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## MPLA at YMCA of the Rockies

### *MPLA Leadership Institute May 6-11*



## MPLA Board Meeting May 11



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# President's Message

## Murder At The La Posada

Winslow, AZ

June, 1936

*Absent mindedly rubbing her sunburned neck, Zeda checked the coffee pots and laid polished place settings on the counter. She had barely made it back in time for the dinner shift. Her boyfriend, Perkins, had taken her to Clear Creek for a picnic with the other Harvey Girls. They ran late when his car got stuck in the sandy road on the way home...*

This past spring, I submitted a short story called “Murder At The La Posada” for the [2012 Sisters in Crime Desert Sleuths Chapter anthology competition](#). My inspiration for writing it came from a combination of being intrigued with the [La Posada hotel](#) (it's the midway stop during my annual summer drive from Scottsdale to Albuquerque) and clinking away on my old Royal typewriter. I'm also a huge fan of architect Mary Coulter as well as the Santa Fe Railway Harvey Girls. I was able to bring the historic Winslow setting to life in my mind with old images from the [Arizona Memory Project](#), and this [photo](#) in particular inspired my main character Zeda and her friend Bonnie.

Unfortunately, I got the email “we received an overwhelming number of stories to consider, and although there was much we liked about your story, we feel the piece isn't quite suitable for this year's anthology.” Oh darn! My colleague, who is a published fiction writer, gave me a great pep talk and tips for moving forward. Although a Pulitzer Prize may not be in my immediate future, this hands-on experience gave me an even greater appreciation for the authors who dedicate their time and talent to creating the stories we want to read.

Libraries can play a big role in supporting and encouraging our writing communities. One example of the resources we've been developing in Scottsdale with the support of an ALA Carnegie-Whitney Grant is the [Online Author Toolkit](#). It's a great place for authors who want to develop their craft and learn more about publishing. If you have examples of author projects you're doing in the MPLA region – please share them on our [Facebook page](#).

So, if you're dying to know what happened to Zeda...send me an [email](#) and I'll send you the rest of story.

Enjoy your summer!

--Dana

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# Leadership Institute 2012

Thirty participants from 12 states, along with 5 mentors and facilitator Maureen Sullivan, spent the week of May 6-11 at the YMCA of the Rockies for the 2012 Leadership Institute. Attendees were:

Debbie Aden; Lincoln, Nebraska  
Stephanie Bertin; Kearns, Utah  
Victoria Boone; Greeley, Colorado  
Lori Brassaw; Price, Utah  
Kirsten Bryson; Great Falls, Montana  
Arlene Caruso; Henderson, Nevada  
Lori Clark-Erickson; Jackson Hole, Wyoming  
Mickey Coalwell; Lawrence, Kansas  
Michael Cox; Pueblo, Colorado  
John Crockett; Reno, Nevada  
Danielle P. De Jager-Loftus; Vermillion, South Dakota  
Amber Emery; Fargo, North Dakota  
Gloria Farmer; Muskogee, Oklahoma  
Sara Francis; Cheyenne, Wyoming  
Kate Garduno; Los Alamos, New Mexico  
Daphne Gill; Tempe, Arizona  
Ella Gomez; Tucson, Arizona  
Tina Grenier; Wahpeton, North Dakota  
Kathy Jacobs; Yankton, South Dakota  
Kris Johnson; Denver, Colorado  
Adriane Juarez; Salt Lake City, Utah  
Kott, Linda; Brookings, South Dakota  
Rebecca Lubas; Albuquerque, New Mexico  
Jennifer McQuade; Owasso, Oklahoma  
Rose Nelson; Denver, Colorado  
Tram Nguyen; South Hutchinson, Kansas  
Eric Norris; Hays, Kansas

Valerie Nye; Santa Fe, New Mexico  
Holly Cole Okuhara; Ogden, Utah  
Gayle Roberts; Blair, Nebraska  
Carrie Scarr; West Fargo, North Dakota  
Robert Shupe; Logan, Utah  
Maureen Sullivan; Annapolis, Maryland  
Dan Stanton; Tempe, Arizona  
Tiffany Wick; Gunnison, Colorado  
Judy Zelenski; Lakewood, Colorado  
Scotty Zollars; Parsons, Kansas

In addition Innovative Interfaces representatives Gene Shimshock, Vice President of Marketing and Brad Jung, Consultant attended for one day to conduct focus groups.

The MPLA Board came to the YMCA of the Rockies for an in-person meeting to coincide with the end of the Institute. Board members met Leadership Institute participants at an afternoon reception on May 10 and joined them for dinner.

See more photos of the Institute on the MPLA Facebook page: [facebook.com/MPLALibraries](https://www.facebook.com/MPLALibraries).





# Leadership Institute 2012

-- Serious Learning & Thinking --



*Gloria & Jennifer*



*Kate & Robert*



*Maureen*



*Holly & Rose*



*Michael, Debbie, Amber*



*Scotty*



*Danielle, Eric, Rebecca, Kris, Dan, Lori*



*Michael, Adriane, Jennifer, Linda, Lori, Kirsten*

# Leadership Institute 2012

## -- Mentoring --



*Adriane & Stephanie*



*Mentors: Back l-r: Robert Shupe, Adriane Juarez, Dan Stanton, Mickey Coalwell; Front l-r: Judy Zelenski, Maureen Sullivan, Val Nye*



*Rebecca & Dan*



*Robert & Arlene*



*Mickey & John*



*Kathy & Maureen*



*Val & Kris*

## -- Fun --



*Rebecca, Mickey, Amber*



*Tina, Gloria, Kirsten, Tram*



*Tina, Val, Kirsten*



# MPLA Board Meeting



*Yahtzee Tournament in Evening  
Wayne Hanway, LeAnn Weller, Nicole Sump-Crethar*



*Dana Braccia at Reception with Leadership  
Institute participants*



*Lori Phillips wins Yahtzee Tournament Prize*



*John Fackrell, JaNae Kinikin & Lori Phillips*



*Judy Zelenski & Robin Clark*



*Deer Outside Dining Hall*



*Webmaster Dan Chaney*

# Keynote Speaker - MPLA/NLA/NEMA Conference

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**Tom Osborne**  
**Athletic Director**  
Fifth Year  
Hastings (1959)

Hall of Fame football coach Tom Osborne has continued to leave a lasting impression on the history of Nebraska Athletics since returning to lead the Husker program as the school's 13th athletic director on Oct. 16, 2007. Osborne, who led Nebraska to three national championships (1994, 1995, 1997) and 255 victories in his 25 years as the Huskers' head football coach, has continued to use his impressive leadership skills to guide the NU athletic department as a whole over the past four seasons.

With the core values of integrity, trust, respect, teamwork and loyalty serving as guiding principles for Nebraska's 23-sport program as a whole, Osborne has made historic decisions to help the University of Nebraska athletic programs for years to come.

In June of 2010, Osborne joined Nebraska Chancellor Harvey Perlman and Big Ten Conference Commissioner Jim Delany to announce the Huskers would join the Big Ten beginning on July 1, 2011. Nebraska's move to the Big Ten is expected to add University-wide academic opportunities, while providing financial stability for the athletic department for the future.

Just a few months later, Osborne announced an aggressive expansion plan for the east side of Memorial Stadium that will increase attendance past 90,000 for the first time, while continuing Nebraska's NCAA record-setting sellout streak. The expansion, which is set for completion before the 2013 football season, will include athletic and academic research components.

In the spring of 2010, the city of Lincoln also received voter approval to begin construction on a 16,000-seat downtown arena, which will serve as the new competitive home for both Nebraska men's and women's basketball programs beginning in 2013-14.

The basketball programs, the wrestling program and many of NU's other sports will also benefit from the Hendricks Training Complex at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. The facility, which is set to open in October of 2011, will include new practice and team areas, in addition to expanded athletic medicine and strength training areas.

The Nebraska baseball and softball programs will also benefit from a new indoor practice facility at Haymarket Park, which is scheduled to open in September of 2011.

The first step in Osborne's aggressive building plan for Nebraska's facilities began in the summer of 2010, as the Huskers broke ground on the Student Life Complex on the west side of Memorial Stadium. The Student Life Complex, which opened in the fall of 2010, directly benefits every Husker student-athlete with expanded academic resources.

While Osborne has helped initiate landmark moves off the field, he has continued to help coaches and student-athletes focus on Nebraska's tradition of success in competition. In fact, the Huskers have enjoyed renewed success in Osborne's first four years as athletic director.

