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## Summer Library Fun



*Delta (CO) Libraries Book Cart Team. See Article on page 4*

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# President's Message



*Elvita on her way to the top of Crazy Horse. Note MPLA shirt.*

It's those hazy, lazy crazy days of summer, to quote Nat King Cole. My summer vacation has included five days in my family's Kansas wheat field and a volksmarch up the Crazy Horse monument. Crazy Horse was cooler and cleaner than Kansas, but nothing beats seeing a field of ripened wheat blowing in the breeze.

In my last newsletter column we talked about why people join organizations and what value a member gets from and gives to an organization, specifically MPLA. So what value do members get from the Mountain Plains Library Association?

Continuing education – Our joint conferences with member states gives us opportunity to learn from librarians from around the region. Different ways of viewing and dealing with similar situations gives us more options in services and in problem solving.

In order to make sure MPLA is meeting the continuing education needs of its members, the Professional Development Committee will be sending out a survey shortly. Please respond and help us in this important area.

Leadership Institute - LI is the real jewel of MPLA. Designed to train and inspire leaders in the region, it attracts the best and brightest from our twelve states and results in stronger state and regional leadership. It's the one program that members encouraged us to continue as we tightened the association's budget in response to the economic times.

Networking - Meeting librarians from other states can have far reaching results. Recently we had a professional position open at my library. Several applications came from librarians in the MPLA regions and I knew the directors at those libraries because of my MPLA membership. I felt very comfortable calling those directors to see if the applicants might be a good fit for our position.

Professional Development grants – Need help with attending a conference or learning opportunity? MPLA offers grants to members and sometimes there is money that isn't spent because of a lack of applications.

I realize I'm likely preaching to the choir about the values of MPLA, but pass on the good word about the association to encourage membership. It might make a major difference in someone's professional career.

We've talked about joining and getting value from MPLA. Now what can you do for the association? Stay tuned.

---*Elvita*



*MPLA at the top!*

# MPLA Awards Committee Seeking Nominations

It's not too early to be thinking about nominating coworkers and colleagues for an MPLA award. All nominations are due by January 31, 2011. Nominations may be sent to Award Committee Chair, Steve Decker (Cedar City Public Library, UT) at [dsteve@cedarcity.org](mailto:dsteve@cedarcity.org). Please clearly mark the subject line MPLA Award Nomination. The MPLA Awards Committee is seeking nominees for the following awards:

**Carl Gaumer Library Champion Award:** To be given to the individual, organization or company whose positive support of the Mountain Plains Library Association is demonstrated by repeated conscientious endeavors towards libraries, library staff, trustees and professional activities.

**MPLA Distinguished Service Award:** To be given to an MPLA member who has made notable contributions to the library profession or has furthered significant development of libraries in the Mountain Plains region, or has performed exemplary service for an extended period of time. In the case of retired individuals, the nominee may be a past member of MPLA.

**MPLA Literary Contribution Award:** To be given to an author whose published writings have successfully furthered an understanding and appreciation of the Mountain Plains region. The author need not reside in the region, and the selection may be based on either a single work or a body of works. Published works will be evaluated on the basis of literary worth, readability, and evidence of responsible research.

**MPLA Beginning Professional Award:** To recognize an MPLA member who, as a librarian/media specialist within the first five years after receiving a library/media masters degree, has made a positive impact on the quality and role of library service. Factors such as innovative programming and planning, use of resources, and special projects will be considered.

**MPLA Unsung Hero Award:** To be given to any library individual(s) or group(s) in the MPLA region who have worked on a special project that has some significance to a community but which has not been eligible for a library award, or which has for other reasons specified by the nominator not been recognized to the degree that it merits, by any library organization.



## Where We've Been

### 100 Years & Counting!

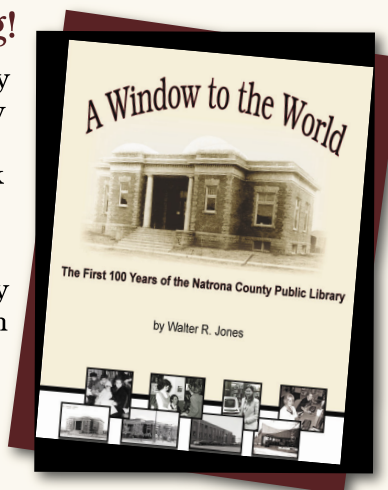
As part of its 100th anniversary celebration, the Natrona County Library in Casper, Wyoming published a library history book written by local historian Walter R. Jones.

To learn more about the history book or anniversary celebration call 307-577-READ (7323).

Book Price: \$17.95

Call: 307-577-READ

Email: [glehnerz@natronacountylibrary.org](mailto:glehnerz@natronacountylibrary.org)





# Librarians Hit the Streets for Local Parades

by Jamie Hollier and Leah Morris, Delta County Libraries  
Photos by Jim Brett



The days of the serious, shushing librarian stuck behind a desk have officially ended in Delta County!

The creation of Delta County Libraries' Book Cart Drill Team has brought out the crazy, outgoing, and fun side of diverse librarians from all corners of the county. Watch as they dance, spin, twirl, and ride their book carts through routines that carry them further and further from librarian stereotypes. These multi-talented folks can recite the Dewey Decimal System, teach you to use a computer, help your child to read, line up fascinating lectures and story times, and now your local librarians also entertain you by strutting their stuff while maneuvering book carts to music down parade routes all over the county.

Jamie Hollier, Kit Stephens, Jessica McGrath, Barb Limone, Tamare Hauze, Carl Smith



So far their smooth moves, wonderful smiles, and catching energy have won them best in category at the Pioneer Days parade in Crawford, CO and both best in group and first place overall in the Cherry Days parade in Paonia, CO, garnering them prize money, a trophy, and tons of bragging rights. Closely on the heels of those wins, they are also appearing in the Little Britches Rodeo parade in Cedaredge, CO, the Deltarado Days parade in Delta, CO, and at the Delta County Fair parade in Hotchkiss, CO during the rest of this summer.

Delta County Libraries is your source for Life, Leisure and Learning!



Jamie Hollier, Kit Stephens, Barb Limone, Tamare Hauze, Carl Smith

See more photos on website at <http://www.mpla.us/stories/index.html>.

# SAVE THE DATES

**Plan to attend the 32nd National Media Market, to be held October 24-28, 2010 at the Embassy Suites - Plaza, Kansas City, MO.**

For 31 years, the National Media Market (NMM) has been a trusted source for librarians when it comes to the selection and acquisition of children's programming, documentaries and special interest films with public performance rights.

## **At the Market you can -**

- Preview and evaluate without distraction.
- Save money with preferred pricing and Market discounts.
- Attend daily professional development sessions.
- Discuss hot topics with colleagues from across the country.
- Build and retain relationships.

