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BUILDING THE FUTURE

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TRI-CONFERENCE OCTOBER 17-19, 2012

MPLA joins the Nebraska Library Association and the Nebraska School Libraries Association for its Joint Conference in LaVista, Nebraska (suburb of Omaha), October 17-19, 2012.

Early registration deadline is August 1. Submit an online registration and pay online or send payment with a copy of your registration. If you submit your registration by August 1, you save \$10-\$20! Don't delay; be an early bird and save! Registration form is online at https://nlia.memberclicks.net/index.php?option=com_mc&view=mc&mcid=form_118101&tpl=component

This is your opportunity to catch up with colleagues around the region and to learn about new things happening in today's libraries. Join the fun in Nebraska!

See page 5-8 for a summary of the conference programs.

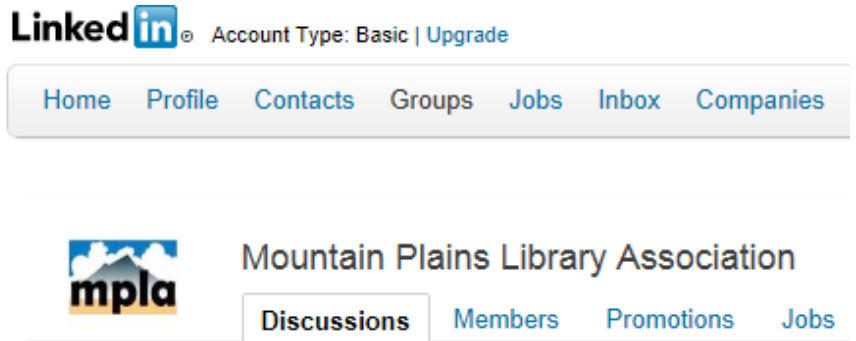
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NEW MEXICO NORTH DAKOTA OKLAHOMA SOUTH DAKOTA UTAH WYOMING



President's Message

Do you need a second opinion?

There are times when we all need a diverse sounding board for bouncing around ideas, gaining new insights, and getting that second opinion. MPLA offers this great resource both in-person at the annual conference as well as virtually on our [LinkedIn MPLA Group](#). It's easy to join the conversation! First, set up an account at www.linkedin.com, then search under "groups" to find MPLA.



We also welcome fun conversations on our Facebook page at: <http://www.facebook.com/MPLALibraries>

If you need help getting connected to any of these areas, just contact your State Representative or one of the MPLA board members: <http://www.mpla.us/personnel/executive-board.html>

Looking forward to hearing from you this summer!

--Dana Braccia
MPLA President

-- Advance Notice --

Dates Set for MPLA 2014 Leadership Institute

May 4-9, 2014

YMCA of the Rockies - Estes Park, Colorado

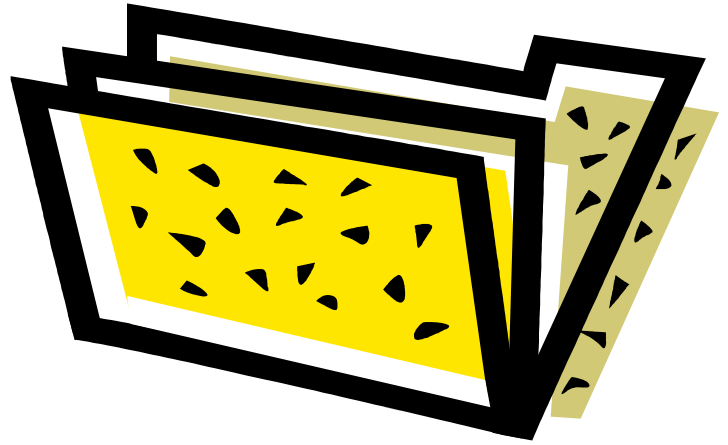
MPLA Professional Forum

MPLA/NLA/NSLA Conference 2012

Call for Papers

Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) announces a call for papers for the MPLA Professional Forum, an event of the MPLA/NLA/NSLA Joint Conference in La Vista, Nebraska, October 17-19, 2012. The Professional Forum is designed to present new ideas, innovations, and case studies in librarianship that would benefit the profession.

Papers of 2-6 pages need to be sent electronically to the committee to be peer reviewed with select authors chosen to present. Of those chosen, a cash prize of \$300.00 will be awarded to the winning paper presentation and a one-year membership to MPLA will be awarded to the remaining participants. The presentations will be given on Thursday, October 18, starting at 7:30 am. All librarians are encouraged to participate. Research methodology is encouraged, but not essential.



Final presentations will be judged by a three-person panel at the annual conference on:

- Objectives evident, with clear ideas and concepts (15 points)
- Quality of organization (15 points)
- Quality of presentation, use of visuals, etc. (15 points)

Guidelines for Papers

- * Problems are clearly identified and solutions proposed
- * Themes can include locally implemented experiences (successes or failures), theoretical models, statistical studies, or state of the art reviews.
- * Although formal research methodology is not required, papers should develop clear positions or concepts.

Submission Requirements

- * Papers must be original-not published or presented elsewhere
- * Selected authors will make presentations at the conference
- * Papers (2-6 pages in length) must be submitted electronically to rsevart@watc.edu no later than September 7, 2012.

Evaluation - Papers will be judged on:

- Significance of topics (15 points)
- Development of concept and quality of organization (20 points)
- Clarity of ideas and objectives (10 points)

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Summary Joint Conference Schedule

An expanded schedule with session descriptions is available to be viewed or printed on 18 pages of legal-sized paper (8 1/2 x 14) at <http://nebraskalibraries.org/triconference2012/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/2012schedule+summaries.pdf>.

MPLA/NLA/NSLA CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 17-19, 2012

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Thursday, 8:00-8:50 am

| Room | Presentation Title or Meeting Type | Sponsor | Presenters |
|--------------|--|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Dapper I | Books That Make a Positive Difference | NSLA | Julia Cook |
| Dapper II | Web Apps for Library Staff and Patrons | PARA | Matthew Couch, Rebecca Stavick |
| Dapper III | Customer Service: Do You Have What It Takes? | PLTS | Joyce Neujahr, Sarah Letheby |
| Fedora I | MPLA Professional Forum - Starting at 7:30 AM | MPLA | Marcia Dority Baker |
| Fedora II | Preparing for Emergencies in Your Library | PLTS | Fire Chief Bill Bowes |
| Gatsby | Intellectual Freedom in the World of Social Media and Google | MPLA | Steven Irving |
| Windsor VII | The Future of Preservation: Sustainability of Collections | C&U, TSRT, MPLA | Gina Minks |
| Windsor VIII | Common Sense Media - Parent Media Education and Resources | NSLA | DeLayne Havlovic |
| Windsor IX | Patron-Driven Acquisitions of eBooks | TSRT | Elaine Westbrooks |
| Windsor X | Teach MEDLINEplus Like a Pro | C&U | Marty Magee |

Thursday, 9:00-9:50 am

| Room | Presentation Title or Meeting Type | Sponsor | Presenters |
|--------------|--|------------|--|
| Dapper I | Budget Building | NSLA | Courtney Pentland |
| Dapper II | Nebraska Public Library Accreditation Guidelines Renewed | PLTS | Richard Miller |
| Dapper III | 17 Things to Soak Up | NSLA | Carrie Turner |
| Fedora I | Library Student Panel Discussion | NMRT | Sarah Haack, Kathryn Brockmeier |
| Fedora II | Back to Basics with Local Author Robin Donovan | PLTS | Robin Donovan |
| Gatsby | Reviewing Books for Journals | MPLA, PLTS | Harry Willems |
| Windsor VII | Building eBook Buzz | PARA | Megan Boggs, Terry Wingate, Lindsey Bray |
| Windsor VIII | Pinterest: Showcasing Your Library | ITART | Amy Mather |
| Windsor IX | Do It Yourself Signage | MPLA | Gail Santy |
| Windsor X | Social Media + Reading = Goodreads | NSLA | Joy Harvey, Jill Annis |

Thursday, 10:00-10:50 am - Exhibit Break (Exhibitors Hall)

Thursday, 11:00-11:50 am

| Room | Presentation Title or Meeting Type | Sponsor | Presenters |
|--------------|--|------------|--|
| Fedora I | ITART Business Meeting | ITART | Becky Wymer |
| Fedora II | Tax Issues for Libraries & Foundations | PLTS | Steve Drzaic |
| Gatsby | It Takes a Village! Collaboration at Its Best | YART | Cathy McMahon, Lloyd Matthews, Anne Backer |
| Windsor VII | Dig Into Reading: Titles for the 2013 Summer Reading Program | PARA, SCYP | Sally Snyder |
| Windsor VIII | Open Your World: Creating a Brand Bigger than Books | PARA | Emily Getzschman |
| Windsor IX | There's an App for That 2 | NSLA | Melody Kenney, Heide Clarke |
| Windsor X | Creating Community Dialogue in the Library | MPLA | Nicole Sump-Crethar |

Thursday - Luncheons, 12:00-1:20 pm

Thursday - Keynote Speaker, Dr. Tom Osborne, 1:30-2:50 pm

Thursday, 3:00-3:50 pm

| Room | Presentation Title or Meeting Type | Sponsor | Presenters |
|--------------|---|----------------|---|
| Dapper I | Managing Electronic Resources: Shouldn't It be Easier by Now | C&U, ITART | Ann Kaste, Jon Ritterbush, Sabrina Riley |
| Dapper II | ePublication | NSLA | Carrie Turner, Sara Churchill |
| Dapper III | Innovation on a Shoestring: Free & Cheap Tools | ITART | Christa Burns, Louise Alcorn |
| Fedora I | Intellectual Freedom Committee | NLA | Linda Parker |
| Fedora II | TSRT Business Meeting | TSRT | Angela Kroeger |
| Gatsby | Learning4Life: Motivation and Engagement Infusion! | NSLA | Dr. Sherry Crow, Judy Henning, Angie Richeson |
| Manhattan II | YART Business Meeting | YART | Jake Rundle |
| Windsor VII | The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP): What It Is and What It Does for You | SCYP | Sally Snyder, Karen Drevo |
| Windsor VIII | A Change of Course: Redefining Libraries and the Delivery of Local Information Online, Part 1 | MPLA | Jason Walker |
| Windsor IX | Seed Libraries: A New Library Service Blooms in Pima Country | MPLA | Susannah Connor, Justine Hernandez, Libby Jones |
| Windsor X | Building a Staff Development Program | C&U | Tom McFarland |

Thursday, 4:00-4:50 pm

| Room | Presentation Title or Meeting Type | Sponsor | Presenters |
|--------------|---|----------------|--|
| Dapper I | Size Doesn't Matter: Use Responsive Design to Fit On Any Screen | ITART, MPLA | Roy Degler |
| Dapper II | Yoga at Work | PARA | Charissa Loftis |
| Dapper III | One Book Many Librarians | SCYP | Brenda Ealey, Rebecca Makkai |
| Fedora I | MPLA Business Meeting | MPLA | Dana Braccia |
| Fedora II | Simplifying Social Bookmarking | NSLA | Wendy Grojean, Tiffany Frost |
| Gatsby | Curating a Topic with Pinterest and Scoop.It | SCYP | Jenny Krzystowczyk, Ann Feldmann, Brent Catlett |
| Manhattan I | Diversity Committee Meeting | NLA | Kathryn Brockmeier |
| Manhattan II | New Member Round Table Meeting | NLA | Sarah Haack |
| Windsor VII | Dr. Seuss on the Loose: Read Across America Day Celebration! | SCYP | Deb Carlson, Nancy Escamilla |
| Windsor VIII | A Change of Course: Redefining Libraries and the Delivery of Local Information Online, Part 2 | MPLA | Jason Walker |
| Windsor IX | Native Daughters | NSLA | Paula Low, Carol Rempp, Renee Sans Souci |
| Windsor X | What You Should Be "Subjecting" Your Teens to: The Nonfiction Switch | YART | Lindsey Tomsu, Haley Christensen, Jodie Tolliver, Keyahna Wood |