In 2010-11, eight Husker teams finished among the top 20 in the nation, while 15 NU squads advanced to postseason play in their respective sports, including the Husker football team's second straight Holiday Bowl appearance.

One of Osborne's first major decisions as athletic director was to hire Bo Pelini as the Huskers' football coach. Pelini, who had spent the 2003 campaign as NU's defensive coordinator, has energized Nebraska's storied tradition with back-to-back 10-win seasons and a trio of Big 12 North Division titles in his first three years. In 2009 and 2010, Pelini's Huskers finished among the top 20 teams in the nation in the final polls.

The tradition-rich NU volleyball program has claimed three Big 12 titles and advanced to three NCAA Sweet 16 appearances, while the women's basketball program has earned two NCAA Tournament trips, including the best season in school history with a 2010 Big 12 title and a berth in the NCAA Sweet 16. The

NU wrestling program shared the 2009 Big 12 title and finished in the top 16 at four straight NCAA Championships. The NU men's and women's track and field teams combined for three conference crowns, while producing seven top-20 finishes indoors and outdoors over the past four years.

The men's and women's gymnastics teams have produced top-10 NCAA finishes the past two years, including a school-record-tying fourth-place showing by the women in 2011. The Husker bowling team won the 2009 NCAA title and finished in the top eight at the NCAA Championships each of the past four years. The NU rifle team has produced a pair of top-six NCAA finishes in the last four years, while the men's and women's tennis teams both earned NCAA Tournament trips in 2010 and 2011. The 2010 NCAA first-round victory for the women was the first in school history, while the men's appearance in 2010 was the first in school history.

The Husker softball team has made three consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances, while the Husker women's golf and baseball programs both earned NCAA Regional bids in 2008.

Osborne made his second coaching hire since his return to Nebraska, when he named two-time Major League All-Star, three-time Gold Glove award winner, and former No. 1 MLB Draft pick Darin Erstad as the baseball team's new coach on June 2, 2011. Erstad was not only one of the best Husker baseball players in history, he was the starting punter on NU's 1994 national championship football team coached by Osborne.

While the Huskers have continued to make advancements in competition and in recruiting under Osborne's guidance, they have continued to set the bar high academically. Nebraska led the Big 12 with 14 CoSIDA Academic All-Americans in 2010-11, increasing its nation-leading total to 291 CoSIDA Academic All-Americans all-time, across all sports. The Huskers also led the Big 12 with a league-record 192 academic all-conference selections, along with a conference-record 688 Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll selections. NU graduated 113 student-athletes from August of 2010 through May of 2011.

Before being asked by Chancellor Perlman to return to Nebraska as athletic director in 2007, Osborne served three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives (Nebraska's 3rd congressional district) from 2000 to 2006.

He returned to academia following a 2006 gubernatorial bid, serving as a senior lecturer at Nebraska in the College of Business Administration, teaching leadership and business ethics, in the fall of 2007. Osborne also worked as a consultant for local college athletic departments for two years.

Osborne and his wife, Nancy, continue to pour their time and support into the TeamMates mentoring program, which they founded in 1991. TeamMates provides encouragement to school-aged youth to help them graduate from high school and pursue a post-secondary education.

Osborne's leadership of the TeamMates program began while he was putting the final touches on one of the best coaching careers in college football history. The Hastings, Neb., native, who earned master's and doctoral degrees in educational psychology from the University of Nebraska, was named NU's 25th head coach following the 1972 season.

In 25 seasons with Osborne at the helm, the Huskers mounted a 255-49-3 record - the sixth-most wins in major college history. Osborne's .836 winning percentage ranked fifth all-time. His career came to a close with a 42-17 win over No. 3 Tennessee in the 1998 Orange Bowl, when he became the first coach in college football history to retire as a reigning national champion. Following his career, he became one of just four coaches in history to have the mandatory three-year waiting period waived for induction into the National Football Foundation College Hall of Fame in December of 1998.

Osborne's 1994 and 1995 teams allowed Nebraska to become just the second school in history to post back-to-back perfect national championship seasons (Oklahoma 1955-56). Nebraska put together the best five-year run in college football history from 1993 to 1997, going 60-3 with five straight 11-win seasons.

Osborne led NU to 13 conference crowns, including six of his last seven seasons on the sideline. All 25 of his Husker teams won at least nine games and went to a bowl, while 15 won 10-or-more games.

In the classroom, the NU football program totaled 65 CoSIDA Academic All-America awards in Osborne's 25 years. In fact, he accumulated more football Academic All-Americans in his 25 years as coach than any other football program in the nation has produced in its history.

Prior to becoming head coach, Osborne spent five seasons under Devaney, helping the Huskers win back-to-back national championships in 1970 and 1971. In 1973, Osborne succeeded Devaney, who also served as Nebraska's Athletic Director from 1967 to 1993.

Osborne and his wife, Nancy, have three adult children, Mike, Ann and Suzanne, and four grandchildren.

# Jones e-Global Library® announces partnership with Liberty Common High School

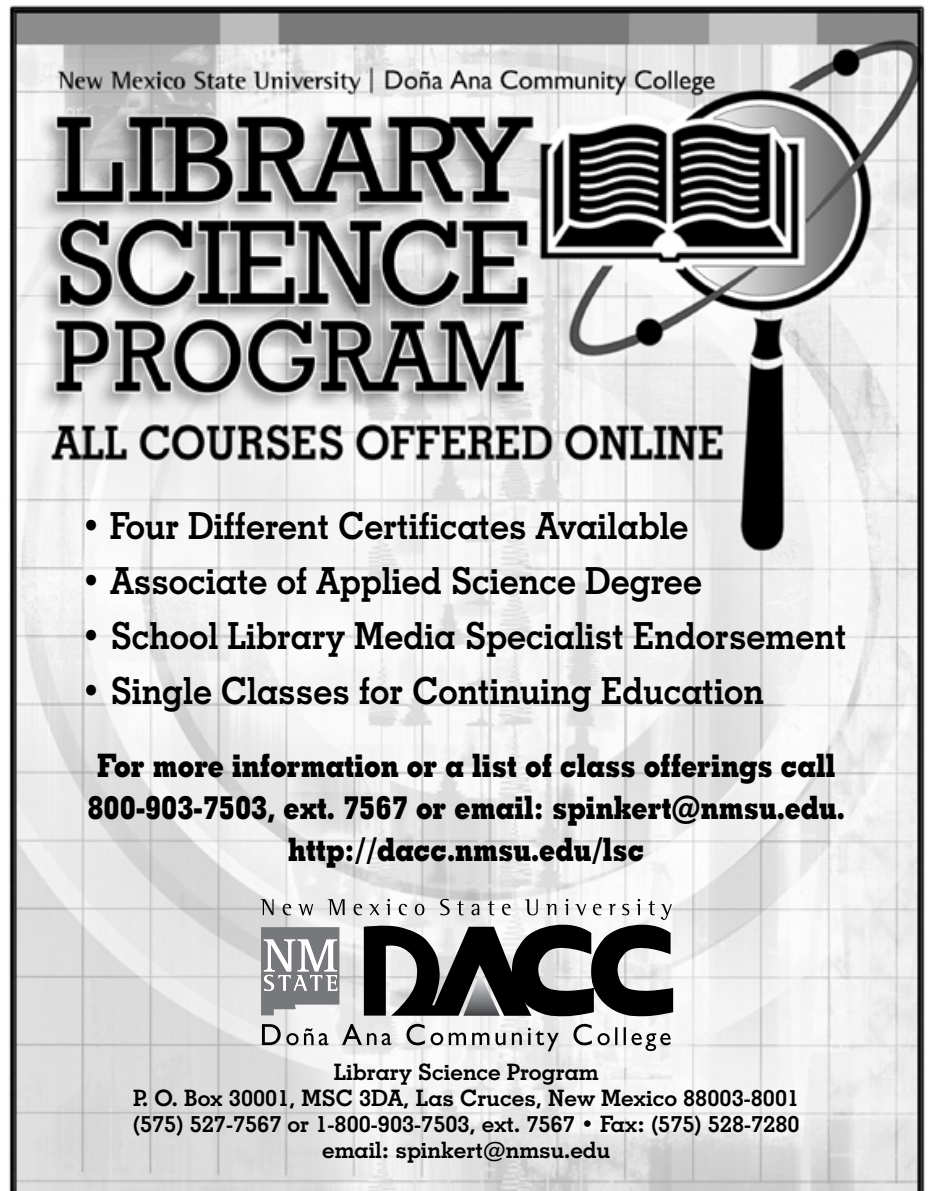
*Colorado Charter School to participate in pilot program for new 9-12 College Ready digital library.*

Jones e-Global Library® has announced a new partnership with Liberty Common High School in Fort Collins. Faculty and students at Liberty Common will participate in a pilot program for the new, grades 9-12 specific, College Ready edition of the digital library service. A charter school, Liberty Common does not currently offer an on-campus library or resource center for its students.

