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## Congratulations to Newly Elected MPLA officers



### Wendy Wendt

Vice-President  
President-Elect

Wendy is Director of the Grand Forks Public Library, North Dakota, and was a participant in the 2010 MPLA Leadership Institute.

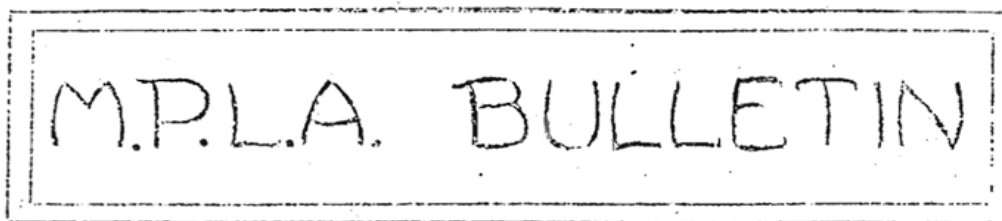
### Lea Briggs Recording Secretary

Lea is former Director of Presentation College Library in Aberdeen, South Dakota and was a participant in the 2004 MPLA Leadership Institute. She now lives in New Mexico and is in employment transition.



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# President's Message



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## ***Great people with great ideas have led to an AMAZING organization!***

MPLA had a modest beginning when the idea for a regional association grew out of the cooperative efforts started by the Bibliographical Center for Research (BCR) with a \$30,000 Carnegie grant in 1935. On Sunday, August 29, 1948, Mr. Esterquest gaveled the first general session to order at 3:00 p.m. in the West Room of the Manor House of the Stanley Hotel, Estes Park, Colorado. The delegates unanimously elected him as presiding officer. After reviewing the developments that led to calling the conference, he introduced the Planning Committee which included:

- Miss Dorothy Comin, Abilene, KS
- Mr. Frank Lundy, Lincoln, NE
- Miss Mary E. Marks, Laramie, WY
- Mrs. Ruth V. Tyler, Midvale, UT
- Miss Laura Makepeace, Fort Collins, CO

Papers were presented on "Why have library associations" and Mrs. Tyler moved that "This conference resolve itself into a regional association and that the chairman appoint a Committee on Constitution and By-Laws and such other committees as he might see fit." The Tyler motion was voted and carried. The Mountain-Plains Library Association was born! And the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. The delivery took three hours. By dinner time, the Planning Committee had appointed Constitution and By-Laws and Nominating committees with a charge to complete their work by the Tuesday general session. A lot can happen by dinner time!

As your MPLA President this past term, I have had the privilege to experience this tradition of innovation and action first hand. This has been a dynamic year for libraries and MPLA has been at the forefront of offering key networking and educational opportunities to help our members to successfully navigate new challenges and patron expectations.

Thanks to all of the great people with great ideas who have helped to make this a truly AMAZING year!

Dana Braccia  
President



p.s. If you'd like to see the entire newsletter from June 1949 vis-  
<http://www.mpla.us/documents/newsletter/june1949.pdf>.


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# Job Hunting?

The MPLA Professional Development Committee is offering a resume review service for job seekers at the joint MPLA/NLA/NSLA Conference.

The service will be conducted Thursday and Friday at the MPLA booth in the Exhibits Hall, and also at the Friday afternoon program, entitled “Demystifying Job Postings: Find the Right Job and Ace the Interview”, scheduled for 2:30-3:30.

Interested individuals should bring their resumes to the conference or email them beforehand to Holly Rick ([Holly.Rick@phoenix.edu](mailto:Holly.Rick@phoenix.edu)) or Lori Phillips ([lphil@uwyo.edu](mailto:lphil@uwyo.edu)), with “MPLA Resume Review” in the subject line.



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# MPLA Award Nominees

MPLA awards will be presented at the Joint NLA/NEMA/MPLA conference in October. Winners will be announced at that time. The following are the nominations received, all outstanding!

## MPLA Literary Contribution Award



### **Hugh Reilly, *Bound to Have Blood***

From the nomination: Hugh Reilly's book *Bound to Have Blood* examines the newspaper coverage of several key events in the Plains Indian Wars. This work of non-fiction analyzes the reporting of the period and how news depictions of Native Americans reinforced negative stereotypes... The concept of this book is unique. Using research from many different sources, the author compares and contrasts the atmosphere of the time with the reporting of the incidents... In addition to reviewing newspaper accounts, this academic work also details military actions leading up to the conflicts, as well as the state and national political climate before and after the events. The Plains Indian Wars occurred in states and territories of the Mountain Plains region, and this book is an attempt to create a better understanding of the events of the time. It is an entertaining read, yet it is also a scholarly work derived from a great amount of research. Hugh Reilly, is an associate professor in the School of Communication at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He is a member of the university's Native American studies faculty. He is also the coauthor of "Historic Omaha: An Illustrated History of Omaha and Douglas County" and "Father Flanagan of Boys Town: A Man of Vision".