Thursday, 5:00-6:30 pm - Exhibitors' Reception (Exhibitors Hall)**Thursday, 7:00-8:30 pm - Joint Awards Banquet and Show****Thursday, 9:00 pm-?? - Pub Quiz and Party**

Friday, 8:00-8:50 am

| Room | Presentation Title or Meeting Type | Sponsor | Presenters |
|--------------|---|----------------|--|
| Dapper I | Interactive Media-On-Demand | NSLA | Sandy White, Susan Sandoval, Melissa Engel |
| Dapper II | Google Apps You Can't Live Without | SCYP | Ann Feldmann, Brent Catlett, Jenny Krzystowczyk |
| Dapper III | Storytelling Tips & Techniques | SCYP | Sandra Wallick |
| Fedora I | Diversity: A Conversation with Miguel A. Figueroa, ATLA Director of Member Programs | NLA | Charlene Maxey-Harris, Miguel Figueroa, Kathryn Brockmeier |
| Fedora II | MPLA Board Meeting | MPLA | JaNae Kinikin |
| Gatsby | The Filter Bubble: Implications for Libraries | TSRT | Angela Kroeger |
| Sugarloaf | Food, Clothing, Shelter, and Libraries | MPLA | Cindy Osborne |
| Windsor VII | Information Literacy: Collaboration is the Key | C&U | Nathan Morgan, Dawn Irlbeck |
| Windsor VIII | Teaching with Primary Sources from the Library of Congress | NSLA | Kim Gangwish |
| Windsor IX | Building a Community of Readers | YART | Faye Friesen, Jake Rundle, Nikki Gengenbach |
| Windsor X | Pioneer's Progress | PLTS | Pat Leach |

Friday, 9:00-9:50 am

| Room | Presentation Title or Meeting Type | Sponsor | Presenters |
|--------------|--|----------------|--|
| Dapper I | Golden Sower, Part 1 | SCYP | Kathy Schultz |
| Dapper II | I Know You Are, But What Am I? Personality Types for Librarians | MPLA | Dan Chaney |
| Dapper III | Partnerships & Outreach : AARP Teams with Libraries | PARA | Robin Szwanek, Anna Wilcoxon, Cynthia Vana |
| Fedora I | Nebraska Broadband Builds Nebraska Communities -- Tapping into Partner Training & BTOP Progress Report | PLTS | JoAnn McManus |
| Fedora II | Re-Organizing the School Library | NSLA | Courtney Pentland, Kim Gangwish, Kim McCain |
| Gatsby | Managing Your On-Line Presence: From Accidental to Purposeful | C&U, ITART | Becky Wymer, Marcia Dority Baker |
| Sugarloaf | Building a Children's Library | PLTS | Krissy Nelson, Rebecca Brooks |
| Windsor VII | Personal Librarians: Engaging Students, Improving Retention, and Developing Lifelong Learners | C&U | Robin Bernstein, Lorraine Patrick, Becky Wymer |
| Windsor VIII | Holistic Programming: Building the Toolbox | ITART | Amy Mather, Micki Dietrich |
| Windsor IX | Teen Interns and Volunteers as Advocates for Teen Services | YART | Kathryn Brockmeier |
| Windsor X | Customer Service Means Convenience | PLTS | Laura Johnson |

Friday, 10:00-10:50 am

| Room | Presentation Title or Meeting Type | Sponsor | Presenters |
|--------------|--|----------------|---|
| Dapper I | Golden Sower, Part 2 | SCYP | Kathy Schultz |
| Dapper II | Notable Books | PLTS | Pat Leach |
| Dapper III | Who Needs a Collection Anyway? | MPLA | Andrew Smith, Adriane Herrick Juarez |
| Fedora I | Economic Development Programs for Nebraska Public | PLTS | Richard Miller, Kevin Anderson |
| Fedora II | Choose to Make a Difference with Social Action Research | NSLA | Jean Hellwege, Kim Ridder |
| Gatsby | Building Tech Confident Staff: Core Tech Skills for Library Staff | MPLA | Maribeth Turner |
| Sugarloaf | The Building of the New Kearney Public Library | NMRT | Christine Walsh, Shawna Lindner, Rita Horst |
| Windsor VII | Battling the Ancient Ones: Taking You to Another Dimension of Gaming | YART | Lindsey Tomsu |
| Windsor VIII | Training Library Ambassadors | C&U, MPLA | Jan Brue Enright |

Friday, 10:00-10:50 am (cont.)

| Room | Presentation Title or Meeting Type | Sponsor | Presenters |
|------------|--|---------|------------------------------|
| Windsor IX | Assess, Balance, Collaborate: ABCs of the 21st Century Library | MPLA | Tina Walker, Sky Seery |
| Windsor X | Pin Your Program! | NSLA | Bridget Kratt, Wendy Grojean |

Friday, 11:00-11:50 am - Exhibitor Break (Exhibitors Hall)**Friday, 12:00-1:20 pm - Luncheons****Friday, 1:30-2:20 pm**

| Room | Presentation Title or Meeting Type | Sponsor | Presenters |
|--------------|---|------------|--|
| Dapper I | Best New Children's Books of 2012 | PARA, SCYP | Sally Snyder |
| Dapper II | Nebraska Adult Author Panel, Part 1 | NLA | Brenda Ealey, Ladette Randolph, Joe Starita |
| Dapper III | Youth Services - Part of the Library's Strategic Plan | MPLA | Pat Leach, Francine Canfield |
| Fedora I | Nothing about NLA, NSLA and MPLA, without Deaf Cultures | PLTS | Alice Hagemeyer, Alec McFarlane, Rod Wagner |
| Fedora II | News Now! Creating Student-Generated Newscasts with the iPad2 | NSLA | Chris Haeffner |
| Gatsby | Practical Preservation Techniques | TSRT | Joyce Burner |
| Sugarloaf | Kids' Grief Kits in Your Library | SCYP | Nancy Hemesath, Brian Maass |
| Windsor VII | Back to the Future - The New Collection Revolution | PLTS | Amy Greenland, Robin Clark |
| Windsor VIII | Where am I going? Where am I now? How can I close the gap? | NSLA, SCYP | Lynne Wragge, Laura Pietsch |
| Windsor IX | Demystifying Job Postings: Find the Right Job and Ace the Interview, Part 1 | MPLA | Holly Rick, Anna Vaillancourt, Cindy Osborne |
| Windsor X | Emergency Preparedness Planning | TSRT | Valeria Orlandini |

Friday, 2:30-3:20 pm

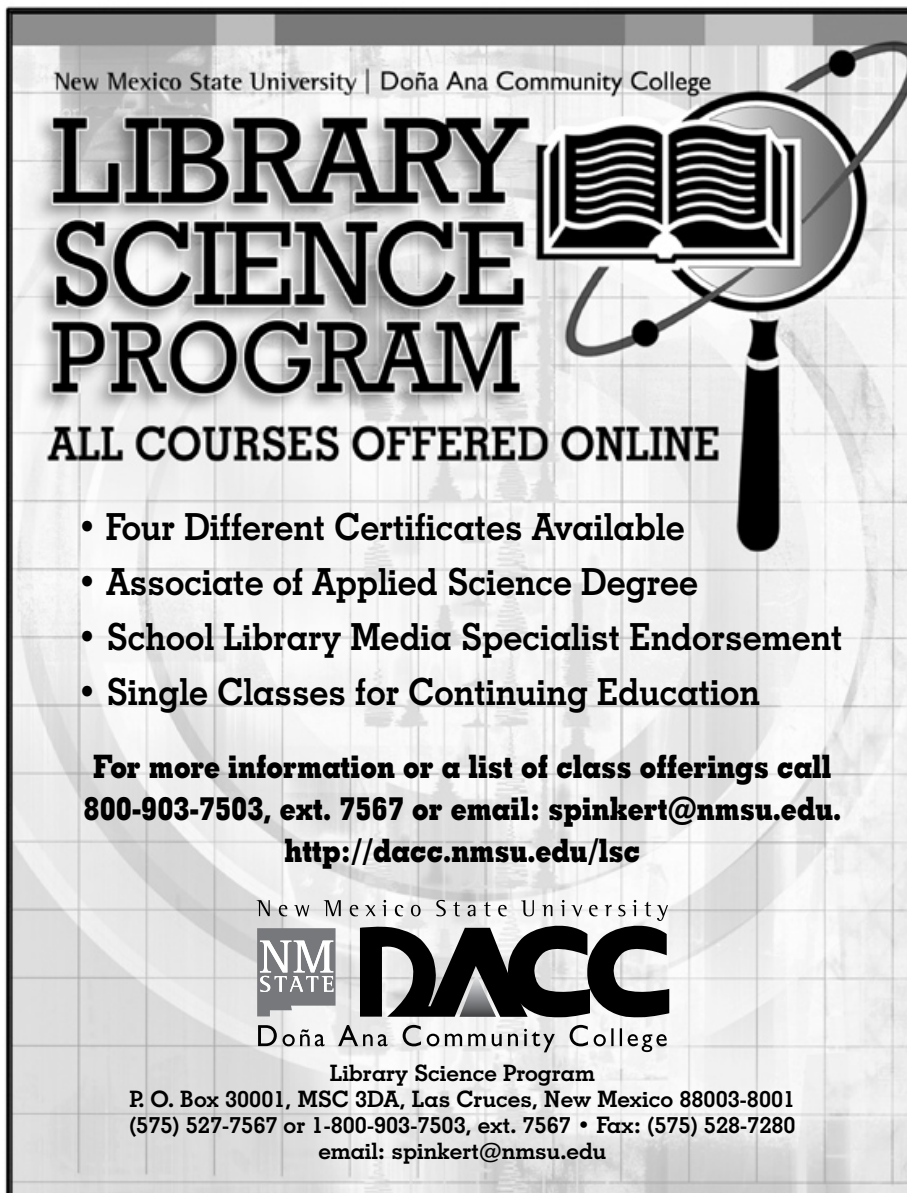
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| Dapper I | Best New Teen Books of 2012 | PARA & SCYP | Sally Snyder |
| Dapper II | Nebraska Adult Author Panel, Part 2 | NLA | Brenda Ealey, Ladette Randolph, Joe Starita |
| Dapper III | Supervision Fundamentals | PLTS | Nancy Busch, Joan Giesecke |
| Fedora I | Nebraska RDA Practice Group | TSRT | Casey Kralik, Corinne Jacox, Emily Nimsakont |
| Fedora II | President's Program: The Future of Libraries | MPLA, NLA | Jan Boyer, Dana Braccia |
| Gatsby | MBA Reflections: Reading the Past, Writing the Future. Can Libraries Take a Page From the Book of Business to Develop Strategies for Success? | MPLA | Adriane Herrick-Juarez |
| Sugarloaf | StoryWalk | PLTS | Amy Greenland |
| Windsor VII | Partnering for Job Success | PLTS | Jessica Chamberlain, Richard Miller, David Mixdorf |
| Windsor VIII | Connectivity and Hybridity: Scaffolded Curriculum for a Credit-Bearing Information Literacy Course | MPLA | Caleb Puckett |
| Windsor IX | Demystifying Job Postings: Find the Right Job and Ace the Interview, Part 2 | MPLA | Holly Rick |
| Windsor X | Building Deeper Knowledge through Enrichment | NSLA, SCYP | Beth Kabes |

MPLA By-Laws Notification of Proposed Change

Voting for MPLA Officers and a proposed change to the Bylaws will be done in August. This is the required advance notice to the MPLA membership of the following proposed Bylaws change, authorized by the Executive Board on May 11, 2012, which will be on the ballot.