The registration for four days, including luncheons and receptions, is \$190. First time attendees pay only \$95!

For details about exhibitors and activities at the Market, go to <http://www.nmm.net> or contact Ursula Schwarz, Executive Director, at (520) 743-7735, email [director@nmm.net](mailto:director@nmm.net).



# IMLS Awards More Than \$1.4 Million to Support Native American Libraries

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) has awarded \$1,495,000 to 218 Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages and corporations as part of the Native American Library Services Basic Grant program. With this funding, the libraries will be able to strengthen their core services for the benefit of the tribal communities and villages they serve. For a list of grant recipients, please go to [http://www.imls.gov/news/2010/061710\\_list.shtm](http://www.imls.gov/news/2010/061710_list.shtm).

After consultation with tribal librarians, the basic grant award was increased from the \$5,000 level in previous years to \$6,000 this year. Thirty-one applicants were awarded \$6,000 basic grants, totaling \$186,000. Another 187 tribes received basic grants with a supplemental \$1000 education/assessment option totaling \$1,309,000.

Awardees may use their funds to support existing library operations; maintain core library services; and, with the Education/Assessment Option, provide their library staff with continuing education courses, training workshops, or the opportunity to present at conferences. These recipients may also hire a consultant for an on-site professional library assessment.

“Through this grant program, Native American and Alaska Native libraries are making great strides in providing access to information and education resources that are critical to success in the 21st century,” said Marsha L. Semmel, IMLS acting director. “The 2010 awardees will carry on the tradition of providing innovative and meaningful programs that involve the entire community.”

Federally recognized Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages, regional corporations, and village corporations are eligible to apply for the Institute’s Native American Library Services grant programs. In addition to the Basic grant, the Institute also administers the Native American Library Services Enhancement competitive grant program. Enhancement grant recipients may receive up to \$150,000. The 2010 En-

hancement Grant awards will be announced in mid-September.

The next application deadline for the Native American Library Services Basic Grants and Basic Grants with Education/Assessment Option is March 1, 2011. For more information, please go to <http://www.imls.gov/applicants/grants/nativeAmerican.shtm>.

The deadline for Native American Library Services: Enhancement Grants applications is May 2, 2011. For more information, please go to <http://www.imls.gov/applicants/grants/nativeEnhance.shtm>.



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### RECOGNIZING VALUE – ENCOURAGING GROWTH



*“I have a great passion for libraries, for what they are and what they stand for. I feel my participation in LSSC will allow me to learn new methods, procedures, and techniques to share my love for the library with others.”*

Michael Stanaland,  
Minden, LA



# BCR Ends Operations

## *Transitions to LYRASIS*

In April, BCR and LYRASIS announced a collaborative agreement to transition BCR members to LYRASIS membership in the fall of 2010.

“The BCR Board recognized the current economic stresses that libraries and library organizations are facing, so we approached LYRASIS to discuss ways to limit costs without losing vital products and services. By joining forces with LYRASIS, we believe BCR members will not only continue to receive high levels of service, but will have even greater access to new training, consulting and networking options,” said Greg Cotton, Chair of the BCR Board of Trustees.

The provisions of the agreement will enable BCR members to experience a seamless transition with immediate access to LYRASIS training classes and the ability to purchase electronic resources at discounted rates. Current BCR members will become members of LYRASIS effective October 1, 2010 with no LYRASIS dues for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2010/11. This membership will be effective through June 30, 2011.

“BCR is responding to the needs of its members to keep their overall costs level,” said Brenda Bailey-Hainer, BCR President and CEO. “This agreement is the result of two organizations working together to find a creative solution.”

BCR has been providing services to libraries for 75 years. A FAQ about the BCR-LYRASIS relationship linked from [www.bcr.org](http://www.bcr.org) is to be updated with details.

Created in April 2009 by the merger of PALINET and SOLINET and joined shortly thereafter by NELINET, LYRASIS is the nation's largest regional membership organization serving libraries and information professionals.



# IMLS FY2008

## Public Libraries Survey

Public library visits and circulations per capita increased almost 20 percent between FY1999 and FY2008, while the number of public librarians per 25,000 people has remained virtually the same during that same period, according to the FY2008 Public Libraries Survey.

The PLS report, which includes information on population of service areas, service outlets, library collections and services, library staff, and operating revenue and expenditures, also found that Americans made 1.5 billion visits to public libraries in FY2008, up from 1.43 billion total visits the previous year.

More than 9,200 libraries were surveyed in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The survey had a 98 percent response rate.

\* Library visitation per capita has steadily increased over the past 10 years. In FY2008, the average individual in a library service area visited the library just over 5 times (5.1), compared to 4.3 visits per person in 1999, an increase of 19.7 percent.

\* The availability of Internet terminals has nearly doubled over the past 10 years in response to patron demand; Internet PCs per 5,000 people rose from 1.9 in FY1999 to 3.7 in FY2008.

\* Circulation per capita has also generally increased during the past 10 years, increasing by 19.7 percent since FY1999, when per person circulation stood at 6.5. The nation's libraries recorded 7.7 circulations per capita in FY2008, up from 7.4 the previous year.

For more information on library statistics, visit <http://www.imls.gov/statistics>. The report is available in PDF format at <http://harvester.census.gov/imls/pubs/pls/index.asp>



# New - Certificate of Children's Literature at NMSU - Doña Ana Community College

New Mexico State University – Doña Ana Community College announces a new certificate option, available completely online. The Certificate of Children's Literature consists of a total of 18 credits of Library Science, consisting of:

- Introduction to Children's Literature or Introduction to Young Adult Literature - 3 credits
- Children's Literature and the Primary Curriculum or Children's Literature and the Intermediate Curriculum or Children's Literature and the Middle School Curriculum - 3 credits
- Multicultural Books for Children

and Youth -3 credits

- Award Winning Books for Children - 1 credit

- Boys and Books - 1 credit

Seven Electives from the  
Following 1 credit courses:

- State Children's Book Awards
- Children's Books & Their Movie Adaptations
- Myths and Legends in Children's Literature
- Poetry for Children
- The Art of Picture Books
- Mysteries for Children
- Historical Fiction for Children
- Fantasy and Speculative Fiction
- Banned Books
- Southwestern Children's Lit
- Native American Children's Lit

The new program joins existing online certificates and degrees, including Certificate of Specialized Topics in Library Science (12 credits); Cer-

tificate of Fundamentals in Library Science (24 credits); Certificate of Customized Study in Library Science (36 credits); Associate of Applied Science Degree in Library Science (66 credits). Also offered are online undergraduate and graduate courses to fulfill the requirements for the School Library Media Specialist Endorsement.

For more information on all of the online options in library science available through New Mexico State University – Doña Ana Community College, see <http://dacc.nmsu.edu/lsc> or request a packet of information from Dr. Susan Pinkerton at [spinkert@nmsu.edu](mailto:spinkert@nmsu.edu) or Nora Bernal at [nobernal@nmsu.edu](mailto:nobernal@nmsu.edu); 1-800-903-7503, ext. 7338.