### **Kathy Barco, *READiscover New Mexico: A Tri-Lingual Adventure in Literacy***

From the nomination: *READiscover New Mexico: A Tri-Lingual Adventure in Literacy* by Kathy Barco has furthered the understanding and appreciation of New Mexico by introducing New Mexico's culture, history, and literature to thousands of children of all ages. *READiscover New Mexico* is an astute workbook and guidebook created to assist teachers, librarians, and parents as they teach children ages 5 to 18 about New Mexico. The book encourages children and adults alike to discover the vast cultural, natural, historical, and literary treasures found in New Mexico. The book is especially important this year during New Mexico's 2012 100th statehood anniversary. Kathy Barco has worked in libraries for 21 years and is currently the Literacy Coordinator for the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System. Her other publications include: *True Stories of Censorship Battles in America's Libraries* (ALA, 2012), *Breakfast New Mexico Style* (Sunstone, 2009), and *Breakfast Santa Fe Style* (Sunstone, 2006). Barco is vice-chair of the New Mexico Library Foundation and won the Leadership Award from the New Mexico Library Association in 2006. She has collaborated with New Mexico scientist/photographer, Relf Price, by writing haikus to accompany his photographs in the annually published calendar, "Jewels of the New Mexico Skies." She is currently writing haikus to be published in Price's book Valles Caldera National Preserve – Land of Entrancement (forthcoming 2013, LPD Press).



### **Jean Lukesh, *The Nebraska Adventure***

From the nomination: Jean is the author of *The Nebraska Adventure*, first published in 2004. It is a textbook on Nebraska history and is currently used by approximately 85% of elementary schools across the state. *The Nebraska Adventure* won the 2005 national Texty Award for textbook excellence in the Humanities and Social Sciences at the Elementary-High School level, the 2006 Nebraska Book Award for Children's Nonfiction, and a 2006 Moonshell Arts and Humanities Council

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Literary Award. Jean also co-wrote a local sesquicentennial history book of Hall County, Nebraska, which won a Moonshell Literary Award in 2008. As an author, editor, and historian, she is still often invited to give book, history, or writing presentations in classrooms and at conferences all across the state. The Nebraska Regional Library Systems have had Jean present workshops at regular intervals over the years and she has always proven to be a popular speaker. Over the past year or so, Jean has worked with MONA (the Museum of Nebraska Art) in Kearney doing history research and presentations for their Collection Connection. She worked, too, with University of Nebraska at Kearney, the Archway Monument, and Kearney Public Schools as an educational consultant for their summer school PAWS project on the Pawnee Indians, one of her favorite subjects. She was also a consultant for them when the Pawnee came from Oklahoma to do a powwow at the Archway Monument. Jean is working with fellow Nebraska author Roger Welsch on the repatriation and restoration of the Pawnee to Nebraska and recently received a certificate of appreciation from the Pawnee.

### **Robert Day, *The Last Cattle Drive***

From the nomination: While Robert Day has written many short stories published in collections such as, “In My Stead”, “The Four Wheel Drive Quartet”, and “Speaking French in Kansas”, he is primarily known for his classic work, *The Last Cattle Drive* which takes place in and around Hays, Kansas. A reviewer says “Bob Day’s novel is like the man himself--ebullient, precise Rabelaisian, witty. It’s written in remarkably fine North American English. It wears its cowboy boots, as does the author himself, very comfortably and with a highly polished panache.” Another says “Tightly written and powerfully evocative. The smells, sights and sounds of Kansas are described so well at times that one begins to cough as the dust crawls up through the floorboards of the battered pickup.” His never ending love of Kansas shows in his writing, and also in his character. I’ve had him speak several times at my library and he is always a hit, always finding the perfect words to describe the land and people of the Midwest. Robert Day was also one of the founders of the Cottonwood Review, a literary arts journal still published at the University of Kansas.

### **Robert Laxalt, *Sweet Promised Land* (1957); *In a Hundred Graves* (1972); *Nevada: A History* (1977); *A Cup of Tea in Pamplona* (1985); *The Basque Hotel* (1989); *Child of the Holy Ghost* (1992); and *The Governor’s Mansion* (1994)**

From the nomination: Robert Laxalt (1923 -2001), the son of Basque immigrants, referred to the Nevada State Library in Carson City as his second home during his childhood. He studied Basque culture in France and Spain as a Fulbright scholar. In his early career as a journalist, he wrote for the *Nevada Appeal*, *Nevada State Journal*, United Press International, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times*, and launched the Capital News Service in 1947. He was the voice of the Basque immigrants in America. In 1954, Laxalt joined the staff of the University of Nevada, Reno, as the director of News and Publications. He helped found and direct the University of Nevada Press and was Writer-in-Residence at the university. He was also a co-founder of the Center for Basque Studies at the University of Nevada, Reno. In 1986, he was awarded the Tambor de Oro from the City of San Sebastian for his contributions to the Basque people and their country. In 1988, Laxalt became the first person named to the Distinguished Nevada Author Chair at the university. At his retirement, he was designated Director Emeritus of the University of Nevada Press. In 1998, Texas Christian University included Laxalt in their *Literary Chronology of the American West* (1510-1984).