Proposed addition to the MPLA Bylaws, to allow a substitute for a state representative to attend and vote in an Executive Board meeting.

6.4.3 If a representative is unable to attend an Executive Board meeting, the President of that representative's state association may appoint a substitute to attend and vote in that meeting by giving written advance notice to the MPLA President and Executive Secretary, provided that the substitute is a current member of both MPLA and the state association.

A graphic advertisement for the Library Science Program. It features a magnifying glass over an open book, with a planet and orbital lines in the background. The text is arranged in a grid-like pattern.

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MPLA Election August 13-24

Online voting for MPLA Officers and By-Laws Change will be August 13-24. Current MPLA members will be eligible to vote.

Officer candidates are:

Vice-President/President-Elect

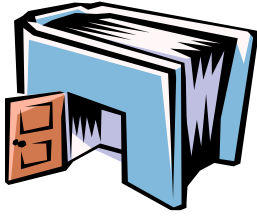
Dana Boden
Wendy Wendt

Recording Secretary

Lea Briggs
Diana Weaver

For information on the candidates see the MPLA website: www.mpla.us.

Welcome New MPLA Members



Jaylene Blair
Librarian
North Logan Library; North Logan,
UT

Stephanie Goodliffe
Librarian, Salt Lake City Public
Library
Salt Lake City, UT

Kim Griffiths
Library Director, Tremonton City
Library; Tremonton, UT

Barbara Hopkins
District Media Specialist, Canyon
School District, Sandy, UT

Nick Josten
Student, University of British
Columbia School of Library Science
Carson City, NV

Suzu Sammann
Library Assistant, Salt Lake City
Public Library, Salt Lake City, UT

Verlene Shafer
Library Media Endorsement
Program Director, Southern Utah
University, Cedar City, UT,

David Shaw
Librarian, Stevens Henager College
Murray, UT

Phuong Vu
Youth Services Librarian Herriman
Library, Salt Lake County Library,
Salt Lake City, UT

Jamie Weeks
Associate Curator of University
Archives and Digital Collections
Weber State University, Stewart
Library; Ogden, UT

Colorado Library Assists Residents Evacuated from Wild Fire

from

<http://atyourlibrary.org/libraries/librarians-respond-emergencies>

The **Poudre River Public Library District** assisted residents evacuated during a major Colorado wildfire. As reported in an article in the Denver *Post*, the Poudre River Public Library District played a valuable role in assisting residents who had been evacuated during the High Park fire near Fort Collins.

Librarians set up a table in the corner of a Community Center in Larimer County, where evacuees were taking shelter. The library provided books, toys, cartoons, and games for kids plus Internet-connected laptops available for families.

Library Director **Holly Carroll** said when the emergency began

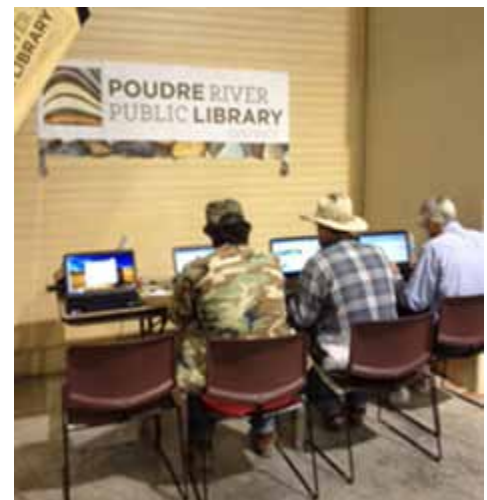
in June, staff discussed whether it could use a grant-funded mobile lab. "So our outreach manager immediately made a contact with county offices and with the Red Cross, and the first evacuation center was set up at one of the middle schools," in



an area close to the fire, north of the city of Fort Collins. At that center and its subsequent locations, the library provided essential services.

The center also provided information by projecting the most recent fire maps. News forecasts were also projected.

Also, outside the evacuation center, the library created a website with critical links and information, including the sheriff's Twitter account and the Red Cross website and fire maps.



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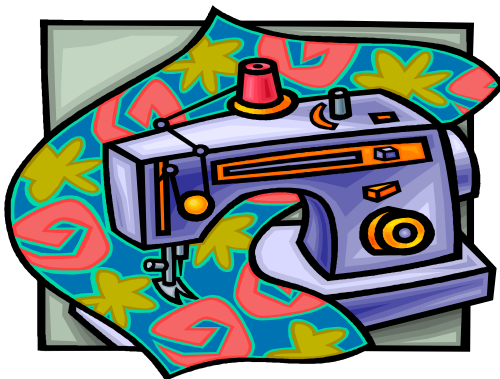
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ARIZONA

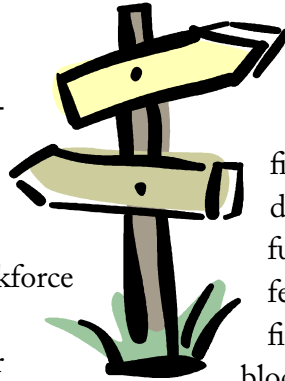
The 2012 **Arizona Library Association** Regional Forum will be hosted by the Yavapai County Free Library District and Yavapai College Library on August 9. Sessions include a Project Compass Workforce Recovery Workshop with Betha Gutsche, Program Manager, Webjunction.org, Parker Anderson as Governor George W. P. Hunt in a Sharlot Hall Museum Performance with Book Signing. There will also be a tour of the Yavapai-Prescott Tribal Library.

MPLA member **Daphne Gill**, Arizona State University Noble Science and Engineering Library Manager, moderates a YouTube video meeting with Child Drama Collection Curator Katherine Krzys to take a peek into the library collection of stage costumes from designer Irene Corey. See it at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b587sKBAocU&feature=youtu.be>. Daphne was a participant in the MPLA 2012 Leadership Institute.

“Sew Much Fun,” is a series of sewing classes for beginners held at the Foothills branch of the **Yuma County Library**. One project was a centennial book bag for the summer reading program. Classes are free. Participants are encouraged to bring their own portable sewing machines.



The Fun Van from the **Apache Junction Public Library** is returning to the **Arizona City Library**. Parents join pre-schoolers at the weekly programs to learn pre-literacy skills. The Fun Van is funded



through First Things First and uses the “Parents as Teachers” curriculum.

Arizona’s public schools and libraries must filter all computers that are available to children or risk losing 10 percent of their state funding, according to a new law set to take effect August 1. Part of the bill’s language specifies what content schools and libraries must block, describing it as “visual depictions that are child pornography, harmful to minors or obscene.” The law also states that schools and libraries must create a policy to enforce the ban on these materials, and they must make the rules available to the public. Libraries can unblock filters if an adult needs to access blocked material. If a school or library doesn’t comply it has 60 days to change the policy. After that, the state can withhold up to 10 percent of funding until the problem is resolved.

Melinda Cervantes began as director of **Pima County Public Library** in mid-May. She was previously Director of the Santa Clara (CA) County Library. Cervantes was at one time Director of the Pinal County Library District in Arizona, and has also held library management positions in Alaska, California, Ohio, and Oregon. She was named Librarian of the Year by the Arizona Library Association in 1997 and by the California Library Association in 2010.

COLORADO

Libraries in Colorado have assisted in the recent outbreak of wildfires in the state. The **Poudre River Public Library District** set up mobile labs for High Park fire evacuees. <http://collaborativelibrarianship.wordpress.com/2012/06/11/mobile-labs-in-times-of-crisis-high-park-fire-poudre-river-public-library-district/> The **Colorado Department of Education** has a page of resources for “Library Services in Wild-

fire-affected areas.” See <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/wildfires.htm>.

MPLA member **Camila Alire** has accepted the Presidential nomination for Member, National Council on the Humanities. Dr. Alire is Past-President of ALA and Dean Emerita at the University of New Mexico and Colorado State University. She has also served as Dean/Director of Libraries at University of Colorado at Denver. She currently serves as adjunct Professor of Practice for Simmons College’s PhD program in Managerial Leadership in the Information Professions and has served as adjunct professor at San Jose University Executive MLIS program.

Douglas County Libraries Business Librarian, **Colbe Galston** received First Place in the Spring 2012 South Metro Denver Small Business Development Center NxLevel Business Plan Competition. Her plan was in competition with all types of business proposals. The 28-page document discusses the



BizInfo research service of the Douglas County Libraries and includes a review of the information service industry’s background and trends, customers and competitors of the service, product and services descriptions, market analysis and cash flow projections.

Colorado State University has completed its **Morgan Library** expansion project. Designed by architectural firm Studiotrope, the project involved construction of a new student study space. The architect was challenged to create a sleek, all glass

cube, which in addition to offering a comfortable, quiet study space for the students would be sustainable to achieve a minimum of LEED Silver certification. Studiotrope used glass with an electronically controlled glazing that changes tint on demand



in response to changing daylight conditions, so that the glass automatically darkens or clears as needed. The extension of the library also includes a commons area that

consist of a digital production studio for students and faculty.

MPLA member **Rose Nelson** was recently promoted to Assistant Director of the Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries and began her new duties July 1. In this position she is responsible for managing the Prospector regional catalog <http://www.coalition.org/prospector> and the Gold Rush ERMS/linker/A-Z service <http://goldrush.coalition.org>. In addition, she will provide administrative back-up for the executive director. Rose was formerly a Systems Librarian at the Alliance. Before that she served as a Technology Consultant at the Colorado State Library for five years where she managed several Gates grant programs and was the E-rate coordinator and trainer for Colorado libraries. After completing her MLIS, Rose started her professional career in libraries as a Regional Technology Consultant at the South Central Kansas Library System in Hutchinson Kansas. Rose participated in the MPLA 2012 Leadership Institute.



Douglas County Libraries has adopted a new brand identity to reflect its role as an innovative leader among libraries, and its mission to advocate for

literacy and lifelong exploration and discovery. The new brand identity includes a new logo for the library district, which will be introduced to the public over a 12-month period beginning August 1. The library's rebranding process was rooted in extensive public research that garnered input from more than 4,000 community members. Online and telephone surveys, in-person interviews and focus groups led to a new library brand focused on innovation, exploration and discovery. The new logo is reminiscent of a tree, symbolizing growth, or of pathways, symbolizing exploration. It evokes Douglas County Libraries' core values: deliver books and more, serve all, build literacy, explore and discover, be friendly and helpful, blaze a trail, create connections, and make it work. The public is invited to a brown-bag lunch and panel discussion with members of Douglas County Libraries' branding and core values task forces on August 16.