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# OCCLC Americas Regional Council Announces Results of Inaugural Election

At its first annual meeting under OCLC's new governance structure, the OCLC Americas Regional Council (ARC) announced the results of its inaugural election. Seven librarians were elected to the ARC Executive Committee:

- Chair – Anne Prestamo, Associate Dean for Collection and Technology Services, Oklahoma State University Library, Stillwater, Oklahoma, USA
- Vice Chair/Chair-Elect – Bill Maes, University Librarian, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada
- Secretary – Terry S. Latour, Dean of Libraries, Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Clarion, Pennsylvania, USA
- Member-at-Large – Lynn Baird, Dean of Library Services, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho, USA
- Member-at-Large – Joseph Hafner, Associate Director, Collection Services, McGill University Library, Montréal, Québec, Canada
- Member-at-Large – Betty Landesman, Digital Resources and Metadata Coordinator, National Institutes of Health (NIH) Library, Bethesda, Maryland, USA
- Member-at-Large – Maria de los Angeles Lugo, Library Director, Universidad Metropolitana, San Juan, Puerto Rico

All elected Officers, with the exception of the Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, will serve one-year terms (July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011). The Vice Chair/Chair-Elect assumes the office of Chair on July 1, 2011. The Chair and Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, by virtue of their election this year, also become two of the new ARC delegates on the OCLC Global Council for three years (July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2013).

Fourteen librarians were elected ARC Delegates to the OCLC Global Council for three-year terms beginning on July 1, 2010, and ending on June 30, 2013, to represent OCLC members in the Americas:

- Bonnie Allen, Dean of Libraries, The University of Montana Mansfield Library, Missoula, Montana, USA
- Rosann Bazirjian, Dean of University Libraries, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, North Carolina, USA
- Dalia Corkrum, Library Director, Whitman College, Walla Walla, Washington, USA
- Carol Pitts Diedrichs, Director of University Libraries and Professor, The Ohio State University Libraries, Columbus, Ohio, USA
- Gilda del Carmen Gajardo Oliva, Head of Coihueco Public Library, Coihueco, Chile
- Joyce Garnett, University Librarian, The University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada
- Jan Ison, Executive Director, Lincoln Trail Libraries System, Champaign, Illinois, USA
- Karen Lequay, Campus Librarian, University of the West Indies, Open Campus, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago
- Lisa O'Hara, Head, Technical Services, University of Manitoba Libraries, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
- Mark Pumphrey, Director, Polk County Public Library, Columbus, North Carolina, USA
- Debbie Schachter, Director of Technology & Collection Management, Vancouver Public Library, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
- Wilbur Stolt, Director of Libraries, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, North Dakota, USA
- John Szabo, Director, Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System, Atlanta, Georgia, USA
- Patrick Wilkinson, Director, Forrest R. Polk Library, University of Wisconsin–Oshkosh, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, USA

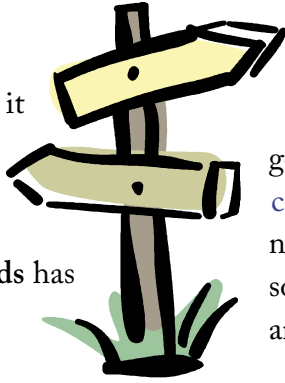


# Around the Region

## ARIZONA

The Wild West may be gone, but it will live on through the digitization of historic Arizona newspapers published between 1860 and 1922. The **Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records** has received a \$314,790 federal grant to continue efforts to digitize and preserve historic newspapers. The funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities is especially critical because it will be applied toward digitization of newspapers that documented the four decades that immediately preceded Arizona Statehood in 1912, as well as the state's formative years that followed. The funding follows a 2008 grant of \$400,000, which the National Endowment for the Humanities provided the State Library for the same purpose of newspaper digitization. Publications already digitized, as well as those that will be in the months to come, can be viewed at the Chronicling America section of the Library of Congress' Website: <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/newspapers>.

A Six-State Virtual Government Information Conference will be held August 11-13 and 16-17. Librarians from Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming will hear Gabriela Schneider, communications director for the Sunlight Foundation, a national organization that promotes transparency and accountability in government focused on digitization of government information. Sessions will include Census: Demographics & Business, Click Through Statistics, Moving to More Electronic – De-selecting and Transitioning, Making Documents Accessible, Marketing Our Collections & Services, Strategic Planning for the Depository Program, and much more. Each session attendee can earn Library Practitioner Certification competency: 1 hr. Services to the



Public - Reference and Information Services (maximum of 14 hours for attending all sessions). To see the entire conference schedule, go to: <http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/govpubs/conference/6state/schedule.htm>. Participants need an internet connection, OPAL conference software pre-loaded on computer, speakers and an optional microphone.

*A quick fact from the Arizona State Library...*

Arizonans borrowed more than 47 million items from their libraries, 7.3 items for each person in the state

## COLORADO

With the phasing out of the operations of **BCR** (Bibliographic Center for Research,) the **Colorado Library Consortium** (CLiC) and the **Colorado State Library** have entered into several new cooperative initiatives to assure continuity of statewide services. Sparked by BCR's closure later this year and the transition to LYRASIS, the initiatives became cooperative opportunities. CLiC and the State Library, two key library service organizations, see this as a time to become more coordinated and interconnected, ultimately to provide even better services to Colorado libraries. In practice, CLiC will replace BCR's previous role by assisting the State Library in providing limited fiscal and human resources functions; and providing new physical space for servers running Plinkit, Ask-Colorado, SWIFT, the Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection, and other Colorado Virtual Library services. CLiC's role will be to provide organizational support for the services, which will continue to be managed and operated by State Library person-

nel. BCR has been providing services to libraries for 75 years and the staff is working to ensure that their members have uninterrupted service during a time of change.

The **Woodruff Memorial Library** in La Junta, Colorado, is making a big splash this year with hundreds of children signed up and attending the Summer Reading Program. Each year the staff decorates the library in fantastic style. This year boasts a real boat, fabric galore, tinted windows, stuffed animals everywhere, and a Tiki house to pick up prizes. Prizes include a Sony Reader, a jar full of coins, pool passes, and more. Kids are reading tons of books, which is exactly what the staff had in mind.



The **Colorado Association of Libraries (CAL)** Continuing Education Committee is presenting “Emotional Intelligence” at the Philip S. Miller Library in Castle Rock on July 28. CAL is also holding a competitive membership drive with prizes being awarded to the CAL members who influence the most new registrations in CAL membership.