Jones e-Global Library will provide students and teachers at Liberty Common High School with a leading-edge technological solution in support of their classical studies and college preparatory efforts. Much like a traditional library, Jones e-Global Library allows students and teachers to research, access resources for specific courses, and collaborate. Unlike a traditional library, students are able to access the library site from any location with an internet connection 24/7. Articles, eBooks, journals and lessons are readily available for students at any time. With the e-Global Library, students have the opportunity to familiarize themselves with online learning, research tools and practices that will prepare them for college and beyond.

Liberty Common High School is a tuition-free, public, parent-run, charter high school chartered by Poudre School District in Fort Collins. The school is a classical, liberal-arts, college-preparatory institution emphasizing the humanities and accentuating math, science, and engineering.

Jones e-Global Library has served as a virtual library resource for higher-education institutions since 1999. The 9-12 College Ready version of the library is a new product offering. Liberty Common High School will commence the pilot program on May 15, 2012. Faculty and staff will work with Jones e-Global librarians to curate appropriate materials throughout the summer while students are on break. Liberty Common High School students can expect the e-Global Library service to be online and ready for use when they return to classes in August, 2012.

The graphic is a rectangular advertisement with a grid background. At the top, it reads 'New Mexico State University | Doña Ana Community College'. Below this, the words 'LIBRARY SCIENCE PROGRAM' are written in large, bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. To the right of the text is an icon of an open book with a magnifying glass over it, and a planet with an orbital ring. Below the main title, it says 'ALL COURSES OFFERED ONLINE'. A bulleted list follows: '• Four Different Certificates Available', '• Associate of Applied Science Degree', '• School Library Media Specialist Endorsement', and '• Single Classes for Continuing Education'. Below the list, it says 'For more information or a list of class offerings call 800-903-7503, ext. 7567 or email: spinkert@nmsu.edu.' and 'http://dacc.nmsu.edu/lsc'. At the bottom, it features the 'NM STATE' logo and the 'DACC' logo, followed by 'Doña Ana Community College', 'Library Science Program', and contact information: 'P. O. Box 30001, MSC 3DA, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88003-8001 (575) 527-7567 or 1-800-903-7503, ext. 7567 • Fax: (575) 528-7280 email: spinkert@nmsu.edu'.



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# MPLA Officer Elections

Elections for MPLA officers will be held in late summer, in advance of the MPLA/NLA/NEMA Tri-conference in October. Candidates statements:

## For Vice-President/President-Elect

### Dana W. R. Boden



Associate Professor and Agricultural Subject Librarian at the C. Y. Thompson Library, of the University Libraries, on the East Campus of the University of Nebraska - Lincoln. Other than a three year stint as Coordinator of Library Instruction at Western Kentucky University in the late 1980s, she has been at UNL since 1982.

Education: BS and MAE in Ag. Ed. from Western Kentucky University. Her MSLS is from the University of Kentucky. She also has a Ph.D. in Higher Ed Administration from UNL.

Dana has been a member of MPLA since returning to Nebraska in 1989. MPLA Sections she has been a member of in the past are Academic, and Preservation Archives, Special Collections (PASC), and earlier, the New Members' Round Table. She has served as PASC Section Chair, on the MPLA Executive Board, and multiple times on the Bylaws and Procedures Committee, Chairing it six years. She has presented at the MPLA Academic Section Professional Forum and her conference photo log has been included on the organizational website.

During her 25+ years of NLA membership, she has served on several committees, including chairing the Auditing and Bylaws Committees. She has served the College and University (C&U) Section as Chair of the Ad Hoc Bylaws Revision Committee, on the Spring Meeting Local Arrangements Committee, and as ACRL Chapters Council Representative. She was awarded the NLA C&U Distinguished Service Award in 2005. She was involved in the Nebraska Online Users' Group (NOLUG) refocusing and creation of ITART, serving as Interim vice-chair ITART's first year. Earlier she was a member of NMRT. She has presented & hosted talk tables at NLA, at the C&U Section & contributed articles for NLAQ. Dana has also served as a member of the Southeast Library System Board.

Nationally, Dana's memberships are in the United States Agricultural Information Network (USAIN), of which she is a past Director and President; and the American Library Association (ALA) including the Association of College and Research Libraries division, and three sections. She has served the ALA Constitution and Bylaws Committee as Intern.

Dana has enjoyed getting to know colleagues across the region, which her MPLA membership has enhanced. Her strengths are an excellent record of service, attention to details, and effective working relationships. She has attended at least seven MPLA conferences and would be honored to be elected to serve MPLA as Vice-President/ President-Elect, and in the subsequent offices, of the Mountain Plains Library Association.

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## Candidates for Vice-President/President-Elect, continued:

### Wendy Wendt



Director, Grand Forks Public Library (ND)

Previous position(s):

Director, Marshall-Lyon County Library (MN)

Education:

MS in Library Science, University of North Texas

MS in Information Media, St Cloud State University (MN)

BS in Business Administration, North Dakota State University

Professional activities:

Participant, MPLA Leadership Institute, 2010\

Chair, Public Libraries Section, North Dakota Library Association, 2011/12

President, Minnesota Library Association, 2008

Minnesota Library Association Board of Directors, 2004-2009

Co-Chair, 2007 Minnesota Library Association Leadership  
Institute Planning Committee, 2006-2007

Chair, Intellectual Freedom Committee, Minnesota Library Association, 2005, 2006

Participant, Minnesota Library Association Leadership Institute, 2005

Chair, Public Libraries Division, Minnesota Library Association, 2004

Chair, Reference and Adult Services Section, Minnesota Library Association, 2002, 2003

Conference Program Coordinator, Library Management and Leadership Round Table, Minnesota  
Library Association, 2003

MPLA member since 2010

As a library professional, I believe it's a privilege and an honor to serve in the region's library association. It is an opportunity to support library service throughout the region, to serve as a resource for other librarians, and to give back to the library profession. It is also a terrific way to meet colleagues and potential friends.

I have extensive experience serving on the governing boards and committees of two library associations, as well as on other nonprofit boards. I am more than willing to do whatever is needed to make the association a success, from stuffing envelopes to meeting with elected officials and everything in between.

Most importantly, I have an enduring passion for libraries and library leadership that makes service a joy. I believe it is that passion that inspires, motivates, and challenges others and helps to get the library message out.

Above all, my highest desire is to do an excellent job representing you, the MPLA members, and to serve as an ambassador of the Association to other organizations and to the public. Beyond that, my top three priorities would be to:

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- Help increase membership and awareness of the association
- Help the association put on terrific annual conferences
- Help ensure that the association continues to be a valuable resource to its members.

I would be honored to serve as MPLA's Vice-President.

### **For Recording Secretary**

#### **Lea Briggs**



Library Director, Presentation College, Aberdeen, SD

Previous position(s):

Reference Services Coordinator, Northern State University,  
Aberdeen, SD

Education:

Ed.D. Education Administration – Adult & Higher Ed.,  
University of South Dakota - anticipated graduation summer 2012;  
MLS, Emporia State University;  
BS, Accounting, Northern State University

Professional activities:

ALA Chapter Councilor, Executive Board member SDLA, 2006-2011 ;  
Member of SDLA; SDLA conference committee chair,  
2009, conference committee treasurer, 2001

MPLA member since 2001

I am results focused and have a desire to support the profession.

Serving as recording secretary would allow me the opportunity to learn more about MPLA and to become more involved in giving back to the profession.

#### **Diana Weaver**



Director, Basehor Community Library

Previous positions:

Director, Atchison Public Library

Resource Sharing Specialist, Northeast Kansas Library System

Acquisitions Coordinator, Sterling College Mabee Library

Director, Arlington City Library

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Education:

BA, University of Kansas

MSLIS from University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Professional activities:

Current secretary of Public Services Section of Kansas Library Association; served as chair of two KLA Roundtables; ARSL Membership Committee; mentor for 23 Things Kansas.