Diana Reese, Coordinator of Institutional Library Development, Colorado State Library retired recently. She is a well-known advocate of correctional librarianship and worked extensively with Colorado Department of Corrections libraries.



KANSAS

After almost 30 years as Kansas Room librarian, MPLA member **Mary Ann Thompson** has retired from the Hays Public Library. She holds two degrees in history, as well as a master's degree in library science specializing in historic collections. She started work in the Dorothy Richards Kansas Room in 1985. During that time, she has helped the library and community

host numerous historical displays, outstanding speakers, and special events. The Kansas Room Library collection now contains information about Hays, Ellis County, the Western U.S., genealogy, Volga Germans, and Hays historical walking tours. Mary Ann has also authored *Hays the 1930s* and edited books on the life of General George Armstrong Custer. The library hosted a retirement reception in her honor on June 1.



MPLA member **Dan Ireton** is presenting at the 7th International Conference on the Arts in Society in Liverpool. His presentation is titled "The New Mythology: Heroes Yesterday and Today." He compares heroes from Homeric Epics to today's comic book superheroes, drawing some parallels, and discussing how this can be used in teaching mythology (ie, Achilles was the Superman of his day, etc.) He is also showing how comics, especially as they move more and more into the public consciousness with film, create a similar shared experience today and make the fans part of a community. Dan is Assistant Professor at Kansas State University Hale Library and is Kansas Representative to MPLA.

Dodge City Public Library recently presented an Immigration Forum / Foro de Inmigración. Kansas City Immigration attorneys Alejandro Solorio & Janell Avila provided an open public forum regarding the latest developments in immigration law, including the new DREAMer Deferred Action opportunity for youth. The program was free and held in both English & Spanish.

The **Southwestern College Deets Library** has been awarded a \$4,357 grant from the South Central Kansas Library System (SCKLS). According to library director **Veronica McAsey**, the grant will help fund a library automation upgrade.

Author Brian Stuckey discussed his book *Hallowed Hardwood: Vintage Basketball Gyms of Kansas*, at the **Newton Public Library**.



President Barack Obama has nominated **Christie Pearson Brandau**, retired state librarian and adjunct professor at Emporia State University's School of Library and Information Management, to the National Museum and Library Services Board. She served as state librarian of Kansas and Michigan. Brandau also worked at the State Library of Iowa, North Central Iowa Regional Library, and in public libraries in Osage and Riceville, Iowa.

MONTANA

Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks teamed up with libraries across Montana to provide lifejackets for free checkout at libraries this summer. Sizes fit infants, children and adults. Montana law requires children under 12 to wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket and all boats must have a life jacket available for each person on board.

Jane Hall, 67, retired library director of Montana State University (MSU) Billings, died May 28 of cancer. In addition to devoting her working hours to helping students and the library, she volunteered many hours raising money for the MSU Billings Foundation, served on the foundation board, and co-chaired for two years, with her husband, the Wine and Food Festival that supported scholarships. As her retirement gift, the British-born Howell donated a bright red British phone booth to the library.

Whitefish Community Library employees have agreed to donate about 75 books to a statewide effort to send books to Myanmar, where residents continue to rebuild after a devastating cyclone hit in 2008. Other libraries that have agreed to donate books include 22 from the Parnly Billings Library, 35 from the Montana State University-Billings library, 20 from the Butte-Silverbow Library and six from the

Rocky Mountain Laboratories Library in Hamilton. Libraries in Missoula, Helena and Great Falls have agreed to donate as well. The book donation effort is spearheaded by the Nargis Library Recovery and the NLR Interest Group of the Montana Library Association. The organizations have a goal of distributing 600,000 books to 250 libraries in Myanmar by the end of the year, with a final goal of 1 million books.

NEBRASKA

An open house in May honored **Lauren Reidesel** for 35 years' service as **Beatrice Public Library** Director. Lauren also recently received the Beatrice Sertoma Club's *Service to Mankind Award* and the Nebraska Center for the Book's *Mildred Bennett Award*. The Bennett award recognized Lauren's significant contribution and

long service to Nebraska's cultural heritages. Her focus on fostering literary development throughout the state was especially noted by the award committee. **Marvel Maring**, a University of Nebraska – Omaha librarian and artist, donated the artwork for Lauren's award.



A record-breaking 70,923 young readers from across Nebraska selected this year's winners and honor books. The books are:

Primary (Grades Kindergarten through 3) Winner

Dewey: There's a Cat in the Library! by Vicki Myron and Bret Witter, illustrated by Steve James

Honor Books

I Need My Monster by Amanda Noli, illustrated by Howard McWilliam

Help Me, Mr. Mutt! Expert Answers for Dogs with People Problems by Janet Stevens and Susan Stevens Crummel, illustrated by Janet Stevens

Intermediate (Grades 4 through 6) Winner

Closed for the Season by Mary Downing Hahn

Honor Books

Dying to Meet You by Kate Klise, illustrated by M. Sarah Klise

The Magic Thief by Sarah Prineas

Young Adult (Grades 6 through 9) Winner

The Compound by Stephanie A. Bodeen

Honor Books

Graceling by Kristin Cashore

The Juvie Three by Gordon Korman

The **Shirley Kreutz Bennet Fund** provides financial support to Nebraska public libraries in communities smaller than 3,000 residents. Approximately \$70,000.00 is available for annual awards. The 2012 recipients are:

- **Bridgeport Public Library** (\$20,000.00) for its expansion project into an adjacent City building to add a children's area, circulation desk, work space, and archival storage.
- **Morrill Public Library** (\$8,500.00) to remodel the east side of its building.
- **Ponca Carnegie Library** (\$2,500.00) to expand its daycare outreach program.
- **Tekamah Carnegie Library Foundation** (\$20,000.00) to help with its million dollar improvement project to add a new addition and renovate the existing library built in 1916.

The **Republican Valley Library System** held its 2012 Summer Reading Program Workshop at the newly remodeled Arapahoe Public Library in March. 41 participants from 24 libraries had a fun-filled day centered on this year's theme, *Dream Big...READ!* The event included crafts, program ideas, books, puppets, door prizes, and lunch at Cunningham's Feed, a local restaurant. Each attendee left with a "dream" gift bag from the Arapahoe library staff.



Summer Reading Program Workshop at Arapahoe Public Library

MPLA member **Debbie Aden**, Reference Desk Assistant at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, has accepted a second job at the **Waverly Community**



Library. Her first library job was in Billings, Montana. Debbie also plays the flute in the Lincoln Community Concert Band and was formerly a zookeeper for 15 years. She is a 2012 graduate of the MPLA Library Leadership Institute.

Although the new, modern 7,150 square-foot **North Bend Public Library** building opened on April 30, it was formally dedicated at Fremont's Old Settler Days celebration on June 23. The \$1.5 million dollar library includes a computer lab, community room, and lots of space for both patrons and programs. In-kind donations and volunteer hours were major contributions to the capital campaign. The first

fundraiser, a bake sale, was held during Fremont's Old Settler Days in 2007. As Jana Post, Library Foundation President, remarked, "Here we are today to celebrate what can transpire when a community dreams big and works together to make that dream a reality."



Cooling Off After the North Bend Public Library Dedication

The **Eastern and Southeastern Library Systems** hosted the spring colloquium at the Embassy Suites in LaVista (site of the MPLA/NLA/NLSA tri-conference) on June 28th. Four students from the University of Nebraska – Omaha and the University of Missouri – Columbia library science programs presented papers. The papers were originally written and presented as part of a *Managing Collections* class. The presenters and their papers were:

Jennifer Barnason – *Breaking Down the Walls and Seeing the Big Picture*

Megan Klein-Hewett – *The Internet is What We Make It*

Jacob Lee – *Swim the Information Ocean: Listen to Your Dog; and Sell it, Baby, Sell It...*

MPLA member **Brian Maass** – *The Crowd is in Charge!*

The **Nebraska Educational Media Association** (NEMA) announces that the organization's members approved a name change to the **Nebraska School Librarians Association (NSLA)** effective July 1, 2012. The organization, which has been in existence since 1969, chose the name change to align with the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) who voted in 2010 to adopt "school librarian" as the official name of the profession. The leadership of AASL says the title "school librarian" sufficiently reflects the role of the 21st-century library professional as a leader, instructional partner, information specialist, teacher, and program administrator.

NEVADA

Ellen Fockler, MPLA Nevada Representative, reports that summer reading programs are in full swing throughout the state, including a few school libraries. The theme is Dream Big – Read! with many activities focusing on nighttime, star watching, and the curious things that happen in summer after dark. **Churchill County Library** supports their summer reading program with their Teddy Bear Tea, to which children (and some adults) bring costumed teddy bears and compete for prizes in various categories. In **Washoe County**, among other items, participants can win a telescope! At the **Henderson** and **Las Vegas-Clark County** libraries, the theme includes a Teen reading program called "Own the Night" and a photography contest with an "After Hours" theme. In the **Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library System**, children can participate in weekly drawings, sky watching,



Lego activities, and a Create Your Own Planet contest. An adult summer reading program, *Between the Covers*, features a

photography contest, Night Images, and a program centered on nocturnal animals of the area. At the **Las Vegas-Clark County Library District**, the theme includes a Rubber Ducky Reading Club for little ones.

NEW MEXICO

The American Library Association-Allied Professional Association (ALA-APA) announced that it has completed an agreement with the **New Mexico State University-Doña Ana Community College** (DACC) that will allow the graduates, who meet the established criteria from their online Library Science Program, to receive the Library Support Staff Certification (LSSC) designation. MPLA member **Susan Pinkerton** heads the program. See more information in the Library Education column on page 34.

The **East Mountain Library** staff received “The Outstanding Citizen Award” for their “exceptional contribution to the East Mountain Community” at the 11th Annual East Mountain Celebration in May.



Library staff pictured include Deborah Hayba, Branch Manager, Jeanette Hennie, Library Paraprofessional, Amy DiBello, Circulation Supervisor, Kathleen Mahoney, Circulation Clerk, and Joy Lancaster, Circulation Clerk

Ben Wakashige, Director of the Central New Mexico Community College Library, retired at the end of May. Library professionals from around the country attended a reception on May 28, hosted by CNM. Ben began his forty-year library career in Alabama in 1972 at Birmingham-Southern College. His career also took him to universities and colleges in Maine, Texas, Oregon, and Colorado, primarily in Library administration. Ben spent much of his career in New Mexico, where he worked in school libraries at Zuni High School and

Albuquerque Academy; state universities including Western New Mexico University as Library Director and Acting Vice President of Academic Affairs; University of Albuquerque, National American University, and he was New Mexico's State Librarian. Other accomplishments include teaching as a visiting professor at the University of New Mexico, as well as consulting

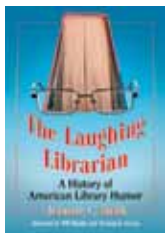


for Albuquerque Public Libraries. He concluded his career at Central New Mexico Community College, balancing the demands of college library administration with a return to government service, as interim State Librarian in Santa Fe. In 2011 the New Mexico Library Association presented Ben with a lifetime achievement award in acknowledgement of his many accomplishments and dedication to libraries in New Mexico and beyond.