**Rangeview Library District’s** new flagship library, **Anythink Wright Farms**, opened to the public July 10. The theme for the event was “Freedom to Dream: Honoring Ideas Sparked in Libraries Since 1776.” The grand opening celebration showcased the facility’s spaces with a day of Anythink-style activities including demonstrations of trends popular during revolutionary times that are now making a comeback. Keith

Villa, master brewer with MillerCoors, presented the History of Beer with local home brewer Mike Meis. Local home brewing company Do Your Brew provided tastings of their special Anythink Summer Ale for those over 21. Judy Elliot, Education & Community Empowerment Coordinator with Denver Urban Gardens, provided a presentation on composting and other urban homesteading trends were on display.



*Anythink Wright Farm Library*

Two Colorado libraries received special mention in the 2010 LJ Library of the Year contest: **Anythink-Rangeview Library District** in Northglenn, **Pam Sandlian Smith**, director; and **Jefferson County Public Library** in Lakewood, Colorado, **Marcellus Turner**, director.

The **Marmot Library Network** is offering a new oPac: **Mary Katherine Katzer**, MPLA Colorado representative, reports that “after three guys worked on it part time for 3 months, the Western Slope Libraries Catalog is now live. We started with open source VuFind, developed at Villanova University and first implemented in Colorado by Colorado State University. In June, the team worked on fine-tuning relevance ranking, correcting links to electronic books, evaluating new catalog enrichment options, and developing an admin console to support a variety of configuration options for our multi-type consortium. During the rest of the summer, Marmot will work with members to brand, configure, and launch library-specific flavors of the





catalog. Academics and schools should all be ready in time for fall term; publics will launch throughout the summer. Marmot is excited about taking advantage of the openness of open source to do cool things for library users that no sane vendor would want to do in a commercial product. Give us a call at 970-242-3331 to hear more about it.”

DataCite and **COKAMO: Interstate Library Delivery Service** were recently announced as winners of the 2010 Rethinking Resource Sharing Innovation Awards. COKAMO is an interstate library delivery service linking regional courier services in Colorado, Kansas and Missouri, which reduces the costs of inter-state borrowing while speeding up the delivery of materials to library patrons. DataCite is an international dataset registration initiative supporting researchers in locating, identifying, and citing research datasets, which includes members in North America and Europe. Each of the award winners will receive \$1,000. Funding for the 2010 Innovation Awards is provided by Relais International, OCLC, and the Danish Bibliographic Centre.

**OverDrive's Digital Bookmobile national tour:** Libraries in the MPLA region were visited this spring by a 75 foot long tractor-trailer rig outfitted with computers, samples of the various downloadable formats, and cool mobile devices, and it was accompanied by dedicated OverDrive staff who could (and did!) answer all manner of questions. The bookmobile stopped in Grand Junction, CO for two days in early May before spending three days at libraries on the Front Range. Later in May and early June, the bookmobile visited libraries in Oklahoma and Kansas.



**Megan Tomeo**, MPLA member and Reference Librarian at the Colorado School of Mines will be taking a new position as Engineering Librarian with Ohio University beginning in August.

Planning for the CAL 2010 Conference (Colorado Association of Libraries) is in high gear. The

theme is “Power On: Avenues for the Future.” Key-note speakers include: George Needham, Joan Frye Williams, Roberta Stevens, Tyler Chaffee, and Lauren Myracle. The conference will be held October 7-9 at the Embassy Suites Loveland in Loveland. For more information, visit <http://cal-webs.org/>

Starting July 23, the **Poudre River Public Library District** is inaugurating “Speed Dating for Book-lovers.” Communications Manager Paula Watson-Lakamp said the event is an innovative way to create more interaction with the library and help people “find their special book lover.”

## MONTANA

The **Montana State University Libraries'** annual Tribal College Librarians Institute (TCLI) convened for the 20th year on the MSU campus, June 7 - 11, 2010. Fifty-seven participants and 29 presenters from the U.S., Canada and New Zealand took part in 20 programs, lots of group problem solving, plus valuable networking during many after-hours social gatherings. For more information, contact TCLI Coordinators Mary Anne Hansen ([mhansen@montana.edu](mailto:mhansen@montana.edu)) or James Thull ([jjthull@montana.edu](mailto:jjthull@montana.edu)). Grants from IMLS and the Paul Allen Foundation covered most of the expenses.



*Tribal College Librarians Institute 2010*

The 2010 meeting of the Natural Resources Information Council will be held at the Glacial Institute August 4-8 in Kalispell. For more information see <http://www.nric.info/>. The Natural Resources Information Council (NRIC) facilitates the exchange of information among natural resource managers, information specialists, and librarians specializing in natural resources. Members come from both public (government, academic) and private (NGO, consulting) organizations. Anyone with an interest in the accumulation and dissemination of Natural Resources Information is encouraged to attend this fun, laid back learning opportunity (fly-fishing & trip to Glacier Park included!)

**Jane Howell**, retiring director of MSU-Billing's library system, has donated a British phone box to the university as a memento of her 4 decades at the library. Howell was born in England and moved to the United States in 1968. "I thought it was an interesting way to remember the funny English lady," she said. Howell is well known to students, staff and members of the Billings community as "that British lady" or "that British librarian" according to Brent Roberts, who is replacing Howell.



*Photo : James Woodcock / Billings Gazette*

Two tribal college libraries in Montana have recently joined the **Montana Shared Catalog (MSC)** resource sharing system. Stone Child College Library (Box Elder, MT) and Fort Belknap College Library (Harlem, MT) migrated their bibliographic records from their aging Winnebago systems to MSC's Symphony integrated library system. MSC staff from Helena, consisting of Ken Adams, Mary Fouts and Bridgett Johnson, traveled to Harlem to provide

a three day training session for library staff from both colleges. The college library staffs have started entering their student and patron records into the MSC database and will begin using the system in July. The Montana Shared Catalog began in 2002 with 17 public libraries in western Montana joining forces to share costs and staff in procuring and managing a shared integrated library system. With the support of the Montana State Library, membership has grown to 130 libraries located throughout the state and now includes school, special, medical and academic libraries as well as the public libraries. Find information at [http://www.msl.mt.gov/For\\_Librarians/Montana\\_Shared\\_Catalog/default.asp](http://www.msl.mt.gov/For_Librarians/Montana_Shared_Catalog/default.asp).

*l-r: Mary Fouts (MSC Staff), Eva English and Hillary Maxwell (Fort Belknap College), Bridgett Johnson (MSC Staff) and Ken Adams (MSC Director)*



**Sami Pierson**, Director of Lincoln County Public Libraries, is the new president of the **Montana Library Association**, taking over from Eva English, Director of Fort Belknap College Library. Sami will be busy orchestrating plans for the upcoming joint MLA/MPLA conference in Billings next April, with the theme Libraries: Road to Everywhere. Make plans to be there!