MPLA member since 2005

I've worked in a college library, for a library system, and as director in three public libraries. I've also served on two library boards as a trustee. I have good communication and organizational skills, and enough technology skills to be somewhat useful.

I've been a member of MPLA since my boss nominated me for MPLA's Board Choice Leadership Award in 2004. I think MPLA does a good job of communicating with its members and I want to continue to build on that strength. I believe continuing education is vital to our profession and would work to find ways to facilitate that for members.



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## BACK TO THE BASICS:

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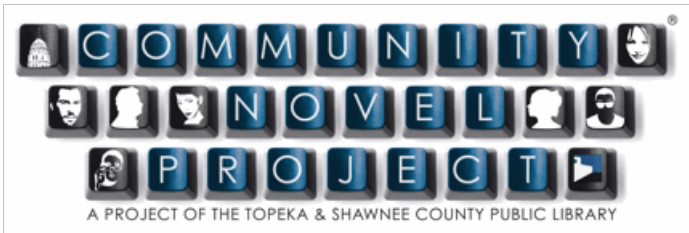
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## Community Novel Project in Topeka



The Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library is featuring a Community Novel Project, a book being serialized and published at the library. The project is a collaboration with local writers who contribute a chapter each to the novel, titled *Capital City Capers: An Ad Astra Per Aspera Adventure*. The book is an adventure/mystery about a 25-year-old Topekan, with every chapter written by a different author.

The story is set in Topeka and will use landmarks that all will recognize. Writing and publication began in May and continues through September. A new chapter is published each week.

After the book is complete, writers will receive a print copy of their work. The book will include a photo and brief bio of each author. The library will also e-publish the book so that it will be available to read and/or purchase for a nominal fee. The book will also be added to the library's collection.

Librarians Lissa Staley and Anne Pepper are spearheading this effort. "It's a great way for fledgling or even more advanced writers to get their work seen. It will be the first book for many, if not most of them," Anne said.

A book launch party is scheduled for September at the library. Read more at <http://tscpl.org/community-novel>.



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# R-Squared - The Risk & Reward Conference

Library professionals at all levels of their organizations will converge on Telluride, Colo., Sept. 9-11, 2012, for R-Squared - The Risk & Reward Conference. This innovative conference is based on the premise that libraries must take smart risks to move the industry forward. With the help of change agents from retail, architecture, media and marketing, the conference will address innovations in customer curiosity, creative spaces, abundant community and culture. Attendees will leave equipped with the courage to implement creative new ideas and with a support system of risk-embracing peers. Registration opened April 1, 2012.



“We believe that everyone is creative, but creativity comes in many different forms,” says Pam Sandlian Smith, director of Anythink Libraries and R-Squared planning committee member. “Tapping into this creativity while learning about what it means to take smart risks will help attendees rethink their approach to library services and help libraries remain relevant and thrive.”

Josh Linkner, New York Times bestselling author of *Disciplined Dreaming: A Proven System to Drive Breakthrough Creativity*, will kick off the conference as keynote on Monday, Sept. 10. His mission is to “make the world more creative”; he’ll share thoughts on creativity as a commodity and the characteristics of creative individuals during his keynote discussion with R-Squared’s 400 expected guests. As CEO and managing partner of Detroit Venture Partners, Linkner works with Earvin “Magic” Johnson and NBA team owner Dan Gilbert to actively rebuild urban areas through technology and entrepreneurship. Linkner is also adjunct professor of applied creativity at the University of Michigan and a President Barack Obama Champion of Change award recipient.

Additional speakers include John McKnight, co-director of the Asset-Based Community Development Institute and Professor Emeritus of Communications Studies and Education and Social Policy at Northwestern University; and John Creighton, former director and senior fellow with The Harwood Institute for Public Innovation. Additional speakers will be announced in the coming months and added to the roster at [rsquaredconference.org](http://rsquaredconference.org).

Rather than talk about “the stuff” that makes up a library, R-Squared focuses on the philosophies that inspire library innovations. How can libraries create vibrant organizational cultures built around core values? How can attendees spark customer curiosity and support discovery in their libraries? What does it mean to have an abundant community, and how can the library be a catalyst for analyzing and supporting community assets? How can library spaces inspire and support creativity? Attendees will find answers to these questions and more during the conference.

“Libraries must aspire to expand our relevance and impact on our communities,” says Shelley Walchak, R-Squared project manager and senior consultant for library community programs at the Colorado State Library. “Our core responsibilities have evolved, and libraries must embrace our new roles that shift expectations and

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boundaries. This conference will provide the forum to discover and define these roles.”

Registration cost is \$495. Special rates on hotel room blocks and condominiums at Hotel Madeline and The Peaks run Sept. 6-12, 2012. Both are located in Mountain Village within an easy walk of the Telluride Conference Center.

R-Squared is made possible with the support of Gale-Cengage Learning.

### **R-Squared Scholarship Opportunities**

Are you excited about sharing brave ideas in a spectacular setting but don't have the funds to get to Telluride? We have several R-Squared scholarship opportunities available. No 500-word essay required. All you need to do is create your most engaging content that shows us how you are a valuable asset to R-Squared – The Risk and Reward Conference and how your attendance will affect your library and community. Create a video, website, animation, illustration, blog – anything that can be linked to with a single URL. Entries will be judged on the following criteria: Creativity; Passion; Endorsements from your community; Concrete examples of how you are a change agent. Through the support of our generous sponsors, we now have in-state, out-of-state and even international scholarship opportunities available.

Channel all of that creative energy and submit it on our scholarship page <<http://rsquaredconference.us4.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=b96474ed9fd78ddc054ea5d4f&id=ddeb4666ef&e=c381d7602b>>. Deadline for submission is June 3; scholarship recipients will be contacted by June 15.

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## **MPLA Member to Present at Distance Teaching and Learning conference**

MPLA member Holly Rick, along with Kelley Conrad and Kristina Green, has been accepted to give a presentation at the 28th Annual Conference on Distance Teaching and Learning August 8-10 in Madison Wisconsin. Holly is University of Phoenix School of Advance Studies Campus College Chair-Business and a member of the MPLA Professional Development Committee. Their study is on Advanced Library Skills Self-study Effectiveness for Online Doctoral Students

A recent effort by University of Phoenix Library was the development of a self-study Advanced Library Student Workshop. Although available to all University of Phoenix students, the design was workshop specifically tailored to help graduate and doctoral level students develop sophisticated library research skills. The workshop includes self-guided materials, support materials, and knowledge application tests. Eventually the workshop may also include instructional video content.

The paper reports the design of the Advanced Library Student Workshop and a research program to evaluate the effectiveness of the self-study materials as used by several classes of PhD doctoral students. The design of the materials teaches new research skills to students and helps these students learn how to use the skill in their doctoral level research and connect the skills to all Internet and library research tasks.

*Submitted by Holly Rick, PhD, MBA, Campus College Chair-Business, University of Phoenix;  
School of Advanced Studies, Tempe, AZ*

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# Libraries in Small Communities

## Spotlight on Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library System

*by Ellen Fockler, MPLA Nevada Representative*

Like many of the western states, Nevada abounds in small towns and great distances. Libraries in smaller communities are often truly central to the communities they serve. The Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library System serves a dozen small communities (including Austin, population 192) and several ranching sites in addition to Elko, covering an area of almost 30,000 square miles. The Northeastern Nevada Regional Bookmobile covers 40,000 miles per year, including Owyhee, 100 miles north of Elko, and a regular stop at the TS Ranch.



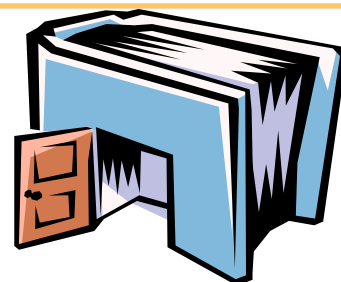
The library system is one of the most active in the state. On April 28, the Elko County Library featured Day of the Child / Day of the Book, a celebration of reading and childhood, complete with stories, face painting, and lessons in writing one's name in Japanese. The Laura Ingalls Wilder Celebration, commemorating Laura Ingalls Wilder and the pioneer way, featured displays and workshops that demonstrated ways that pioneer men and women lived and worked. Participants could try their hands at weaving, finger crocheting, writing with a quill pen, churning butter, or sewing (doll clothes). February also featured cowboy poets and musicians, especially for kids. In early May, the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual "Just Desserts" celebration offered wine, champagne, desserts and coffee, door prizes and silent auction items in return for a \$10 donation. The Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library system makes frequent use of their Facebook page.