The **Online Audiovisual Catalogers (OLAC)** 2012 conference will be at the Albuquerque Downtown Hyatt October 18-21. OLAC attendees will get top-notch cataloging education from nationally known speakers and trainers. The last time OLAC was held in the west was 2006. For a full description of the workshops, keynotes, and pre-conferences see <http://olac2012.weebly.com/workshops.html>

Jeanette Smith is the first librarian at New Mexico State University to receive a Distinguished Achievement Professorship award. The university award recognizes tenured faculty at the rank of Professor who have achieved an exceptionally

outstanding record and who demonstrate a record of continued extraordinary contribution. Jeanette is also the author of a new book, "The Laughing Librarian: A History of American Library Humor" published by McFarland and Company. She examines library humor between 1876, when the American Library Association was founded, and the year 2000 and finds examples humor which span light to dark, and broad to edgy from inside and outside the profession. It covers a wide range of topics from library quiet to the sexy librarian, the library superhero, the fear of libraries and librarians, and librarian activism.



New Mexico State University Librarian John C. Sandstrom is one of thirty-three new councilors-at-large elected for three-year terms on the ALA



(American Library Association) Council. Association and the American Library Association.

New Mexico State University Library employee Mary Covarrubias-Chavarria recently received the 2012 Carl Faubion Outstanding Library Staff Employee of the Year Award.



Mary is the Circulation Coordinator in the Library's Access Services Department. The award recognizes her leadership within Access Services and for her many contributions to the Library and its users. The award was made possible by former NMSU President James E. Halligan and Mrs. Ann E. Halligan, who established the Carl Faubion Memorial Endowment for the NMSU Library in 2007 in memory of the late Carl Faubion, Mesilla Valley farmer and former NMSU regent.

On June 5 Mayor Richard J. Berry cut the ribbon at the reopening of the Special Collections Library of the **Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Libraries**. The free public open house was held on Saturday, June 9 and featured music by the Asher Barreras Jazz Combo Concert and flute and harp duo Two Roses. Art work in the renovated building includes a new public art piece called *The Book Warden*, created by the late Melissa Zink plus restored Gustave Baumanns decorative paintings. The 1925 Pueblo Spanish Revival-style building is a registered Albuquerque landmark in the historic



Huning-Highlands neighborhood. The Special Collections Library houses the New Mexico Collection featuring 9,000 books on New Mexico history and culture, with an emphasis on the Albuquerque area. Supplementary resources include over 200 regional periodicals (current and defunct), a complete set of topographical maps for the state, other historic maps, City of Albuquerque documents, pamphlets, postcards, and biographical information. Special files include archival materials on Ernie Pyle and Professor Dorothy Cline, and a centennial history of the Albuquerque Public Library.

The **New Mexico State University Library Dean's Office** has a display of several retablos from the University's Permanent Collection on loan to the Library from the University Art Gallery. A unique artistic tradition of nineteenth century Mexico, retablos are popular expressions of faith painted on small sheets of tin-coated iron. Retablos were not originally created as art objects, but were functional everyday items used for home worship. Pilgrims who traveled roadways such as El Camino Real between Mexico City and Santa Fe stopped at shrines along the way,



leaving their devotional images behind. NMSU holds the largest public collection of retablos in the United States. From 1963 to 1973, more than 1,700 retablos were donated to the University.

University of New Mexico Libraries recently added a collection of 80 Native American children's language books (<http://econtent.unm.edu/cdm4/browse.php?CISOROOT=%2Fchildren>) to the New Mexico Digital Collections site. The collection is largely Navajo language readers but some other languages such as Tewa are also represented. Like all children's book they are illustrated with drawings to help young children learn to read and spell. They were produced by various U.S. Government departments as well as the University of New Mexico and other organizations. This collection should be of interest not only to language teachers, learners, and preservationists and researchers interested in the history of Native American education in the Southwest.

MPLA members **Kathy Barco** and **Valerie Nye** were interviewed by Laura Weiss for *School Library Journal* about their book *True Stories of Censorship Battles in America's Libraries*. See the complete interview at (http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/slj/home/894424-312/interview_kathy_barcos_new_book.html.csp)

Vaunda Micheaux Nelson, Rio Rancho author and youth services librarian at the **Esther Bone Memorial Library** has earned the Boston Globe-Horn Book Awards for Excellence in Children's Literature fiction award for her book about a great-uncle who opened a well-known bookstore in Harlem with close ties to the civil rights movement. The documentary fiction book, "No Crystal Stair," chronicles the history of the National Memorial African Bookstore and its owner Lewis Michaux, who believed African-Americans should educate themselves, Nelson said. She uses several voices in the



book, including that of her great-uncle. Her source material is family history, transcripts of interviews, FBI files, articles, pamphlets and interviews she conducted with people who knew her great-uncle. Nel-



son became interested in her great-uncle after realizing he had an impact on her peers, but at first she did not intend to write a book about him. She started digging into the family history and the more she discovered the more curious she became. She broad-

ened her search to other sources, ultimately writing a book.

NORTH DAKOTA

The North Dakota Library Association's annual conference will be held at the Best West-



ern Doublewood Inn & Conference Center in Fargo this September 19-22. See the conference site for more information: <http://www.ndlaonline.org/Conference/12conf.htm>. MPLA represen-

tative Eric Stroshane says, "Did I mention the Unshelved guys are going to be there?"

The **North Dakota Library Coordinating Council** and the **North Dakota State Library** held a Digital Materials Workshop in July on the collection, production, and maintenance of digital materials. Bill Walker, Imaging Field Services Officer for Amigos Library Services presented the workshop.

The **North Dakota State Library** recently taught a summer class on searching online library resources. This class was offered for continuing education credit and was taught at both the Grand Forks Public Library and the Bismarck State College Library.

The **North Dakota State Library** will conduct a colloquium targeted at directors and board members of small and medium-sized public libraries August 7-8. Topics to be covered include drafting effective library policies, best practices for hiring staff and volunteers, and the application process for establishing a 501(c)(3) non-profit library foundation.

The **North Dakota State Library, North Dakota Heritage Center, Bismarck Veterans Memorial Library, and Morton Mandan Public Library** hosted their annual joint Summer Reading Kickoff Event on the state capitol grounds in June. Approximately 3,500 children attended the event. First Lady Betsy Dalrymple, Lieutenant Governor Drew Wrigley, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Wayne Sanstead, Chief Justice Gerald VandeWalle, Bismarck Mayor John Warford, State Librarian Hulén Bivins, Bismarck Public Library Director Kristi Harms, Linda Austin from the Morton Mandan Public Library, and Miss Sparkles from the Bismarck Public Library each hosted a story time. There were also puppet shows, activities, and a variety of other children's entertainments.



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Taking a different approach to the summer reading kickoff, the **Underwood Public Library** hosted a late afternoon "sleepover" pajama party for the children of their community. This was the first time that Underwood held a kickoff event for their reading program, and by all accounts Library Director **Harmony Higbie** brought it off with rousing success.

The **Valley City State University** dedicated a sculpture in memory and appreciation of Carole King Jefferson. While working at the Allen Memorial Li-

brary, Carole King Jefferson developed the Curriculum Library, a vast and unique collection of educational materials. She mentored countless university students, faculty, and area teachers. The sculpture is permanently located at the south entrance to the Allen Memorial Library.

Daphne Drewello retired as Director of the **James River Valley Library System**. She served as director of the Alfred Dickey Public Library and the James River Valley Library System (formed by the merger of the public library with the Stutsman County Library) for a combined 33 years. New library director is **Joe Rector**.



River Valley Library System board member Lynn Krueger presenting Daphne Drewello with a plaque during her retirement party at the Alfred Dickey Public Library

The city of Bismarck recognized several **Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library** employees for their years of service: 5 years: **Debb Lorenz, Sarah Matthews, Ann Mayher, Gwyn Ridenhour**; 10 years: **Stephanie Arbach, Mary Miller**; 20 years: **June Preszler**; 25 year: **LaVilla Opp**; 35 years: **Jennifer Jones**; 40 years: **Mary Jane Schmaltz**.



A photo of Jennifer Jones, Mayor John Warford, and Sarah Matthews at the City of Bismarck's Annual Service Awards Ceremony

Both the **Dickinson Area Public Library** and the **Linton Public Library** recently held events inspired by the award-winning book *Sundogs and Sunflowers: Folklore and Folk Art of the Northern Great Plains*.

The **Griggs County Library** has joined the North Dakota Library2Go OverDrive consortium, and is now offering downloadable eBooks, eAudiobooks, and videos to their patrons.

On May 31, the **Morton Mandan Public Library** publicly unveiled their new bookmobile. Their previous bookmobile served them faithfully for 23 years and over 240,000 miles. The new bookmobile is ADA accessible and as of this writing, still has that “new bookmobile smell.”



The **Valley City Barnes County Public Library** recently held a salad luncheon fundraiser—feeding 135 people from 40 donated salads and raising \$739.

The **Hebron Public Library** opened at their new location on June 1. City Librarian **Jean Pascual** said that it took 20 volunteers three days to move everything over to the new building and two more days to secure the shelving and get everything in its place.

Tina Grenier, Head of Collection Management at North Dakota State College of Science Mildred Johnson Library was accepted to attend the AACC (American Association of Community Colleges) Future Leadership Institute in Baltimore, Maryland in June. Tina was a participant in the MPLA 2012 Leadership Institute.



The **Oklahoma Library Association** welcomed new 2012-2013 President **Sarah Robbins**

July 1. Sarah, Director of Public Relations & Strategic Initiatives at the University of Oklahoma Libraries, hosted the annual OLA Leadership Retreat at the Noble Foundation in Ardmore and began the new year by inviting librarians to become more active in the association encouraging members to “Be The Change”.



Leslie Langley, Wister Branch Manager, is the new Oklahoma Representative to MPLA. She is a past president of the Oklahoma Library Association and member of the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL).

In a feature on the ARSL website Leslie says “Wister is a tiny town with a population of 1,025 but my service area



is large and we serve about 3000 people. The school is the largest employer but there are two cattle auctions that bring hundreds of people here each Saturday....Wister Library is the business center and ‘visiting’ place in our town. The coffee is always on and we’ve watched strong friendships and business alliances form.”

Paula Settoon is new Dean of the Learning Resources Center at Tulsa Community College.

Buckley Public Library, a branch of the Southeastern Public Library System of Oklahoma in Poteau is getting a new home and a new name. Ground-breaking and construction began in July for the new 21,000 square foot **Patrick Lynch Public Library**. Director **Nancy B. Hamlin** reports that the building should be completed by May of 2013.



According to MPLA Representative **Leslie Langley**, “small victories and bullets dodged sums up the results of the 2012 legislative session in Oklahoma.” Several bills affecting municipal libraries and their board representation were passed. The Oklahoma

Department of Libraries ended up with a flat budget, which is good news considering proposed cuts. Two measures that would weaken or eliminate school media programs were quietly defeated. Problematic news included, along with several measures affecting school libraries, a proposed constitutional amendment that will be placed on the November ballot that would exempt all intangible property from taxation. The passage of this could mean serious harm to library system revenues so OLA will continue to work with other organizations to defeat the amendment in the upcoming election.

The Marlowe National Guard armory, a 1936 art deco building, is being redesigned to be the new home of the **Garland Smith Public Library**. Library Director **Lois Bannister** said the building is slated for completion at the end of 2013 and the new 16,000 square foot facility will more than triple their existing space.