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## MPLA Distinguished Service Award



**Scott Zollars**, Director of Library Services, Labette Community College Parsons, Kansas.

From the nomination: Each year, Scott attends a variety of conferences and meetings so he can keep abreast of technology and services to best serve our students... Each year Scotty budgets for a Paper of the Year award for our students. There are monetary prizes, plaques and certificates, and the first place winners are placed in the library's collection. This is great way to support the colleges writing across the curriculum initiative. .. Each semester, Scotty provides information to new faculty along with a tour to get them comfortable coming to the library. Faculty are encouraged to bring classes to the library so students can learn how to find information quickly and easily. Online students are also an important consideration for Scotty, and a great deal of effort is given to ensure electronic resources are available as well. Scotty and his library staff provide everything from interesting displays to silly treats to entice everyone at the college to stop in just to visit the library. Things like this pay off in getting everyone to know the library staff and use the library more.... Scotty deserves to be recognized not for one specific act or accomplishment, but rather for doing the right thing consistently over a 12 year period to make our library the best it can be for our students, faculty, employees and community members. Scotty attended the MPLA 2012 Leadership Institute.



**Irving Nelson**, Librarian, Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona

From the nomination: Irving Nelson is an extraordinarily dedicated librarian that routinely does things that are far beyond the call of duty. Our literacy organization, Reader to Reader, collects roughly 10,000-15,000 books every 6 months for the Navajo Library, its branch library in Kayenta, and for schools and community centers on the Navajo nation. Mr. Nelson flies to Massachusetts, rents a 36-foot truck, and drives for 4 ½ days back to Window Rock, Arizona. He has done this already three times since 2009, and he will be making his fourth trip in July of 2012. He is planning another trip in November 2012. His willingness to take on this grueling task is just one aspect of this remarkable person. We have seen firsthand the care he puts into improving and maintaining the library's collection, and it is an honor to work with him.



**Mary Stansbury**, Domain Chair, Library and Information Science Program, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado

From the nomination: In 2011, Dr. Stansbury led the successful re-accreditation of DU LIS Program. Under Dr. Stansbury's leadership, the DU LIS Program not only meets but exceeds the highest standards set for the field. This is a significant long-term contribution that ensures that an LIS Program of the highest caliber continues to educate new library and information professionals in the Mountain Plains region. As the Principal Investigator for the IMLS Early Childhood Librarianship (ECL) Fellowship, Dr. Stansbury was able to secure funding for tuition and stipends for ten fellows for 2010-2012. The students will be prepared to serve the early literacy needs of very young children (0-5 years), caregivers, families, educators, and community coalitions in Colorado. Dr. Stansbury is also an Associate Professor in the LIS Program, exposing her students to ideas, resources and viewpoints that enrich their academic studies.

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**Christopher Rippel**, Continuing Education Consultant, Central Kansas Library System, Great Bend, Kansas

From the nomination: Chris Rippel has continually been an outspoken advocate for both libraries and patrons in rural areas of the United States, especially here in Kansas. He is not afraid to acknowledge that sometimes the needs of rural patrons do not coincide with those in urban areas... His interest in new technology has enabled Chris to raise the awareness of librarians about ebooks and ereaders for years; he was lecturing about the Rocket eBook when it first came out around 1998 and continues to train librarians and patrons in both the use of ereaders and the various options for libraries' use of ebooks.... Chris has presented sessions at venues around the United States on several topics, ranging from gaming in libraries to ereading/ereaders to marketing the library.

### MPLA Beginning Professional Award



**Danielle De Jager-Loftus**, Fine Arts/Technology Librarian, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, South Dakota

From the nomination: Danielle is recognized as a leader in using technology for teaching, reference and research services, and outreach. Danielle has led the University Libraries in initiatives to adopt CONTENTdm, LibGuides and LibAnswers, and Smart Board technology among other technologies.... While there are a number of initiatives led by Professor Loftus to which one can point, perhaps most poignant is her collaboration with the USD Director of the Center for Disabilities on advocating for and educating about Universal Design and Adaptive Technologies in libraries. Danielle is recognized as a leader for taking the steps to ensure that the library is more technology-enabled for exceptional students and others. Her work in this area is characteristic of accomplishing tasks that serve others through collaboration... Professor Loftus has made a significant impact on library services through her use of technology, her vision for partnering with other campus departments to better serve faculty and students, and her service to the profession and region. Danielle attended the MPLA 2012 Leadership Institute.