*The Bookmobile*



# Welcome New MPLA Members



## COLORADO

Charla Aucone  
Librarian, Denver, CO

Emily Wild  
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Golden, CO

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Wichita State University  
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Mica Hunter  
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El Dorado, KS

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Pittsburg, KS

Kristian Strom  
Rare Bookseller & Library Consul-  
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Norman, OK

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City-County Library  
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Library System; Norman, OK

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Library Rudisill Regional Library  
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Local History & Genealogy Resources  
Librarian, Pioneer Library System  
Norman, OK

Latasha Wilson  
Oral Historian, Oklahoma State Uni-  
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## Library Schools in the Region

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*University of Arizona SIRLS Update, by Stephen Stillwell*

The SIRLS Commencement speaker this May will be University of Arizona graduate, Peter Brantley. He is the Executive Directory of the Digital Library Federation. This will be the second big event in May following our awards reception earlier in the month. Awardees will be announced in the next column.

We congratulate Ruth Kneale on being selected as an SLA Fellow and for joining the Online Content Advisory Council.

More congratulations are in order for Carla J. Stoffle, Dean of the University Libraries and SIRLS faculty member, for receiving the Joseph W. Lippincott Award for 2012.

Former adjunct Frank Gibbons passed away recently at his home in Liverpool, England. A posting of this news to the SIRLS Alumni/ae listserv brought several fond remembrances. (If you are note on this list – it is for Friends as well as alums – and would like to be send an e-mail to [sjstill@email.arizona.edu](mailto:sjstill@email.arizona.edu).)

Other faculty notes: Heshan Sun was recently given a University Faculty Research Development Grant. Catherine Brooks had “Underscoring the Social Nature of Classrooms by Examining the Amount of Virtual Talk across Online and Blended College Courses” published in The European Journal of Open, Distance, and E-Learning. It was co-authored with A.M. Bippus.

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# MPLA Awards

**Do you know a deserving individual in the library field who should be recognized for his/her accomplishments?**

**Please nominate him/her for an MPLA Award!**



The following awards will be given at the 2012 MPLA Joint Conference with the Nebraska Library Association in LaVista, Nebraska, 17-19 October 2012.

**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. Nominator must be an MPLA member; Membership is not required for nominee.

**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 membership is not required to submit a nomination. Nominee must be an MPLA member.

**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. Nominator must be an MPLA member; Membership is not required for nominee.

**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 membership is not required to submit a nomination. Nominee must be an MPLA member.

**MPLA Innovator Award:** To recognize an up-and-coming individual(s) or group(s) in the MPLA region for a creative, inventive, trail-blazing project that has significance to the library community. MPLA membership is not required to submit a nomination. Nominee must be an MPLA member.

**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. Nominator must be an MPLA member; Membership is not required for nominee.

Nominations are due by August 1, 2012. Nominations can be made using the Awards Nomination Form online at <http://www.mpla.us/forms/awardsnom.html>.

Questions? Contact Jon Fackrell, Awards Committee Chair, [awards@mpla.us](mailto:awards@mpla.us)

# Around the Region

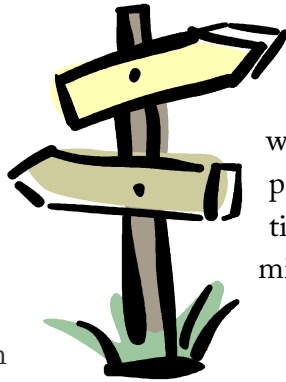
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## ARIZONA

MPLA President **Dana Braccia** recently was a featured speaker at the Amigos Library Services Member conference in Dallas, TX.

The **University of Arizona Libraries** announce the release of a new student-led open access scholarly journal, the *Arizona Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies*. The journal focuses on interdisciplinary research in the humanities, arts, and sciences and is planned as an annual publication that will be available in both print and online formats. For its inaugural issue the journal focuses on themes relating to Arizona and the border region due to their importance in the state's Centennial year. In keeping with the University of Arizona's mission as a public research university, this journal will continue to serve as a forum for innovative scholarship and research on the region. The *Arizona Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies* (AZJIS) was created by UA undergraduate students Lauren Johnston and Emma Kleiner, who serve as co-editors-in-chief.

On April 19 Congressman Harry Mitchell's career and the gift of his papers were celebrated at a reception at the **Arizona State University Libraries**. Archivist Rob Spindler worked with the Mitchell staff to acquire nineteen boxes of archives from the Scottsdale and Washington DC offices. The materials include electronic and paper correspondence, reports, photographs and memorabilia documenting Mitchell's service from 2007-2011. Spindler also worked with Mitchell Director of Administration Chris Quigley and The Library Channel staff to organize an oral history project, in which Mitchell and six key staff were interviewed by ASU Professor Emeritus David Berman.



The **Tucson Pima County Public Library** is designating a Quiet Zone / La Zona Silencio for those customers who would like an area where they can have a peaceful place for study, contemplation, reflection, productive thinking or to just read, with minimal disturbances.

The **University of Arizona Libraries** offered a study break for students during the week-end before finals. Students enjoyed a variety of home-baked goodies, store-bought treats and beverages in the Main Library lobby.



## COLORADO

**Carolyn Coulter**, Information Technology and Virtual Services Officer at the Pikes Peak Library



District in Colorado Springs was named a Mover & Shaker by Library Journal. See <http://lj.libraryjournal.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/Coulter-BIG.jpg>

The **Garfield County Libraries Rifle Branch** was featured on American Libraries online. The branch provides an array of alternative modern parking spaces for patrons. These include regular spaces, areas for fuel efficient vehicles, and plugs for electric cars as well as a clearing for a mode of travel that's been around a lot longer." [http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/al\\_focus/photos/alternative-parking-spaces](http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/al_focus/photos/alternative-parking-spaces)



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**Anne Macdonald**, business librarian, Poudre River Public Library District, is the 2012 recipient of the RUSA BRASS Morningstar Public Librarian Support Award—an annual conference travel grant presented by the Reference and User Services Association's (RUSA) Business Reference and Services Section (BRASS). <http://read.poudrelibraries.org/adult/business>

On April 29, the High Plains Library District celebrated DIA! Many children, Many Cultures, Many books at the three libraries in Greeley, Colorado. Nicanor Diaz, Librarian, coordinated the storytime and musical performances. Storytimes were presented in Somali, English and Spanish. Performers included lawyers, a newspaper reporter as well as volunteers from the District's Book-A-Librarian service. Book-A-Librarian provides one on one assistance to patrons by appointment. The sessions range from computer basics to advanced reading advice. Two patrons, who

have taken advantage of the Book-a-Librarian sessions, read stories in Spanish to the children of all ages who attended.



**Carole Olds**, Community Colleges representative on the CO-ALA Board, was honored as the 2012 International Phi Theta Kappa Advisor of the Year at the international conference held in Nashville, TN.



Over 300 attended a **Reading Flash Mob** April 12 at the **Poudre River Public Library** in Fort Collins.





# KANSAS

**Labette Community College Library** in Parsons, Kansas annually awards prizes for the best papers written by the students. The papers are judged by the Library Committee with the names of the students deleted. There are two divisions, research and creative. Each year at the college's annual awards assembly, the first place winners in those divisions are given a plaque, a certificate, a check and have their papers spiral bound and placed in the library's permanent collection. Second and third place winners receive a certificate and checks for smaller amounts. The library has given the awards since 2003. This year's winners were all in the research category. First place was awarded to Stonewall Acridge for his paper, "Vlad the Impaler." Second place was awarded to Anna Njau for her paper, "Abstinence Programs Are Not As Effective As Comprehensive Sexual Education." Third place was awarded to Joseph Woolsey for his paper, "Treating Oppositional Defiant Disorder." **Scotty Zollars**, MPLA member and 2012 Leadership Institute fellow, is Library Director.