Library Director **Patti Lehman** announced that the **Antlers Public Library** received a \$25,000 Cause And Effect grant from State Farm enabling the expansion and update of the library. The library was one of 40 winners in a competitive Facebook initiative in the spring.



The **OK Virtual Library**, a consortium of 32 libraries in Oklahoma who have pooled their resources to offer patrons downloadable ebooks, audiobooks and music, received nationwide attention in late June through Dear Abby, a syndicated newspaper column. A **Stillwater Public Library** patron discovered the joy of e-resources and shared with the world!

According to **Ellen Duecker**, Director of Library Media Services, **Tulsa Public Schools** have completed the construction of three new libraries at MacArthur, Jones and Zarrow International Elementary Schools, thanks to a 2010 voter approved School Library bonds.

The **Guymon Public Library** recently broke ground for a new library building. According to Director Rachel Sides, the library is a recipient of the largest USDA grant awarded in Oklahoma and that combined with a grant from the Nash Foundation local charity and a \$.01 sales tax will make the \$4.6 million facility a new Guymon landmark.

The **Metropolitan Library System in Oklahoma City** opened the doors to a new branch library in May. The new Northwest Library serves northwest Oklahoma City and County. The system's third largest library at 35,000 square feet features a collection of 156,000 items.



SOUTH DAKOTA

The **Brookings Public Library** had a presence in the local 4th of July parade. MPLA member and Past-President **Elvita Landau** is Director.



The **South Dakota State Library** held its annual Library Institute June 3-8 at Northern State University in Aberdeen. The 2012 theme was “Conquering your library issues one step at a time.” Guest lecturer was Library Consultant and MPLA member **Mary Bushing**, who spoke on the topics of collection development and reference services. Other topics included South Dakota State Library online resources, grant and E-government resources, Braille and talking book services, social media and more.



Institute Participants

The **South Dakota State Library** held its 1st Annual School Library Boot Camp in July on the campus of Black Hills State University in Spearfish. The event is designed for school librarians, paraprofessionals, teachers and administrators. The theme was “ShaZam! The Transformation of the 21st Century School Library”. The 2012 curriculum focused on new state and national library standards, information literacy, South Dakota State Library online resources, emerging technologies and more.

UTAH

MPLA member **Britton Lund**, formerly Director of the Washington County Library System in St. George, is now Mobile Library Supervisor at the Utah State Library. She says, “We have 9 trucks serving 13 counties in rural Utah all over the state. I supervise 18 staff...it’s like having 9 branches spread over hundreds of miles bringing library service to remote and rural areas that would not have library service otherwise. It’s good work with great people!”

The *Salt Lake Tribune* reports that the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is criticizing a Utah school district’s decision to remove a children’s library book about lesbian parents raising children.

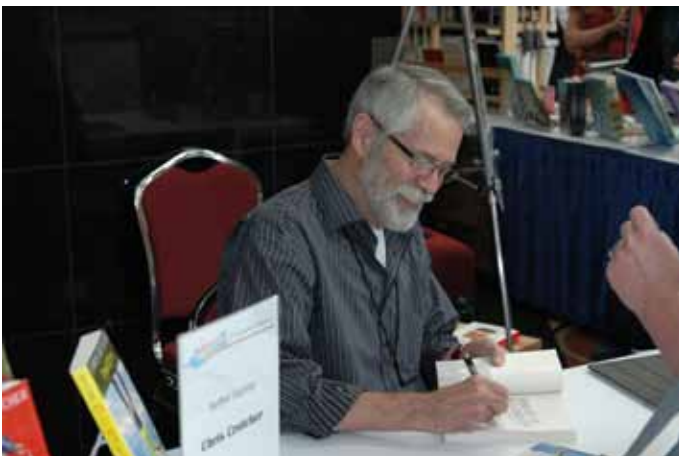
The **Salt Lake City Main Library** is holding its 4th annual Alternative Press Fest. The Library started its alternative-press collection in 1997 and it now features more than 6,000 items. A variety of artists and craftspeople are represented. This year’s headliners are Mark Todd and Esther Pearl Watson, authors of the DIY book *Whatcha Mean, What’s a Zine?*, as well as the graphic novel *Unlovable*. Other participants include The Mandate Press, Spirit Master, Night Sweats and the University of Utah’s Book Arts program. *City Weekly* will be involved in this year’s fest, as Salt Lake City’s only independent alternative weekly newspaper.

The **Orem Public Library** has joined with **Utah Valley University** (UVU) to launch a Community Writing Center. UVU’s writing coaches will be available at the Orem Library during regularly scheduled hours to provide one-on-one writing sessions with individuals who desire assistance with writing projects, including school reports, college entrance essays, job résumés and cover letters, personal and family histories, and more.

Melissa Bernstein began July 1 as law library director at the **University of Utah’s S. J. Quinney College of Law** in Salt Lake City.

WYOMING

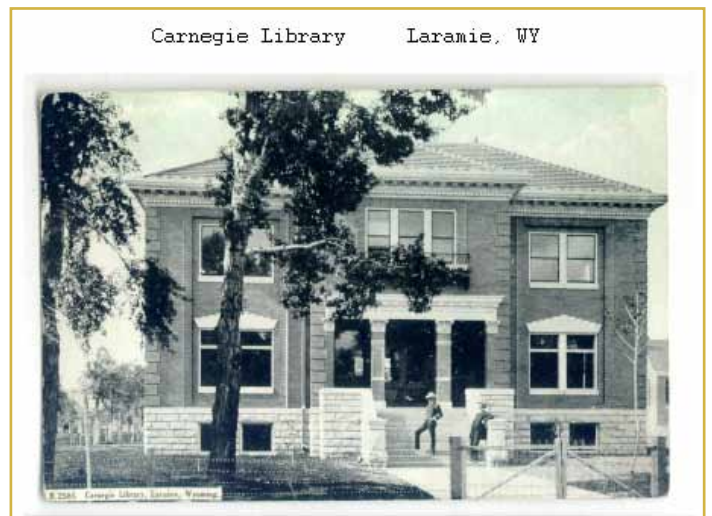
From **Chris Lake**, Utah Representative: “April 25-27, 2012 was the conference and centennial celebration for the Utah Library Association. The conference was at the Salt Palace in Salt Lake City. A Centennial Gala was held in the Salt Lake Hilton Hotel Ballroom. ALA President Molly Raphael was the keynote speaker. She 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 an excellent conference session on intellectual freedom later that afternoon. MPLA co-sponsored a training event, “Vital Conversations.” The presenter Michael John-Bristow, a consultant and master-trainer at Targeted Learning, gave a fascinating training. This 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. MPLA had a booth at the conference. We would like to thank all of the local MPLA members who volunteered their time to help out. We had a small contest and ten people were chosen to receive a free one year membership to MPLA.”



Chris Crutcher signed books



“From Carnegie to Today: A Library Walking Tour” was held on July 6 and 13 for the occasion of the **Albany County Public Library’s** 125th anniversary. The tour began in the lobby of the original Carnegie Library and ended at the current Albany County Public Library. The tour included a history of the library before it moved into the Carnegie Building in 1905, an overview of the remaining architectural features, and a review of the current library building. A DVD of the July 4, 1981, volunteer book move when **Lisa Kinney** was Director, was shown in the Albany County Public Library. The City of Laramie created a display about the historic Carnegie Building in its lobby with photographs, documents, and memorabilia. Tour guides were MPLA member **Susan Simpson**, Albany County Public Library County Librarian, and **Nathan Bender**, Technical Services Librarian.



The Natrona County Commission and **Natrona County Public Library** Trustees are moving ahead with a ballot measure to fund a new library, to be voted on in the November 2012 election. This decision follows a recommendation from a Citizen-Led Task Force which met bimonthly February through May. The task force was made up of 30 citizen volunteers who carefully reviewed the Trustees’ plan for a new library and concluded that a new library is needed,

and that now is the time to go forward. In anticipation of the November election, citizens have formed a Political Action Committee called "Citizens for the Library" which will spread the word about the ballot measure running up to the election.

The **Natrona County Library** had an amazing float with some extra special passengers for the 2012



Casper Parade Day on July 10th.

The 1872 hunting trip of George Custer, Phil Sheridan, Buffalo Bill Cody and the Grand Duke Alexis of Russia was one of the biggest celebrity events of the year, yet few know of the historic trip today. Patrons of the **Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library** in Sheridan became acquainted with the four and their tour in "*The Royal Buffalo Hunt of 1872*," a presentation by author Jeff Barnes at the Library in June. The presentation coincided with 140th Anniversary of World-Famous Hunt.

The Red Desert, photographs by Martin Stupich in a special touring exhibition developed for the University of Wyoming Art Museum's Touring Express Service, is on display at the **Tongue River Branch Library** of the **Sheridan County Library** for the summer. It has been funded in part by Richard and Judith Agee, The Guthrie Family Foundation, the National advisory Board of the UW Art Museum, and the Wyoming Arts Council through the Wyoming State Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.

The **Riverton Branch Library** in Fremont County is sponsoring an alternative program to formal court action for first-time youth offenders, "Changing Lives through Literature." The program involves troubled juveniles in small group literature-based discussions and journal writing activities. Teen librarian **Shari Haskins** and branch manager **Gloria Brodle** worked with the Youth Services Department and a juvenile probation officer on the program. The program is based on a model developed by the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth. Gloria is a 2010 MPLA Leadership Institute fellow.

The **Laramie County Library System** offered two LEGO workshops in June - two days for tweens and two days for teens. Curtis Mork, LEGO master, explained how LEGOs are made and taught participants how to refine creations.

As part of the **Laramie County Library System's** summer reading program, Dr. Mike Brotherton, professor and science fiction writer gave a presentation for adults and teens on the differences between types of science fiction, fantasy, and horror and how they differ from more mainstream literature. Brotherton is an assistant professor in the department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Wyoming with quasars as his specialty.

Robin Levin, librarian at Fort Washakie School, is the first school librarian to receive the 2012 Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award. Each of the 10 winners received a cash award of \$3,500 from Arch Coal, as well as a trophy and plaque. The Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Awards is Wyoming's longest running, privately sponsored, statewide classroom teacher recognition program.



Mr. Chaney's Wild Ride

Adapted from Mr. Toad's Wild Ride.

If you have ever been to Disneyland, you'll get the reference

By Dan Chaney, Social Sciences Librarian, Oklahoma State University; MPLA Webmaster

I was fortunate to be able to attend the American Library Association conference in Anaheim, California this past month. Having never been to ALA before, I didn't know what to expect. I'd heard stories, which all turned out to be accurate when you bring 20,000 librarians to one place on the planet. Even more amusing when you consider the convention center was a stone's throw from Disneyland itself.

My plans had been carefully laid: air travel, shuttle to the hotel, programs entered into my smartphone (I lean a little on the OCD side when I travel.) Having never been to California before (unless you count a day trip to Death Valley as being California), I was excited. Got there fine, as planned. Enjoyed dinner with a bunch of my MPLA buddies the first night. Did the conference thing Saturday and Sunday. Was wiped out and tired by Sunday night, looking forward to getting back home Monday morning.