A poetry reading at the **Montana State University** Renne Library featured "The Poetics of Texting and Twittering" with Dr. Robert Bennett and Dr. Ben Leubner of the MSU English Department.

**Mary Drew Powers** has recently joined the staff at Parmly Billings Library as a Librarian. She recently earned her Master's degree in Library and Informa-

tion Science from the University of Washington and had been working at the Flathead County Library's Whitefish Branch

**Barb Riebe** has been promoted to Librarian at the Parmly Billings Library from the circulation services unit. She has been a member of the Library's staff for three years. She will be responsible for the fiction collection development and assist in organizing the adult summer reading program.

A 9 foot, 1.3 ton elephant, created by South African sculptor Andries Botha, will be on display at the Bozeman Public Library's front plaza from August 1-September 15. The elephant, called Nomkoo, is made from recycled truck tires and will be visiting Bozeman as part of a six-city tour to facilitate understanding and discussion of creating a better, respectful, and sustainable world. For more information, visit [www.nomkoo.org/bozeman](http://www.nomkoo.org/bozeman)



**Kathy Mora** is the new Director of the Great Falls Public Library, following several months as interim Director. She began working at the library as a page at the age of 15, returning later to work as a temporary inventory clerk, followed by permanent positions in Tech Services, Interlibrary Loans, on the Reference Desk, as Systems Administrator, Assistant Director, Interim Director, and now, Director.

**Jeff Savage**, Information Services Librarian at the Great Falls Public Library, announced he will be retiring August 31, after 11 years of service.

The **Montana Library Association** sponsors specialized license plates which are now available. The first-time fee for the plates is \$40; every year after the fee is \$25. All proceeds from the sale of these plates will support MLA ([www.mtlib.org](http://www.mtlib.org)) and its projects highlighting Montana libraries. In 2007, the Montana Library Association PR & Marketing Committee held a contest calling for license plate design submissions. Voting was held at the 2007 MLA conference and this eye-catching license plate with the blue

and white mountain scene sporting the MLA book logo was the selected winner.



## KANSAS

**Mary Petteys Boller** is the new Sub-Regional Director in-training of the Talking Books Program in Norton, Kansas.

The **State Library of Kansas and the Kansas Center** of the ebook announced *Up, Down, and Around* by Katherine Ayres as the selection for the sixth annual Kansas Reads to Preschoolers Week.

Kansas state aid funding for public libraries will be down 10.32% from FY2010 to FY 2011.

The **Northeast Kansas Library and South East Kansas Library Systems** are arranging busing transportation to and from the Association of Rural and Small Libraries conference in Denver in October. The bus will stop at points along I-70 to pick up librarians from across the state.

The **Johnson County Library** is one of the most popular local businesses/organizations on Google – as measured by how many times people found the library's listing and clicked on it for more information between December 1, 2009, and February 28, 2010. As a "Favorite Place on Google," Johnson County Library is one of less than 250,000 businesses or organizations in the U.S. to receive this recognition - less than 1% of all U.S. businesses and organizations.

**Library Caters to Skateboarders:** In Gardner middle school kids coming into the Johnson County Library branch after school often use skateboards for transportation –causing hazard issues with skateboards being left anywhere and everywhere in the library. Instead of banning the skateboards, however,



Branch Manager **Terry Velasquez** “flipped” the situation, as it were, to accommodate the kids – thereby creating a niche clientele. Knowing that the skateboarders want to keep their boards with them, Velasquez decided to investigate alternatives. With help from her staff, she discovered and purchased a skateboard rack and installed it inside the building (*see photo*) because the boarders do want to keep an eye on their boards. Staff realized the importance of securing the boards to avoid theft, but boarders didn’t carry locks because they don’t have the opportunity to lock up their boards in most public places. Now, the Gardner Library provides the locks for checkout at the circulation desk. Having welcomed the skateboarders into the library, Velasquez and her staff are working to capture their interest. Assistant Branch Manager Kinsley Krupich is point person for skateboard-centered programming. With much concentration, some of these same teens – individually and in groups – submitted 14 entries for a “Skateboard Deck Design Contest” in April. Six winners were selected to come back in June to paint their designs onto real skateboard decks for display in the Teen Lounge. Of the total 26 teens participating, eight received prizes donated by Skate One Corporation at the design submission event, and everyone received skate stickers. A display of skateboard books accompanied the program.



*Photo credit: Johnson County Library (KS)*

## NEBRASKA

The **Nebraska Library Association** and the Nebraska Library Commission recently awarded *Cultivating Nebraska Librarians 2.0: Building 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills* internship grants to 12 Nebraska public libraries. Interns will learn about library work as they

shadow and assist with day-to-day operations and implement special projects. The libraries are:

- Arapahoe Public Library
- Bassett, Rock County Public Library
- Battle Creek Public Library
- Blair Public Library
- Emerson Public Library
- Lexington Public Library
- Norfolk Public Library
- Papillion, Sump Memorial Library
- Schuyler Public Library
- South Sioux City Public Library
- Stromsburg Public Library
- Weeping Water Public Library

**Marilyn (Frankie) Kirkwood**, Valley Public Library Director, received the Shirley Waskell Award for the Advancement of Women on April 15<sup>th</sup>. As part of the University of Nebraska’s Lifelong Learning Initiative, Frankie was recognized for her volunteer efforts in the Omaha area. She fulfilled her lifelong “being a librarian” dream at 71.



**Karla Shafer**, Hooper Public Library Director, is the ALA Office for Literacy and Outreach Services [OLOS] “poster child”. According to Dale Lipschultz, Literary Officer, “Karla is the best spokesperson...a natural.” Ms. Lipschultz told Karla, via phone, that negotiations for a second round of Dollar General Foundation funding for the “American Dream Starts @your library” program were tenuous. After the foundation representatives were shown Karla’s PowerPoint 2008 Final Report, the atmosphere changed. “When the lights came up at the end of the PowerPoint, one of the Dollar General Foundation representatives turned to Ms. Lipschultz and said, ‘How much money do you want?’ They subsequently decided to give \$750,000 to 21 states in

the second literacy project.” The libraries being first funded in the new grant round are in Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, and Hooper, Nebraska. Additional coverage can be found at [www.americandreamtoolkit.org/locations/hooper.html](http://www.americandreamtoolkit.org/locations/hooper.html) and [http://fremonttribune.com/news/local/article\\_52957ade-69a6-11df-b5aa-001cc4c002e0.html](http://fremonttribune.com/news/local/article_52957ade-69a6-11df-b5aa-001cc4c002e0.html). Visit the Hooper Public Library online at <http://libraries.ne.gov/hooper/>.

**Tom Boyle**, Midland Lutheran College Director in Fremont, retired after 35 years of academic service.

After reflecting on his long tenure, Boyle commented, “Student’s expectations are quite a bit different than in the past. They move at a faster pace.”