The **Johnson County Library** Board has announced the appointment of **Sean Casserley** as County Librarian. Casserley joined the Allen County (IN) Public Library, in 1994 and has held the position of Bibliographic and Information Technology Manager since 2009, overseeing information technology, cataloging services, material support service, technical services/acquisitions, purchasing and processing. He has a math major/computer science minor undergraduate degree from Purdue University, and a Master of Library Science from Indiana University (2012 conferral) He is a member of the American Library Association (ALA), Library Leadership and Management Association (LLAMA), Professional Advisory Board for Indiana Purdue University, and the Allen County Education Consortium.

The **Dodge City Library** recently presented *Genealogy 101: Treeclimbing Exercises for Beginning Family Historians*. Participants learned the basics of genealogy from Kathleen Frusher, Director of the Kansas Genealogical Society.

For more photos of the Reading Flash Mob see <http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10151494968720203.841352.208784490202&type=3>

# MONTANA

The **Sidney-Richland County Library** was awarded Library of the Year by the Montana Library Association. In addition Director **Renee Goss** was named Librarian of the Year.

The **Great Falls Public Library** is celebrating Law Month with weekly programs throughout May. The programs draw attention to Law Month and its efforts to educate the public about the court and justice system. Programs include a "Get to Know the Candidates" forum; a program on free legal resources with representatives from the Cascade County Law Clinic; bankruptcy information with representatives from Montana Legal Services; and an overview of Referendum 119 with representatives from the Montana State Bar Association. In addition to these programs, the Information Department will offer tours of the legal resources the library offers.

The **Parmly Billings Library** Foundation will host its Seventh Annual Food for Thought: An Evening of Great Conversation on June 7. Twenty topics will be offered, including cloud computing, the future of Billings and Montana politics.



# NEBRASKA

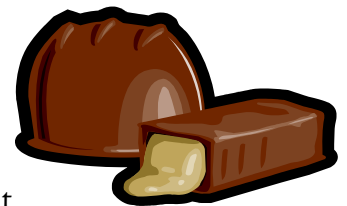
A private screening of *The Hunger Games* was shown at Lincoln's Edgewood Theater as a fundraiser for the **Southeast Library System**.



The **Gretna Children's Library** recently opened. Eye-catching colors, natural light via huge windows, and child-sized book shelves and furniture are designed to spark the imagination. An open house was held on March 24 to celebrate the new building.



An evening of chocolate fun was held at the **Plattsmouth Public Library**. While the 14 chocolate competition entries were being judged, event attendees embarked on a library-wide scavenger hunt. Everyone enjoyed a dessert buffet which included Chocolate Raspberry Bars, Mississippi Mud Cake, Malted Milk Ball Cake, and Turtle Waffle Cookies. The ever-flowing chocolate fountain made a triumphant return to this year's party.



The Friends of **Bruun Memorial Library** in Humboldt pitted Jorene Herr, Library Director, against Richard David, Assistant Librarian, to see who could raise the most money. After counting the money in the jars, Jorene's haul was \$94.50 vs. Richard's \$23.00. Jorene got to kiss the lucky pig!

The **Nebraska Library Association** completed a round of spring meetings in 2012. Varied content and chances to learn and discuss were offered:

- **Paraprofessional Section's** spring meetings in Lincoln and Papillion with the theme, *Show off @ Your Library*, focused on reaching patrons through contextual outreach, creative



displays, and Facebook promotion.

- **Public Library and Trustee Section's** spring meetings in Columbus, Scottsbluff, and Hastings focused on the Department of Health and Human Services' website, weeding, accreditation guidelines, and strategic planning.
- **Information Technology & Access and Technical Services Round Tables'** spring meeting in Bellevue with the theme, *Building the Digital Library*, featured programs on MARC, digital collections, RDA, and Pinterest.
- **Young Adult Round Table's** spring meeting in Gothenburg was on *Collection Development* and featured Patty Birch as a guest presenter. Program topics included funding sources and genre books.
- **New Members Round Table's** spring meeting in Utica was a tour of the Houchen Bindery.
- **College & University and Special & Institutional Sections'** spring meeting in Omaha was a program on *Connected & Collaborating*, including programs on website accessibility, U.S. scholarly publishing, roving reference, and electronic theses and dissertations.

The Wilen family was the first to arrive at the **Palmyra Memorial Library** during National Library Week. They received a free dictionary for their effort. Nine other families received a free dictionary during the week. All the dictionaries were donated by the Lincoln Southeast Kiwanis Club.

So – how much does the *Oxford English Dictionary* weigh? A “guess the weight” contest was held at the **Criss Library at the University of Nebraska at**



**Omaha.** Eleven people came very close to guessing the actual weight of 128 pounds. The winners, each

received a \$10.00 gift certificate to the Scholastic Book Fair held on campus.

The **Nebraska Library Association** promoted Snapshot Day as an advocacy event designed as an opportunity to really look at what a library does in a single day. Library staffs were encouraged to collect and share usage statistics, photos, videos, and stories with their boards, funders, and other Nebraskans.

The **LaVista Public Library** was awarded a Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) Summer Reading Program Grant for the second year in a row. The \$1,000 grant, funded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, is designated for inventive teen summer reading programs. **Lindsey Tomsu**, Teen Coordinator, is thrilled that her 2011 program, *You Are Here*, and her 2012 program, *A Supernaturally Spooky Summer*, have been nationally recognized by YALSA.



## NEW MEXICO

MPLA member **Rebecca Lubas** was recently elected member at large to the OCLC Americas Regional Council. Rebecca is Director, Cataloging and Discovery Services, University of New Mexico, University Libraries in Albuquerque and is a fellow of the 2012 MPLA Leadership Institute. Rebecca received the news in Pristina, Kosovo while giving a cataloging workshop to the National and University Library there.

The **New Mexico Library Association** Annual Conference was held in Las Cruces, New Mexico on April 11-13. The theme was “Linking New Mexico’s Past with the Future: Libraries the next 100 years.” The keynote speaker was Stephen Abram. Door prizes were given at during the Exhibit Open house and at the social Springtini Dinner and Meet-up. New Mexico Library Association officers for the new term are: President--**Tina Glatz** (Director/Librar-



ian, Onate High School, Las Cruces); Vice President/ President-Elect -- **Mary Ellen Pellington** (Octavia Fell Public Library, Gallup); Secretary – **Cassandra Osterloh**, (Queen of Heaven Catholic School, Albuquerque); Treasurer -- **Norice Lee** (Head of Access Services, NMSU Las Cruces); MPLA member **Mary Tuytschaevers**, (New Mexico Junior College, Hobbs); Linda Keulen (Roosevelt Middle School, Tijeras); **Janice Kowemy** (Laguna Public Library); **Mildred Walters** (Learning Resource Center, Pueblo of Sandia)



**New Mexico Library Association** Award winners are:

Honorary Life Membership Award – **Elise Orell**  
Legislator of the Year Award – **Henri “Kiki” Saavedra**

New Mexico Library Amigo Award – **Brian Fiarhurst**

New Mexico Library Leadership Award – **Molly Molloy**

Outstanding Elementary School Librarian – **Sarah Farrell Shining Stars Preschool**, Rio Rancho

Outstanding Secondary School Librarian – **Laurie Lacy**, Cleveland Middle School, Albuquerque

Academic Librarian of the Year - **Melveta Walker**  
Marion Dorroh Scholarship – **Cynthia Smith**  
College Scholarships – **Kelly Anne Blaz, Susan Garcia Dominguez**

The book *Las Cruces: A Photographic Journey*, a collaborative project of the Las Cruces Bulletin and the New Mexico State University Library’s Archives and Special Collections Department, has been

awarded the Heritage Preservation Award by the Cultural Properties Review Committee and the Historic Preservation Division of the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs. Individual awards were presented to Charles Stanford and Dean Wilkey of the Library and David and Jaki McCollum of the Las Cruces Bulletin at a May 18 ceremony in Santa Fe. The pictorial history was published just in time for the celebration of New Mexico’s centennial, and it has become a collector’s item and heirloom for families throughout this area. The 288-page book full of photographs and history of the Mesilla Valley offers a tour of the first 100 years of New Mexico statehood through the eyes of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County. Of the nearly 1,200 photos in the volume, more than 500 are from the archival photo collection of the Library’s Archives and Special Collections Department.