Monday morning came, I checked out of my hotel and was waiting for the shuttle van to take me to the Orange County John Wayne Airport, close to Anaheim, for my 9:50 am flight. A shuttle arrived at 7 am as I waited outside the hotel. I had booked a shuttle for 7-7:15 am, so I let the driver load my bag. I asked him if he needed my confirmation number (after all, when I arrived at the airport shuttle on Friday, the first thing the driver needed was the confirmation number.) He shook his head and said he didn't need it. I should have known something was up then.

I climbed into a van full of librarians and we departed, stopping to pick up a couple of more passengers. In hindsight, the driver seemed a little put out when one of the last passengers was to sit in the front seat, as if he wasn't expecting that. Regardless, soon we were on the expressway for the short jaunt to the Orange County Airport, or so I thought.

At about 7:15 am I received a call from the shuttle service, asking me where I was. I told them I was on a shuttle headed to the airport. (You can see where this is going, can't you?) The person on the other end asked which shuttle I was on. She said it supposed to be the 515 shuttle. I asked the driver, and he said that this was the 525 shuttle. I asked where we were going. The passengers replied that we were headed to LAX (Los Angeles international Airport) – far away from where I was to be!

Of course at that moment, my memories get a little hazy. I vaguely recall ending the phone call, but I don't recall what was said. All I knew was that I was in trouble. Here it was 7:20 am and I had a 9:50 am flight at a different airport! My first reaction was to post something in Facebook about how I was in trouble. Next, I texted then called on the phone a friend back home for advice. Nothing was immediately apparent, as I was trying to determine my options. Mind you, by this time, we were in rush hour traffic to LAX, many lanes bumper to bumper stop and go. We were able to travel in the carpool lane, but even then we had to stop and go.

I called the travel agent I used to make flight arrangements, and described the situation to her and asked what she thought I should do. She said that there were no available seats on flights out of the Orange County or LAX airports, and that American Airlines wouldn't do anything. That didn't surprise me too much. The best option we had was when I get to LAX, catch a cab to Orange County John Wayne Airport and hope for the best. There were seats on another airline at noon, but that would have cost me \$550. If I had to, I had to.

Now, the shuttle driver at no point said to me "hey, I can get off the expressway and can call a shuttle for you, or you can call a cab to get you." He never said anything, knowing I was on the wrong shuttle.

We got to LAX at about 8 am. And there was as you might expect, a lot of traffic. We eventually got to a gate, where the driver stopped to let out passengers. I jumped out and grabbed my bag, asking the driver where the cabs could be found. Downstairs he said, and I was off. I found an elevator just inside the arrivals door, and was treated to stops at every floor before I got to mine. I ran out and flagged a cab down.

The driver got out to meet me and I described my predicament. I said can you get me to the Orange County Airport

for a 9:50 flight, meaning I need to be through the security checkpoint by 9:20 am. He smiled and said yes he could.

I jumped in the cab and we were off. I asked him if he took VISA. He said he did not, but he knew where a cash machine was on the way. This just got a lot more interesting. I knew I had \$130 in my pocket, which I hoped would cover the cab fare, but it would be close.

So, we left LAX about 8:10 am. I pulled out my iphone and opened the map app to see where we were and where we were headed. And crossed my fingers.

Every now and then I'd post an update to my Facebook page, just to amuse my friends who happened to look at it. "On a scenic tour of the Los Angeles expressways before (hopefully) my flight out of Santa Ana."

The 405 around LA was bumper to bumper, and we were fortunate we could take the carpool lane, because it was the only thing that kept us moving. I'd glance at the taxi speedometer, and it would read 60 mph. A little later, it read 70 mph.

Eventually, I looked at my phone to see where we were, and this was what I saw:

We were about 8 miles from the airport, and we were doing 80 mph. In Los Angeles. During morning rush hour. Of course, all this time I'm looking at the meter on the fare spin and spin and spin. Eventually it hit \$100, which I expected. Then it kept climbing.

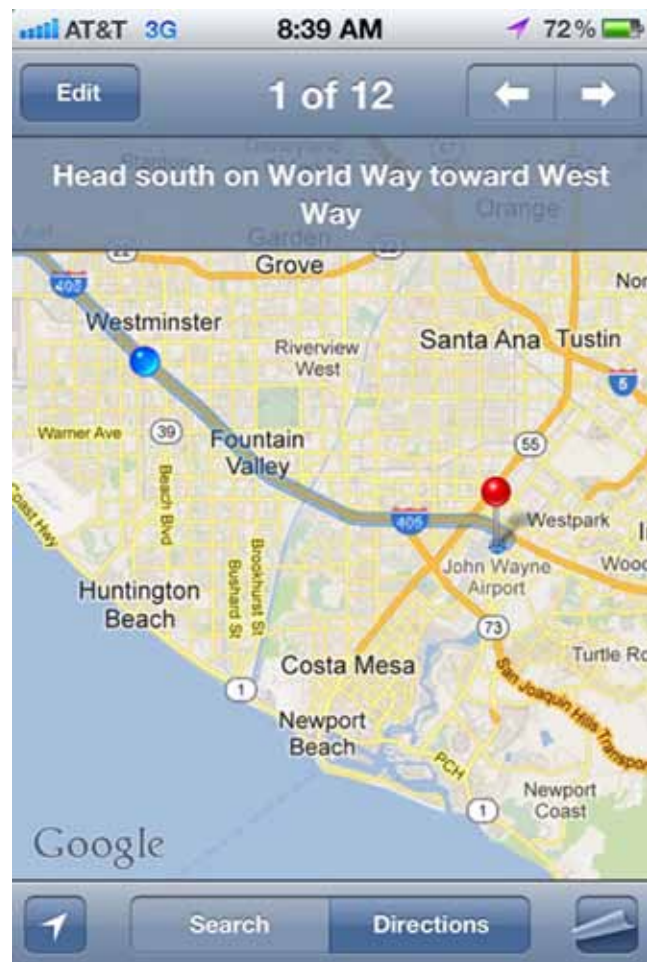
I was texting friends from the back seat, asking my Facebook friends in a status update just how much I should tip a maniacally driving cabby doing 80 mph on the 405 in rush hour. The general consensus was 20-25%, so I started working backward from how much cash I had on me. This was going to be close.

We reached the Orange County Airport about 8:55 am, just in time. After a 45 minute mad dash from LAX. I told the driver that I was probably going to need that cash station so I could give him a tip he deserved. He said to me not to worry about it, he was more concerned with me catching my flight. Ladies and gentlemen, I might have just met the nicest cab driver in Los Angeles. So, we kept going to the terminal. He admitted to me "Wow, I have never driven like that before in my life" I laughed and thanked him and told him that he had something to brag about to his friends.

He dropped me off about 9am at the terminal at about 9 am. I reached into my pocket and gave him all the money I had - \$127. The total fare was \$111. I really felt like he deserved a \$25-30 tip. He took my money, gave me my bag and smiled "you know, I didn't think we were going to make it."

I laughed and shook his hand and informed him that he was an amazing taxi driver and thanked him for his herculean efforts, because if it wasn't for his driving and the stars aligning just right on that 47 mile race from LAX, I'd be spending an extra \$550 to catch a flight.

So, that's my story, the ride I will never forget on my first trip to Los Angeles. The moral of the story? If the shuttle driver doesn't tell you where he is going, ASK HIM!



Librarians' Information Literacy Annual Conference

Glasgow, Scotland

by JaNae Kinikin, Science Librarian, Weber State University; MPLA President-Elect

When I saw the announcement for the call for papers for the LILAC (Librarians' Information Literacy Annual Conference) in Scotland, I thought to myself that I had to submit something. How often do librarians have the opportunity to attend an international conference on a subject that we teach on a daily basis—library instruction? I talked to my colleague and we agreed to submit an abstract for a paper on multimodal instruction, but after looking again at the conference themes, I thought, wait a minute, I have the perfect idea for the active learning and creative pedagogical approaches category—my use of poster presentations in a general library skills course. I looked further and thought it will make a great short paper (30 minutes) presentation. So wrote, and re-wrote, and re-wrote the abstract, and re-wrote the abstract. Okay, I believe in editing! Finally, I decided it was complete and I went ahead to submit it. It wouldn't let me submit! I thought the deadline was Monday, November 14th? After a quick, concerned email, I learned that they were still accepting proposals and to try again the next day. Finally, with a sigh of relief, it was submitted. Now I just had to wait to see if it was accepted. I tried not to think about it. There must be hundreds of other librarians who also want to see Scotland and also have great library instruction ideas. Did I really have a chance to be a speaker at an international library conference? Was my proposal unique enough? Only a few short weeks later, I received an email. My proposal was accepted!

Fear enters my heart. What was I thinking? I hate to present. Although after many years of teaching I'm at home in front of a classroom of students, presenting to my colleagues is another matter altogether. But, it is Scotland. It is an honor for my paper to be accepted at an international conference. Can I really turn this once in a lifetime opportunity down? No! I dutifully send an email confirming that I would be attending and presenting at LILAC. Before I knew it January 30 arrived and February 1 was the deadline for early bird registration. I rushed to the library office just hoping for someone there to help me register for the conference. Done. Now I just needed to get my plane ticket and accommodations. After perusing Expedia for way too long, I decided on a flight and entered my credit card number. I contacted the accommodation's office at the university and booked a dorm room. Now I know I was really committed. Scotland. Here I come.

I arrived, somewhat jetlagged after flying to Dallas, then London, then Glasgow. I discovered a fellow Utahn attending the conference at Heathrow. Once in Glasgow, we found the bus to the university. She stayed at the Hilton (lucky her) but I had to track down my dorm room. After becoming bewildered by the signs directing me to Caledonian Court (sounds sophisticated, right), I found the security office and they let me in. I was already in love with their Scottish accent! And he was so sweet to carry my bags to my room. The romance soon ended as I discovered that I really did sign myself up for a dorm room, sharing a bathroom and shower in a commons area with several other people. What was I thinking? I'm too old to be living in a dorm.

I settled in. It doesn't take long to move into a dorm with one suitcase. I met my new friend at the bus station and we started walking to find some dinner. A Scottish pub! Perfect. She had fish and chips and I had steak pie. Yum.

Now back to the dorm to try to sleep. My internal clock is totally messed up, but I finally slept.

Conference Day! I discovered that my dorm room was a short walk from the library where the conference is being held. What a weird library. It looked like it was built in the 1960s. When I thought of Scotland, I dreamed of castles and beautiful old towns. This was not what I expected and was disappointed. Luckily, the interior was very welcoming with bright banners and wood.



For the next three days I attended many sessions on a variety of topics—web searching, the value of academic libraries, what skills incoming students need, how other schools teach 50 minute instruction sessions, classroom renovation ideas, mobile technology. I also met librarians from far and near. It was great to hear how passionate librarians are about library instruction and information literacy. These informal conversations were one of my favorite things about the conference.

After attending the final keynote, my newfound friend and I were off to sightsee on one of the double-decker tour buses to see Glasgow. It was nice to see sections of the city that were not within walking distance. Unfortunately, we were on the last bus tour of the day and were unable to hop on and hop off. Instead, we listened to the tour guide and tried to keep warm, as the weather changed continually from sunny to cloudy to hail. Afterwards we headed out to find some dinner and ended up at a Chinese restaurant. Too weird to be in Scotland eating Chinese. That night we parted ways as she was heading to Edinburgh and I was scheduled for a bus tour of the Scottish Highlands. So the next morning, I found my bus and headed off with several others on a bus. Though I really wanted to get out and explore a castle, the main stop was at a whiskey distillery where I soon discovered that I didn't like whiskey. Uugggh!