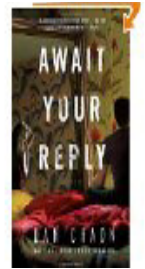
**Jessica Chamberlain** is the new director of the Northeast Library System. She worked as a social worker and substitute teacher before getting her MLIS from Kent State University in Ohio. Jessica has worked as a children’s librarian and managed the children’s department in a large library in the last 8 years. She is “thrilled to be back in northeast Nebraska and to be working for ‘better library service through cooperation.’”

**Rod Wagner**, Nebraska Library Commission, and MPLA member Robin Clark Brooks, Nebraska Library Association, attended the Library Advocacy Day in Washington, D.C. on June 29<sup>th</sup>. They had a full day attending a rally and meeting with Nebraska’s elected officials on Capitol Hill.



Dan Chaon, award-winning fiction author, spoke at ALA’s Literary Tastes Breakfast in Washington, D.C. on June 27<sup>th</sup>. *Await Your Reply*, his most recent novel, explores the modern meaning of identity. The book follows the lives of three Ne-

braskans on society’s fringes as they invent – and reinvent – their pasts and face their futures. Dan, a native of Sidney, now teaches at Oberlin College in Cleveland, Ohio.



## NEVADA

Boulder City Library is offering many special programs for their patrons during the summer months including a visit from the Southern Nevada Water Authority who will present programs about the Wetlands and Wash area.

Las Vegas Clark County Library District projected revenue shortfall of \$5 million dollars necessitated staff layoffs, cut backs of library services, a reduction in the library materials budget, and a reduction in hours of operation beginning June 26 at urban libraries. The District forecasts that its General Fund revenue for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 starting July 1, 2010 will be 7.7% lower than projected revenue for FY 2009-2010. This unprecedented decline in revenue has required the elimination of 93 staff positions--19 full time, 23 part time, 39 previously frozen positions and 12 positions vacated by staff who participated in the Voluntary Employee Separation Program.

**Henderson Libraries, James I. Gibson Library** is in the process of relocating! The City of Henderson purchased the old library building from the library district with funds from the sale used for the construction of the new building. With the economy in its fragile state, the cost of construction was dramatically less than it would normally be, creating the perfect opportunity for Henderson Libraries to move forward with its plans to construct a newer, larger Gibson building. Located at 100 W. Lake Mead Pkwy at the corner of Lake Mead and Water Street in the Target Shopping center the new location features a drive thru window for requested material, a computer lab for up to 25 users, a teen area and larger rooms for library programming. At 19,919 square feet, the



new building is 5,000 square feet larger than its older counterpart, and there is space on the site to add an additional 7,000 square feet in the future.



*New James I Gibson Library*

With Las Vegas leading the nation in home foreclosures and suffering a dismal economy that has seen record unemployment, all Nevada public libraries have been greatly impacted. Due to budget adjustments **Henderson Libraries** has offered qualifying staff a Voluntary Employee Separation Program and a hiring freeze is currently in place. Beginning June 28 Henderson Libraries will reduce library hours to Monday-Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

At its May 19 meeting, the **Washoe County Library System** Board of Trustees approved changes to library hours and days of operation, effective July 12, 2010. The number of open hour's system wide remains nearly the same, but the hours have been realigned in response to comments and suggestions from 3,800 patron surveys. "The library system lost 55 positions in the last 2-1/2 years due to retirements and resignations, and if further budget cuts are required later this year, we will be looking at laying off staff, which may result in reducing our hours of operation." says Library Director Arnie Maurins. With ongoing budget cuts affecting Washoe County Library System, the number of magazines ordered will again be lower than in previous years. The public can help by "adopting" a periodical – paying for a one-year subscription. The donations will allow the library to purchase popular magazines that would otherwise be eliminated.

## *NEW MEXICO*

**Ben Wakashige**, who has held various library positions in New Mexico, has accepted the position at Central New Mexico Community College of Administrative Director of Libraries and Educational Resources. He returns from Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado where he was Director of the John F. Reed Library. He has been the Director of Miller Library, Western New Mexico State University in Silver City, Director of Libraries at Pacific University in Oregon, and was State Librarian from 1998-2003.



**Stacy Zuzga** is the new Adult Services Librarian at the **Octavia Fellin Public Library** in Gallup. She received her MLS from Wayne State University and most recently was with the Rochester Hills Library, Michigan.

Beginning in the summer of 2010, **Fast Forward New Mexico** (FFNM), a three-year, grant-funded program, entered into a partnership with 16 of New Mexico's public and tribal libraries to bring free In-



ternet training, information, and awareness to the state's residents. There is a documented

link between broadband deployment, jobs, and output growth. Many New Mexicans remain underserved or unserved in the areas of Internet access and proficiency. As a result, New Mexico ranks 46th in the nation for percentage of the population that uses the Internet, and 36th in availability of broadband telecommunications. New Mexico's lack of broadband access, affordable rates, and Internet skills is hindering opportunities.

## NORTH DAKOTA

After eight years in the position, **Doris A. Ott** has announced her intention to retire as North Dakota State Librarian with her last day being November 5, 2010. She came to the State Library in 1986 and has held various positions at the State Library and was named to her present assignment in 2002.



A native of Carson, North Dakota, she graduated from Dickinson State University, and earned her Master of Library Science degree from George Peabody College (now Vanderbilt University) in Nashville Tennessee. She started her professional librarian career as an Assistant Professor of Library Science at Dickinson State University, was the first librarian at

Magic City Campus in Minot, and held positions at a school library and a public library in Indiana prior to returning to North Dakota in 1986. Her plans for retirement include spending time with granddaughter Alexandra in Fargo, golfing with husband, Rich, and expanding her image and color consulting avocation.

The libraries at Washington and Louis L'Amour Elementary schools will receive free hardback editions of 17 classic books as part of *We the People* Bookshelf grant program provided by the National Endowment of the Humanities and the American Library Association. The *We the People* initiative supports projects that strengthen the teaching, study, and understanding of American culture and history. Selected libraries and schools, 4,000 in from all 50 states, will receive 17 books as well as bonus materials including a DVD Edition of "The Civil War" the award winning documentary. They also received posters, bookmarks, bookplates, and other promotional materials.

The **Minot Public Library** LEGO Club is going strong: Children and parents gather for monthly meetings of the LEGO Club. Children ages four years of age to Grade 5 and parents interested in building attend. Each month children have the opportunity to create different structures and vehicles with LEGOs. The LEGO club was started in January after enough LEGOs were secured by the library. All donated LEGOs were cleaned and sorted before the first meeting. Since that time many interested youngsters have attended the monthly meetings.