Several Libraries celebrated *El día de los libros*, an event founded by Pat Mora in 1997 to celebrate children, families, reading and multiculturalism. The **Farmington Public Library** celebrated with “Let’s Move!” America’s Move to Raise a Healthier Generation of Kids and “Dream Big,” the 2012 Summer Reading Program. Participants enjoyed a healthy snack from Joe Hayes’ book, “A Spoon for Every Bite.” Many of the kids’ cookbooks at the library will be on display, and available for check out with a valid library card. Other events included Yo-Yo entertainment, hands-on crafts, a puppet show, and family

gaming challenges. The **University of New Mexico Taos Library** featured a web page celebrating Dia: <http://taos.unm.edu/library/dia1.html>. In Albuquerque the Rio Grande Education Collaborative After-school Program at 12 sites distributed free books to all students for Dia celebration that included storytelling, art and a nutritional snack. The **Albuquerque Bernalillo County Library System/Lomas Tramway** presented an interactive program for young children with storyteller Ramona King, *Knee High Tales for Me*. Author Joe Hayes read from his award-winning children's books at the **Thomas Branigan Memorial Library** and presented a storytelling workshop for adults at New Mexico State University's Branson Library.

**New Mexico State University** is collaborating with the Children's Reading Foundation of Doña Ana County to have a booth at NMSU's Children's Village Fair celebrating the Week of the Young Child. In addition, the Library is working with NMSU student organizations on an initiative for students to visit elementary classrooms in Las Cruces to read stories.

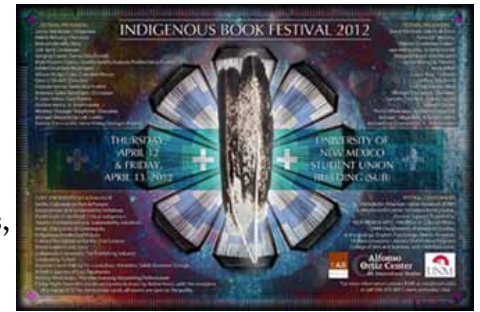
The **Santa Fe Community College School of Arts & Design** is sponsoring an exhibition and lectures "No Library Card Required: An Invitational Exhibition of Book Art, through May. See [http://www.sfcc.edu/bookarts\\_2012](http://www.sfcc.edu/bookarts_2012)

Congratulations to several librarians were recognized under the "Life in Burque" category at <http://alibi.com/feature/40862/Life-in-Burque.html>. Pictured



are 'everyone at Los Griegos', Linda Kennedy at Tony Hillerman Library, and 'Ms. Pickett' (actually storyteller Brenda Hollingsworth-Marley). Not pictured but included UNM's Christy Crowley, Edwina Tafoya at Corrales Library, Ms. DeYoung at Corrales Elementary, and Highland High's Tom Moppert.

The **University of New Mexico Institute for American Indian Research** and The Alfonso Ortiz Center for Intercultural Studies hosted an *Indigenous Book Festival* in April. It featured readings, open-mics, performances, writing workshops, and book signings celebrating contemporary Native American writers, scholars and storytellers from across the region in the growing field of indigenous studies.



Governor Martinez proclaimed April 23 "BLESS ME ULTIMA DAY" in honor of Rudolfo Anaya and the 40th anniversary of the publication of the book. The University of New Mexico celebrated with a "Read-in." Students from Highland High School, undergraduates, graduate students, staff, faculty, and community members read *Bless Me, Ultima* out loud



in its entirety. Readers in the final hour included Centennial Poet Levi Romero; Deans Mark Peceny and Martha Bedard; Provost Abdallah; Senator Tom Udall; and Rudolfo Anaya.

MPLA members **Kathy Barco** and **Val Nye** discussed their new book, *True Stories of Censorship Battles in America's Libraries* at the **Mesa Public Library** in Los Alamos.

**Joe Sabatini** was recognized by resolution of the New Mexico House of Representatives as an outstanding New Mexican for his service to libraries, the New Mexico Library Association and his service to that profession this spring.

The **New Mexico Junior College** in Hobbs is hosting four programs for the State's 100 Birthday: Juried Art Show ; the Lincoln Exhibit from ALA and the National Center for the Constitution; an Abraham Lincoln portrayer coming from Tennessee for a Meet and Greet and program; plus an autumn book discussion with Dwight Pitcaitley of New Mexico State University and an Emerging Writers' Contest on Poetry and Short Fiction. MPLA member **Mary Tuytschaevers** is Director of Library Services.

## NORTH DAKOTA

The **North Dakota State Library** is offering classes in two locations for one graduate credit this summer. Classes will be in Grand Forks at the Grand Forks Public Library and at the Bismarck State College library computer lab. *Effective Online Research* will focus on the need for students to find reliable sources for research. Attendees will explore searching methods for the *Online Library Resources* and other features on the databases that are useful for conducting research. In addition, there will be time devoted to examining the ODIN UFind catalog and WorldCat.org. The resources being explored will have a practical application to classroom instruction and provide students with reliable information to use in research papers and other school work.

**Chuck Klosterman**, North Dakota writer, journalist, essayist, and author of seven books, read from his latest novel, *The Visible Man*, in April at the Bismarck State College campus. The event was sponsored by *Read North Dakota* and *ArtsQuest 2012*.

The **West Fargo Public Library** presented *All About Birding* with Keith Corliss, avid bird watcher and volunteer instructor for the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.



The **North Dakota Library Association** annual conference will be held at the Best Western Doublewood Inn & Conference Center in lovely metropolitan Fargo this year. See the conference site for more information: <http://www.ndlaonline.org/Conference/12conf.htm>.

**Eric Stroshane**, North Dakota Representative, reports there have been a "couple of interim shifts in the constituency of our Executive Board. You can always find current information at: <http://www.ndlaonline.org/ExecutiveH.pdf>."

Eric Stroshane also reports that the **North Dakota State Library** is a division of the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction. Dr. Wayne Sanstead has served as the Superintendent of Public Instruction since 1985, and has been supportive and appreciative of the State Library throughout his ca-



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reer. However, Dr. Sanstead is not running for re-election this November, so for the first time in almost thirty years, the State Library's parent organization will be coming under new leadership. It will be important to watch this story develop, as it has the potential to profoundly impact school and public libraries throughout our state. The candidates running for the position are Kirsten Baesler (R), Tracy Potter (D), and Max Laird (D). Kirsten Baesler has served on NDLA's Executive Board."

To raise money for the **Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library's** teen services department, their Library Foundation recently held a gala event called "Chocolate, Coffee, and Collectibles." There were a number of pieces of Bismarck and North Dakota history up for auction, including a pair of Governor Bill Guy's cowboy boots, hotelier and restaurateur Ed Patterson's whiskey keg, a few pieces of Dickota Pottery, and a 1966 Gary Miller painting of an oil rig in western North Dakota entitled "Sun-down in the Boondocks." Other auction items included a signed first edition of William Faulkner's *A Fable*.

The **Valley City State University's Library and Information Technologies Concentration** of their Master of Education program was recognized by the ALA's American Association of School Libraries (AASL) as a quality school library program.

The RS Jack and Jill grocery store in Hebron held a fundraiser called "Racing to the Heart of Reading" that brought \$550 in for the **Hebron Public Library**.

The **Maddock Community Library** was awarded a grant from the Devils Lake Area Foundation to purchase a book display case, a mobile display cart, and shelving.

The **Williston Community Library** recently hosted an E-Reader training session conducted by MPLA member **Elizabeth Jacobs**.

The **Oakes School & Public Library** has joined the state's OverDrive Consortium, ND Library2Go.

The **Carrington City Library** is working to raise funds so they too can join ND Library2Go.

The **Fargo Public Library's** downtown branch was host to Stormtroopers, a TIE Fighter pilot, an Ewok, and other professionally costumed Star Wars enthusiasts from the 501st Legion's Central Garrison. This super cool March event was a celebration of love for Star Wars.

The **Dickinson Area Public Library** has purchased access to Mango Languages, providing all library card carrying members of their community the chance to learn Arabic, Cantonese, Mandarin, German, Hindi, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish. They also purchased English courses for native speakers of Cantonese, Mandarin, and Spanish.

The **Lake Region Public Library** recently began Waggin'Tutors and Waggin'Tales Reading Programs, where children can meet and read to dogs.

The New Town City Council recently approved extended service hours for the **New Town Library**, reallocating \$12,000 to cover the cost of the additional hours for the librarian. They are also looking at the possibility of expanding or moving to a larger location.