Only one day left, what should I do??? As luck would have it, I ran into one of my fellow dorm mates. Aha! She was thinking of going to Edinburgh and asked me to come? Yes! After almost missing our train (my fault as I got us lost), we were on our way. Edinburgh was more what I was looking for: a medieval street with buildings towering on either side. I felt like I was in a canyon. This was the Scotland I was

hoping for. Looking at my Fodor's guidebook, I suggest to my traveling companion that we check out Clarinda's Tea Room. We did and I was satisfied. This was the Scotland I was seeking. The tea was hot, the scone just slightly sweet, and the raspberry jam delicious.



Back to Glasgow on the train for one last night in my dorm room and then up early for the flight to London. As we flew over London, I wondered why I hadn't booked a couple of nights in that city to explore. Alas, I was soon back at Heathrow working my way through the maze to catch my flight to Los Angeles. After 11 very long hours on a jam-packed international flight, we arrive in LA. A few more hours of waiting and my flight to Salt Lake was called. I stepped on the plane and was asleep a few minutes later. Before I know it we are landing. I step outside and embrace the sunshine and warmth. I enjoyed my time in Scotland, but it is nice to be home!

Providing Online Chat Reference: Replacing Meebo Me Widgets

By Jon Fackrell, MLS Student – Emporia State University; Chair of MPLA Awards
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In an article from Meebo Support¹, the Meebo team notifies users that Meebo Me, the embeddable chat widget, will cease to function on July 11th. If your library is already using Meebo Me then you probably know this. Meebo Me has become popular among many libraries² as a way to provide online chat reference for free. It was easy to embed into library websites and did not require patrons to sign up or log in. If your library is among the many that are using Meebo and are still looking for a replacement or have yet to try chat reference because of limited budgets, then Zoho Chat might be something that will

interest you and your library. Among the many reasons to implement Zoho chat are:

- 100% web based - no download, no installation
- Patrons need not be Zoho Chat users
- Multi-Protocol Chat
- Easily embed chat widgets in your library web pages

Zoho shares many of the same features that made Meebo Me so appealing to libraries until its Google acquisition and termination. Some other great features that are part of Zoho Chat include file sharing with a single click. **Upload and share files instantly** with people you are chatting with. File sharing makes it easy to send a screenshot or other documents to patrons. Also with a single click, **share your desktop instantly** with people you are chatting with. Desktop sharing is a feature not included in Meebo Me that allows you to demonstrate to patrons anything from advanced search techniques to guiding them to a specific journal article. **Read your latest emails and also compose emails** from within Zoho Chat. Get notified when you get new email from within the Zoho interface. Provide **mobile chat reference** with any mobile client which supports Jabber/XMPP protocol.

The Zoho interface is very attractive and makes it very simple to configure the chat box colors and title and then automatically generate the embed code. (Embed code for customized chat boxes are saved in your account settings.)



Figure 1 Customize the chat box color and title

Within Zoho Chat, all of the chat sessions are saved for future reference. The conversations can be searched or printed allowing librarians to analyze the conversations or refer to them during future reference chat sessions.

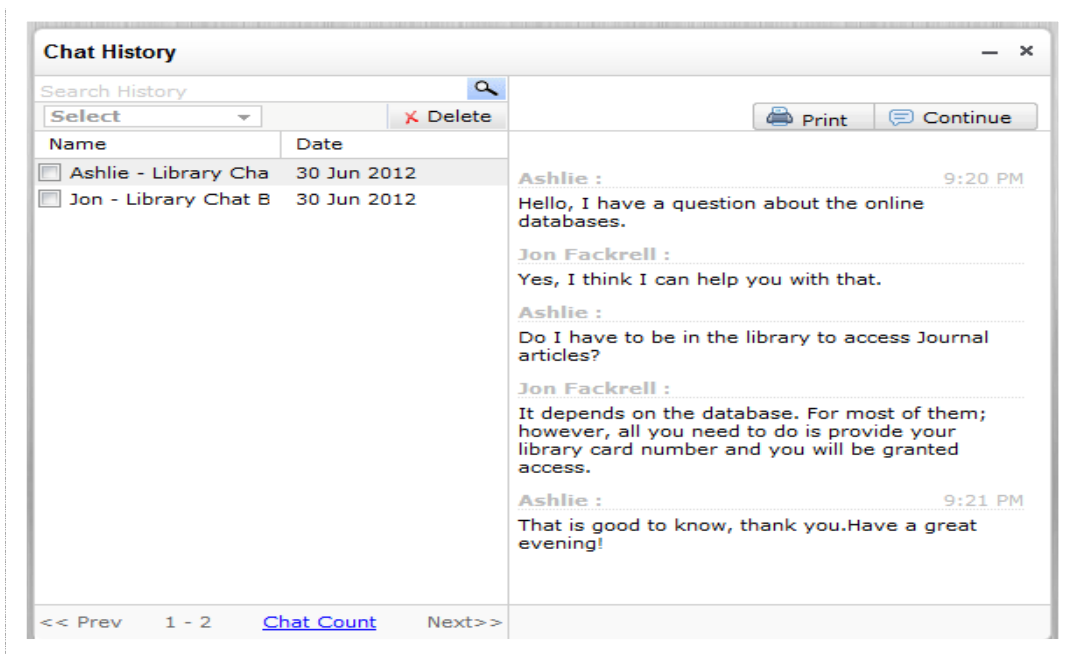


Figure 2 Chats are automatically saved and can be searched

Zoho Chat also has the option to create and use a Live Support widget which has the same features, but allows you to create groups and assign librarians using their email address so that each person can log in with their own Zoho account rather than share the main admin account.

Right now Zoho Chat appears to be the best free alternative to Meebo Me in terms of simplicity and advanced features for providing online Reference Chat. You can use the link below to sign up to try Zoho Chat and begin using it in your library for free.

[Sign up for Zoho Chat](#)³

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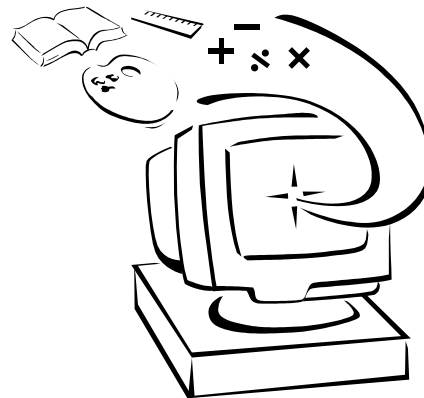
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Library Education Programs In and Around the Region

This, a new regular column, features events and people in Library Education Programs in and near the MPLA region. Please send brief news items to editor@mpla.us for future issues.



New Mexico State University Doña Ana Community College Library Science Program

The American Library Association-Allied Professional Association (ALA-APA) announced that it has completed an agreement with the New Mexico's State University-Doña Ana Community College (DACC) that will allow the graduates, who meet the established criteria from their online Library Science Program, to receive the Library Support Staff Certification (LSSC) designation. MPLA member **Susan Pinkerton** heads the program.

ALA-APA and DACC believe that the graduates' degrees or certificates coupled with the LSSC will benefit graduates, the library in which they work, and library users. Lorelle Swader, Director of ALA-APA, said, "DACC's graduates in the Library Science Program will be recognized for their acquired skills and knowledge with this national certification, which is quickly becoming a standard for the profession. The LSSC will show employers of these graduates that they have made a commitment to furthering their own continuing professional development and future."

The ALA-APA proposed this agreement after reviewing DACC curriculum and finding that its graduates have completed coursework that meets the majority of LSSC's competency requirements. To receive the LSSC, candidates from DACC must have the required one year of recent library experience or meet that requirement within four years.

ALA-APA is has similar agreements with the Pasadena City College and the Palomar Community College in California; the Waubensee Community College, the College of DuPage, and the Illinois Central College in Illinois; the Highline Commu-

nity College in Washington; the Central Carolina Community College in North Carolina; and the Ivy Tech Community College in Indiana. ALA-APA is working with 11 other colleges to see if their curriculums also meet the standards set forth by the LSSC competencies. The LSSC Program is interested in working with other community or junior college programs.

Funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the American Library Association developed, established the LSSC Program, and supports ALA-APA's work with LTA programs. Information on the NMSU-DACC online Library Science Program can be found at <http://dacc.nmsu.edu/lsc>

University of Arizona School of Information Resources and Library Science

*Reported by MPLA member **Stephen J Stillwell**, Coordinator of Recruiting & Alumni/ae Affairs Adjunct Faculty & ePortfolio Reviewer School of Information Resources & Library Science*

SIRLS faculty member, Don Fallis, has been promoted to Full Professor. SIRLS is, further, pleased to congratulate our alumni/ae on new positions: Jeff Collins (Larsen Memorial Public Library, Pinetop AZ), Jane Devereaux (Pima County Public Library), Miguel Figueroa (American Theological Library Association.), Matthew Helmke (Pearson Education), Sarah Kostelecky (University of New Mexico Libraries), Shawn Townsend (Upland Public Library, CA), Diane Wood (Pima

County Public Library), & Diane Velasquez (University of South Australia).

We have more congratulations pending for awards, fellowships, or election to important posts within our profession:

Diana Almader Douglas-NLM Fellowship

Eugenia Charles-Newton-AALL's Minority Leadership Development Award

Hong Cui (Faculty)-NSF Grant – Next Generation Phenomics for the Tree of Life

Hong Cui & Heshan Sun (Faculty)-NSF Grant – ABI: Exploring Taxon Concepts

Wanda Davila-ORISE Fellowship at FDA

Bob Diaz-ALA Council 2012-15

Jacqueline Doyle-MLA's Maria C Noyes Award

Jamie A Lee-Outstanding Diversity Development Award from UA's Graduate & Professional Student Council

Roberto Oliverio-Chair, Learning & Study Strategies SIG, College Reading & Learning Association

Virginia Sanchez-Vice-President, FAFLRT / ALA

Mimi Wheatwood-Colorado Association of Librarians Leadership Institute

UANews highlighted Jana Bradley's Research Group on Non-Traditional Publishing Practices.

Congratulations to Janice Gould. Not only has she now published a 3rd book of poetry and been given tenure at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs; but, her poetry is gaining much attention and was the focus of a panel at the American Studies Association.

San Jose State University School of Library and Information Science

Is librarian certification necessary to ensure high quality service? What trends and challenges do law librarians face in the twenty-first century? Graduate students from three universities investigate these topics and more in the new Spring issue of the San Jose State University School of Library and Information Science (SJSU SLIS) *Student Research Journal (SRJ)*, a peer-reviewed open source online publication. The articles are available online in PDF format at: <http://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/slissrj/vol2/iss1/>

The Student Research Journal editorial team is currently working on the Fall 2012 issue and invites original research or critical review essay manuscripts from all universities on topics in the fields of information science theory, policy, application, or practice. See http://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/slissrj/call_for_submissions.html.

University of Denver Library and Information Science

Margaret Goggin, 93, died June 10. In 1968, the University of Denver hired Goggin as full professor and dean of the graduate school of librarianship. In 1980, she was the cofounder of what is today the Colorado Antiquarian Book Seminar. She served the University of Florida in a number of positions from 1949–1968 including associate professor of library science, assistant director, and acting director of libraries.



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