The digital age for **North Dakota State Library** Talking Books has begun, with a transition from four-track analog players to new digital players. The new digital player has many new features including drastically improved audio quality and audio-prompted buttons. Other features include a sleep button and longer battery life, with the ability to recharge in approximately 2 hours. One of the most

exciting features is increased cartridge capacity, which means that the large majority of books will fit on a single cartridge. National Library Service (NLS) required that veterans receive first priority in the distribution of the digital players. The second priority group was patrons who are over 100 years old. Having satisfied those priorities, the remaining patrons in good standing are receiving new digital players in the order in which they were added to the waiting list. Currently 256 digital players have been distributed and 4,725 digital talking books are available from the State Library Talking Book collection. In addition to the books available at the State Library, Talking Book staff and patrons can use the Internet to download digital books that aren't readily available at the North Dakota State Library.

**Wilbur Stolt**, Director of the University of North Dakota Libraries, has been elected to a three year term as an OCLC Americas Regional Council (ARC) Delegate to the OCLC Global Council. He will represent the interests of OCLC members in the Americas and, in particular, those in the Minitex region, to the OCLC global governance body that was formed a year ago.



MPLA member **Aubrey Madler** was recipient of the Freedom to Read Foundation's 2010 Gordon M. Conable Conference Scholarship to attend the 2010 ALA Annual Conference. She is an information specialist with the University of North Dakota's Center for Rural Health. She is an active member and maintains a blog for the North Dakota Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Committee..

The May 15, 2010, issue of *Library Journal* announced the 2009 Notable Government Documents selected by ALA GODORT's Notable Documents Panel. Once again, North Dakota state documents have been selected as national winners: Two of the three publications selected as Notable State Docu-

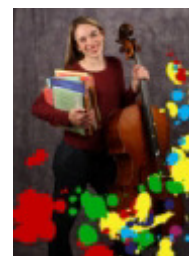
ments at the NDLA 2009 Fall Conference made the list.

- The 5-volume *Habitats of North Dakota*, by Gwyn S. Herman and Laverne A. Johnson, was issued by the North Dakota Center for Distance Education to promote teaching and learning about wildlife conservation and resource management. The individual titles are: Badlands, Prairie, Riparian Areas, Wetlands, and Woodlands.
- *Twilight of the Upper Missouri River Fur Trade: The Journals of Henry A. Boller*, ed. By W. Raymond Wood was published by the State Historical Society of North Dakota. Boller lived as a fur trader on the Upper Missouri River from 1858 to 1862 and paints vivid portraits of the region's native peoples and those who dealt with and lived among them.

## OKLAHOMA

The **Community of Oklahoma Instruction Librarians** is holding "unCOILed 2010: Going the Distance," July 30 at Stillwater Public Library. Sessions are related to all aspects of library instruction for distance learners, as well as ample opportunities for networking.

Erin Yeaman, a professional award-winning cellist and storyteller combines two art forms to bring books to life with vivid images that are enhanced with the cello at a family event at the **Moore Public Library**. Erin uses the voice of the cello to embellish her stories, adding funny musical notes, vivid use of the bow, plunking strings, or deep soulful tones at all the appropriate junctures in the story, making the drama come alive while creating a captivating experience.



Two new sets of voluntary guidelines have been adopted by the **Oklahoma Department of Libraries** Board. *Models of Public Library Service for Oklahoma* has been developed to help communities establish, expand and improve library services.



*Oklahoma Youth Service Guidelines* is geared to help libraries assess and implement services to young citizens.



*Members of the Oklahoma delegation to Library Legislative Day in Washington, D.C.*

The **Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History** in Normal teams with local libraries to offer “Library Day” at the museum. The museum offers free admission to anyone with a library card. For those without library cards, library representatives are available for sign-ups.

**Tulsa City-County Library** has launched a special website just for young readers. The site, [tulsaworld.com/kidslibrary](http://tulsaworld.com/kidslibrary), offers interactive games and websites, an online kids catalog, new books and book lists, children’s programming at the library, educational resources and more.

## ***SOUTH DAKOTA***

**Clark Hallman** has announced his retirement from Briggs Library at South Dakota State University. An open house was held June 21 to honor his 27 years of service at Briggs.

MPLA member, and former MPLA Executive Secretary **Joe Edelen** recently announced his retirement as librarian for The University of South Dakota after 42 years there. A celebration was held in June at the USD Libraries, to which

MPLA sent a proclamation in Joe’s honor. Joe and his wife Mary plan to spend a lot of time with their grandchildren, to continue to be involved in the community and to travel

South Dakota State Librarian Dan Siebersma awarded Certificates of Public Library Management to six graduates of the Library Training Institute on June 11 at the Northern State University campus in Aberdeen. Graduates included **Debbie Arne**, Western Dakota Technical Institute; **JoAnn Gemar**, Scotland Community Library; **Karla Bieber**, A.H. Brown Public Library, Mobridge; **Laurel Lammers**, Hand County Library; **Julie Morren**, Beresford Public Library; and **Anita Nachtigal**, Platte Public Library. A total of 21 students from across the state attended Institute this year. Coordinated by the State Library, the Institute is a four-year program of continuing education for library practitioners, support staff, and trustees of small to medium-sized public libraries. Students attend in-person classes for one-week in June. Additional classes are taken online between summers.



## ***UTAH***

Summer reading programs are running at full steam in Utah public libraries. The **Deseret News** covered the kickoff for the summer library reading program which was held at the popular Wheeler Historic Farm in Murray, Utah. The **Utah Library As-**



**sociation** 2010 Conference took place May 12-14, 2010 at the Dixie Center in St. George, Utah. The theme was “Come together... for Utah Libraries.” The keynote speaker was ALA president, Camila Alire, who also presented a pre-conference workshop. The film “Hollywood Librarian”, which was shown at ALA a few years ago was shown as part of this year’s Presidents’ Reception. Mystery author Rosemary Harris spoke at one of the luncheons. MPLA President **Elvita Landau** attended the meeting and addressed the ULA membership. Elvita, Jeff Belliston, and Betty Dance helped out at the MPLA booth.



*ALA President, and MPLA member, Camila Alire during a break from her “Frontline Advocacy” pre-conference workshop.*



*MPLA president Elvita Landau and Utah State Librarian Donna Jones Morris after the Utah Library Association's business meeting.*



*Jeff Belliston staffing the MPLA booth at the Utah Library Association 2010 conference*



*After the Utah Library Association 2010 business meeting. l-r: Utah State Librarian Donna Jones Morris, Incoming ULA president Andy Spackman, Jeff Belliston, Barbara Hopkins.*

The **Salt Lake County Library System** is hosting a discussion and book signing for New York Times bestselling author J.A. Jance On July 31 at the Whitmore Library.

Utah public, academic, school and special libraries participated in the “One Day in the Life of Utah Li-

braries" Snapshot Day. Photos are available at Flickr: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/utahstatelibrary/sets/72157624000630128/>

Newly elected Utah Library Association officers are: Vice President/President Elect: **Linda Tillson**, Director of the Park City Library; Members-at-Large: **Michael Freeman** and **Suzanne Julian**; Public Library Section Chair: **Xaolian Deng**; School Library Section Chair: **Barbara Hopkins**; Vice Chair: **Elaine Sherbourne**.

