located in Nebraska, Wyoming, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Arizona and have over 4,500 students enrolled in the program. The schools include:



Alchesay High School, Arizona
Andes Central School, South Dakota
Canyon Day Junior High School, Arizona
Crow Creek High School, South Dakota
Eufaula Dormitory, Oklahoma
Greyhills Academic High School, Arizona
Leupp Schools, Arizona
Monument Valley High School, Arizona
Ojo Encino Day School, New Mexico
Riverside Indian High School, Oklahoma
Rock Point Community School, Arizona
Pyramid Lake Junior/Senior High, Nevada
Santa Clara Day School, New Mexico
Santa Fe Indian School, New Mexico
St. Peters Indian Mission School, Arizona
St. Stephens Indian High School, Wyoming
Walthill Public School, Nebraska

Operation Teen Book Drop is continuing to enroll tribal schools. Librarians interested in participating in Operation Teen Book Drop should contact Dr. Lorlene Roy at loriene@ischool.utexas.edu.

For information about Operation Teen Book Drop 2010, see the website for If I Can Read, I Can Do Anything at <http://www.ischool.utexas.edu/~ifican>.

The fashion event of the season!
Stacked: Fashion Off the Shelf

April 20th at 7:00 pm, Ronald Norick Library

The OLA-MPLA All Conference Event will include tours of the fabulous Ronald Norick Library in Downtown Oklahoma City, hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction of home and fashion accessories and a cash bar. The highlight of the evening will be a runway event, where contestants will model their designs created from library materials.

This is your chance to be a Fashionista!



All attendees will have an opportunity to vote for their favorite design or bid on the silent auction.

Votes will be \$1 and proceeds from the voting and silent auction will go to support the OLA Endowment and the OLA Information Matrix Summer Camp.

Join Michael Wallis, the "Off the Shelf" Event Master of Ceremonies, judges and all the fashionistas for this entertaining gala!

To enter see the OLA website for entry rules and forms. <http://www.oklibs.org/modx/Organization/Committees/Endowment-Committee/stacked.htm>.

You and /or your library can enter this event. There are two challenges. **Design A Fashion** or **Design a Home or Fashion Accessory**.

The outfit or accessory:

- must be made from materials found in a library, past or present.
- must be made from at least 50% library materials.
- can be submitted by an individual or a library.
- must be created by OLA and/or MPLA registered conference attendees.
- The fashion must be modeled on the runway and worn during the conference event. The accessory will be donated to OLA for a silent auction and sold to the highest bidder.

Entry forms need to be submitted by April 5, 2010 to plweavermeyers@noble.org or faxed to 580-224-6265.

State & National Conferences 2010

Montana Library Association Conference
April 7-10, Bozeman MT

New Mexico Library Association Conference
April 7-9, Ruidoso NM

Kansas Library Association Conference
April 7- 9, Wichita KS

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

Utah Library Association Conference
May 12-14, St. George UT

ALA Annual Conference
June 24-30, Washington, DC

South Dakota Library Association Conference
September 22-24, Sioux Falls SD

Wyoming Library Association Conference
September 29 -October 2, Casper WY

North Dakota Library Association Conference
September 29-Oct 2, Grand Forks, ND

Nevada Library Association Conference
October 6-9, Henderson, NV

Colorado Association of Libraries Conference
October 7-9, Loveland CO

Nebraska Library Association Conference
October 13-15, Grand Island, NE

Association for Rural and Small Libraries
October 14-16, Denver CO

Arizona Library Association Conference
November 15 -17, Fountain Hills, AZ

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ALA Midwinter Meeting
Jan. 7-12, San Diego, CA

Kansas Library Association
April 6 - 8, Capitol Plaza Hotel
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