The oil boom continues to drive usage of public libraries in the western half of our state. Job seekers, new workers, and their families are all crowding in to use public access computers and Wi-Fi. Libraries like the **McKenzie County Library** have been seeing huge spikes in traffic, computer use, card applications, and book sale revenue. The Williston Community Library has had to increase the number of story times they offer five-fold to accommodate all the children who are now in the area.

The **Streeter Library** recently celebrated their 25th anniversary. Kudos, Streeter!

## OKLAHOMA

Author Amy Tan spoke about her book *The Joy Luck Club* at an appearance Friday in Norman that served as the finale for the year's Big Read event. Tan

spoke to about 350 people Friday at the [Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History](#). Her appearance was sponsored by the **Pioneer Library System** in conjunction with the Big Read. Tan wrote this year's selection, a collection of vignettes about the complicated relationships between Chinese mothers and their daughters.

**Dan Chaney**, MPLA Webmaster, and Social Sciences Librarian at Oklahoma State University was nominated for the American Psychological Association's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Excellence in Librarianship Award. He was nominated by one of his liaison faculty, and there were three letters of support from other faculty in his areas of Psychology and Counseling Psychology. Though he didn't win, he says "the honor is just in being nominated." Information: <http://www.apa.org/pubs/databases/news/2012/01/award-nominations.aspx>

## SOUTH DAKOTA

The Awards Ceremony for the 8th Annual Illustrate A Book contest was held April 14 at the **Brookings Public Library**. Young people were asked to create an original drawing based on a book. More than 120 illustrations were received in four categories.



The South Dakota State Library *Cornerstone* reports that the bookdrop at the **Central High School/Middle School and Siouxland Public** (Hartford/Humboldt) library recently got an extreme

makeover. With National Library Week approaching, librarians at the combined library began forming ideas to observe the event. They decided that the book drop, which was a large aluminum box with a chute connecting it to a window near the entrance, could use some refurbishing. The staff decided on a "cascade" from the window and visualized a waterfall. The task involved some consultation with the local body shop owner about materials and preparation of the surface, and several student aides were enlisted to help scrape and sand the entire surface before priming the box. Other features to the project were added, such as Head Librarian Jeanette Nielson's talent for music. She composed an original song for the "unveiling" of the new book drop. The song was titled "[Book Drop Rock.](#)"





**Jody Carlson**, IT Director at the **Grant County Public Library** in Milbank reports that the library hosted the National Humanities Exhibit: “Lincoln; the constitution and the civil war” in March and April. It was one of the 200 libraries from across the United States selected as a host for the exhibit. The exhibition consisted of five separate, free standing sections that brought into focus the secession of



the Southern States, slavery and wartime civil liberties. The exhibition encouraged visitors to understand the Civil War as a test of the U. S. Constitution, to consider Lincoln’s options through his own eyes and to reflect on the significance of that great 19th century conflict for Americans today. The exhibit opened with an opportunity for the public to meet Mr. Lincoln (Stan DeHaan, impersonator) and see his presentation. Many visitors enjoyed having their picture taken with Mr. Lincoln.

Avid Gretler, Professor of History from Northern State College was guest speaker on the topic of “The Civil War through Lincoln’s eyes.” Another living history opportunity was available when Mr. Mellette (John Timm, impersonator) talked about his life as a soldier in the civil war. As South Dakota’s last territorial governor and first state governor, he also talked about what was happening in the state during the civil war



years. The Library also hosted several local classrooms for Mr. Mellette’s presentation, which included an exhibit tour and playing period era games.

Three members of the Red-throated League radio play group from Minneapolis spoke at the **Brookings Public Library** about the collection of Edith Meiser’s Sherlock Holmes radio program scripts and what it takes to produce a radio drama. The program concluded with a DVD of the show “The Affair of the Politician, The Lighthouse, and the Trained Cormorant”. This program concluded a four month exploration of the life of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.



*Sound effects for radio*

## UTAH

**Christopher Lake**, Metadata Specialist at the family History Library, LDS Church in Salt Lake City, is the new MPLA Representative from Utah. He replaces Dorothy Horan whose term ended in April.

The **Utah Library Association** conference and centennial celebration was in April at the Salt Palace in Salt Lake City. A Centennial Gala was held in the Salt Lake Hilton Hotel Ballroom. ALA President Molly Raphael was the keynote speaker and spoke on how libraries matter in providing a voice for all of the diverse communities that make up our society. The luncheon speaker was Chris Crutcher, a well-known banned author and speaker about intellectual freedom. He also taught a conference session on intellectual freedom later that afternoon.



# WYOMING

On May 15, more than 1,200 first graders converged on the **Laramie County Library** for *Wyoming Reads*. Storytimes were held on all three floors while an original play was staged across the street at the Cheyenne Civic Center. Half of the students were at the library while the other half were at the Civic Center. The annual event promotes a library goal to encourage early literacy. In addition to enjoying a storytime, each child who participated in *Wyoming Reads* received a book, courtesy of the Sue Jorgensen Library Foundation of Casper.



*One of the library's masterful storytellers engages a group at Wyoming Reads last year.*



*A student of MPLA member JaNae Kinikin, Science Librarian at Weber State University in Ogden, doing a poster presentation. It is the pedagogical technique which was the subject of her paper presented for the LILAC conference in Scotland.*



*JaNae Kinikin in front of the National Library of Scotland in Edinburgh. JaNae is MPLA Vice-President/President-Elect.*

MPLA, through a Professional Development Pre-conference grant sponsored a training event, "Vital Conversations." The presenter was Michael John-Bristow, a consultant and master-trainer at Targeted Learning. Dorothy Horan stated that the event was well attended with very positive feedback. Many of the participants expressed a desire to implement the many of the various skills discussed in the training in their own libraries.

As part of its series celebrating National Poetry Month, the **Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library** hosted a poetry reading with Jane Wohl. Dr. Wohl, author of *Triage* and *Beasts in Snow*, writes poetry, fiction and short essays. She teaches at Sheridan College and in the Goddard College Masters of Fine Arts in Writing program. She has been published in numerous small magazines and anthologies, including *Leaning into the Wind* and *Woven in the Wind*, collections of Western women's work. She has twice been a recipient of the Wyoming Arts Council's Literature Fellowship. *Beast in Snow* won the 2006 Willa Award and was finalist for the Ben Franklin award. Her new book, *Triage*, was a finalist for the 2009 Juniper Prize.

MPLA member **Sandy Barstow**, Head of Collection Development at the University of Wyoming Libraries, contributed to a newly-published collection of essays related to the role of the second-in-command in the university library environment. *The Associate University Librarian Handbook: a Resource Guide*, was edited by Brad Eden ( a former associate university librarian who is now dean of libraries at Valparaiso University) and was published by Scarecrow Press. The book is divided into several sections, including an overview of the AUL position, managing change, funding, career management, and leadership. One of Sandy's contributions is found in the funding section, where she takes the contrarian view that sometimes a library receives an unexpected infusion of funds and must be prepared to deal with that circumstance effectively. Sandy's other chapter appears in the career management section, where she debunks the theory that the AUL position is always a training ground for producing future library deans/directors.

The **Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library** hosted a living history group on the north lawn of the Fulmer Library with the Kearney Frontier Regulars group portrayed soldiers and a surgeon. Civil War and Frontier era uniforms, weapons, cooking implements, a soldier's tent, and medical implements were available for viewing. Members of the Kearney Frontier Regulars recently returned from a re-enactment of the Battle of Shiloh where thousands of people participated in and viewed a three day replica of that key Civil War battle which occurred 150 years ago. The demonstration concluded the five part spring reading and discussion series, *Making Sense of the American Civil War*, which the library has presented.



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### 2012

- American Library Association Conference  
June 21-26, Anaheim, CA
- North Dakota Library Association Conference  
September, 19-22, Fargo, ND
- Wyoming Library Association Conference  
Sept. 26-29, Casper, WY
- South Dakota Library Association Conference  
Oct. 3-5, Huron, SD
- Nebraska Library Association, Mountain Plains  
Library Association Joint Conference,  
October 17-19, La Vista, NE
- Nevada Library Association Conference  
October 4-6, Las Vegas, NV
- Colorado Association of Libraries Conference,  
October 18 - 20, Keystone Resort &  
Conference Center
- Arizona Library Association Conference  
November 8-10, Phoenix, AZ

### 2013

- South Dakota, North Dakota and Mountain  
Plains Library Association, September  
25-27, Sioux Falls

### 2014

- Arizona Library Association and Mountain  
Plains Library Association, TBA



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