The *Deseret News* ran a story in late May entitled: *Library computer use soars in tough times*. Andrew Shaw, Salt Lake City Library spokesman is quoted. He reported that SLCPL computers were used by patrons for 4,000 more hours in April than in February.

## WYOMING

The **Teton County Library** invited teens to a hands-on workshop teaching the art of henna hand painting. Local expert Casey Stout showed participants how to create and paint their own design. Painting with henna is one of many highlights of the 2010 Teen Summer Reading program, "Make Waves at Your Library—READ." Other summer reading activities include comedy improv workshops, creating graphic novels and more. Children's book author and illustrator, **Jerry Pinkney** gave a demonstration of his work on at the **Teton County Library**. Winner of the 2010 Caldecott Medal and five-time recipient of both the Randolph Caldecott Honor and Coretta Scott King awards, Pinkney is the author or illustrator of over 100 books for children, and his paintings are exhibited worldwide.

The **Natrona County Public Library** celebrated 100 years of service this past May. Community members joined in the celebration by reading, meeting favorite authors, receiving new centennial-edition library cards, and checking out record numbers of books. During the celebration days, May 1-20,

over 22,000 people visited the Natrona County Public Library. The celebration month increased library awareness in the community as evidenced by record checkouts, visits and summer reading signups. Centennial memorabilia including special-edition book bags and coffee mugs, will be on sale at the library for as long as supplies last. Additionally, the history book "A Window to the World: The First 100 Years of the Natrona County Public Library" is available to purchase at NCPL and local booksellers. (See ad on page 3)



*The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary ceremony featured a cake styled as the original 1910 Carnegie library, cut by (Left to Right) Friends of the Library President Chris Mullen, Foundation President John Masterson, history book author Walter Jones, Trustee Randy Buffington.*



*During the ceremonies on the anniversary date, May 20, it was announced that NCPL's Wyoming History collection would henceforth be named for the book's author Walter R. Jones, in honor of his excellent work on the library's behalf.*



At the **Teton County Library**, Bridger-Teton National Forest Acting District Ranger Liz Davy gave a slideshow presentation on the mountain pine beetle – its life cycle, impacts to forests and possible options for dealing with it. A forester, Davy has worked for the Forest Service for 20 years in forest ecology in the Greater Yellowstone Area. The library also invites the community to view the current photo exhibition *Slow Motion Hurricane: Mountain Pine*

*Beetle in the Rockies*. By the year 2013, it is predicted that “most mature lodgepole pine forests in the American Rockies will be dead,” reports the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. As more pine needles turn red, a sign they are dead, the enormous rust-colored swaths left behind indicate the widening impact on tourism, recreation, scenery, logging, watersheds, wildlife and habitat. Josh King set out in May 2009 to photograph the beetle infestation in the Medicine Bow National Forest. The exhibition is on view during regular library hours until July 20.



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Bones “Keeper of Legends” and his pet dragon puppet Draco performed at the **Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library** in June. Indiana Bones (aka Mike McCartney) is an Emmy Award winning writer, producer, and performing artist who thrills and educates audiences with his unique storytelling abilities by combining archaeology, action, adventure, ancient legends, my-



thology and folklore. A former PBS documentary producer/writer, TV personality, professional actor and faculty member of Mississippi State University, Indy is now a full time professional storyteller and guest lecturer at the University of New Mexico. Indy believes that storytelling can be used as an effective teaching tool. He currently resides in Santa Fe, NM.

The **Laramie County Library System** received one of four awards for its public library/public health partnership with the Wyoming Department of Health, Community and Rural Health Division, Maternal and Family Health Section. The award, sponsored by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM,) MidContinental Region, is offered to recognize public libraries that have had successful public library/public health partnerships involving health information. Recipients receive a \$200 cash award. The collaboration grew out of the ECHO program developed by the library in 2002. The project name came from the idea that modeling or “echoing” reading aloud to children would give caregivers the experience and training to become better at literacy instruction. This project focused on meaningful and appropriate early literacy instruction in daycare and preschool settings

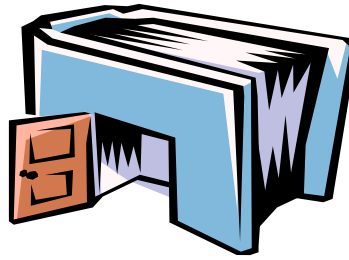
For the teen summer reading program, Make Waves @ Your Library, the **Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library** is hosting a writing workshop, “From Minds to the Page – Writing Made Easy(er),” presented by Micah Wyatt Monday, July 19 through Thursday, July 22. The workshop focuses on breaking down the wall between writer and writing, in a series of interesting thought provoking exercises meant to help writers and aspiring writers in a comfortable environment.



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# Welcome New MPLA Members



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## KANSAS

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Public Library  
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Laramie, WY

## Become a "Fan" of MPLA on Facebook

Join the MPLA Page! It 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.

# ◆◆ Opportunities Here and There ◆◆

Six-State  
Virtual Government  
Information Conference  
August 11-13  
and 16-17, 2010



## Register for Six-State Virtual Government Information Conference August 11-17, 2010

Join staff from all types of libraries in Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming (the Six States) in this online conference! There are sessions for documents librarians and sessions for other library staff who just want to find out what information they can get from their federal government.

Sessions include - Census: Demographics & Business, Click Through Statistics, Moving to More Electronic - Deselecting and Transitioning, Making Documents Accessible, Marketing Our Collections & Services, Strategic Planning for the Depository Program, and much more.

To see the entire conference schedule, go to: <http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/govpubs/conference/6state/schedule.htm>.



## ARSL-ABOS Joint Conference October 14-16

The 2010 Association of Rural and Small Libraries/Association of Book Mobiles and Outreach Services Joint Annual Conference will be October 14-16 in Denver, CO. Pre-conferences begin on October 13. The conference theme is "Magic in the Mile High City." Speakers include Dr. Lorie Roy, past president of ALA and Pat Wagner of Pattern Research. The conference is designed for directors, staff and trustees of small libraries, bookmobiles and outreach staff. Early bird registration deadline is August 29. For more information see <http://www.bcr.org/ARSL/index.html>.



## RDA: What It Is, and What It Means to You

An introduction to *Resource Description and Access* (RDA), the new manual of cataloging rules designed to succeed AACR2. The instructor will present a thumbnail sketch of RDA's contents, how these guidelines differ from AACR2, and what effects these may have on your library catalog. Information on the RDA Toolkit and the U.S. national libraries' RDA test will also be addressed.

- July 22, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Central
- July 29, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.,
- August 12, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Central
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