**Rebecca Lubas**, Director of Cataloging & Discovery Services, Assistant Professor University of New Mexico Libraries, Albuquerque, New Mexico

From the nomination: Since arriving at the University of New Mexico, Professor Lubas has implemented several discovery tools to enhance access to our catalog data. She has revived our participation in BIBCO and NACO. She has trained many of the catalogers in non-MARC metadata and they now actively contribute to our digital collections. In 2011 Professor Lubas published *Practical Strategies for Cataloging Departments* with Libraries Unlimited. The book has been well-received, and she has done an ALCTS ALA program on themes from the book, an OCLC Webjunction seminar, and will be conducting a preconference workshop on "Boot Camp for Cataloging Managers" at the OLAC Conference this fall. Beyond her state and national activities, Professor Lubas participates in international outreach. In 2006 and 2012 she traveled to Kosovo to conduct cataloging training with librarians at the National and University Library in Pristina, Kosovo. Her work includes providing skill training to librarians in an emerging democracy, helping them to preserve and present their cultural heritage within and beyond their borders. Rebecca attended the MPLA 2012 Leadership Institute.



**Robin Clark**, Director, Sump Memorial Library, Papillion, Nebraska

From the nomination: Robin has implemented many positive changes (but not always popular, which makes her a great director,) while she has been the director. She has an understanding about what it takes to get a problem solved and is a great role model to her staff when solving patron and staff issues. She is a leader within the community and is Lions member besides her numerous other responsibilities. She has initiated change throughout the library and has had to make some hard decisions about what that change needs to be but has always kept her professionalism at the forefront of her decisions. She works well with all ages that are present in the library and has an interest in the teen programming component with her youth services manager. Robin attended the MPLA 2010 Leadership Institute.



**Jason Walker**, Library Supervisor, Rapid City Library, South Dakota.

From the nomination: Overseeing a staff of 26, Jason is an instructional supervisor and guides and nurtures staff's professional development through coaching and mentoring. Enhancing his management skill set through course work with Target Training International, Jason developed an individual action plan for RCPL staff use. After discussion and planning, Jason and individual staff create a Success Insights Action Plan... Jason has been instrumental in creating staff-based social networking teams who are responsible to populate and maintain the following: RCPL Facebook, Black Hills Knowledge Network Facebook, and the 1972 Flood pages and wiki. After the RCPL collection reached 5000+ items, Jason started Library Thing listing RCPL owned books. Jason has expanded the exposure and depth of Library Thing through widgets on the RCPL Facebook page and its inclusion in the Research and Databases link on the RCPL homepage.... He continues to demonstrate exuberance and dedication to his position and is distinguishing himself through his positive impact on the quality and skill of staff and the progressive technological services offered to patrons.

## MPLA Unsung Hero Award



**Lisa Mecklenberg-Jackson**, Public Relations Librarian, Missoula Public Library, Montana

From the nomination: Lisa is one of those people who has worked for years "behind the scenes" to make Montana Library Association function well and never asks or seeks recognition for what she does. She has served our organization in many capacities over the years. Her work raises funds for our library organization while promoting libraries to all Montanans with projects she instigates and sees through to completion. She has been our Marketing and Public Relations director promoting the library field and reaching out to the community for many many years.... One of her most unusual projects was her work on the 2008 Babe's Calendar that took a lot of coordinating and cajoling to get people together to model for the project.... One of her latest projects that required many hours of time and work on Lisa's part was promoting a logo contest that resulted in a Montana license plate available to all Montanans to purchase. ...There were legal hurdles to overcome that Lisa again took the "bull by the horns" and got the project completed.... Besides all the work Lisa has done on the Marketing and Publication Committee, she has also worked many years with the Sheila Cates Committee to produce fun, entertaining, and profitable activities at the annual conference of the Montana Library Association to provide scholarships to deserving librarians to continue their education.

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## Carl Gaumer Library Champion Award



**Arlene Caruso**, former Assistant Manager, Paseo Verde Library in Henderson, Nevada; newly appointed Adult Services Supervisor at Westminster Public Library in Carroll County, Maryland

From the nomination: Ms. Caruso looks for opportunities for our libraries, takes initiative to create relevant programming, and follows through with a level of detail and thoroughness that ensures that any program she leads will be well-received, for the patrons and the presenters. She is a librarian who holds herself and others to high standards. She has exciting ideas and embraces change, and also has the focus to work with others to successfully implement change successfully. She is an invaluable asset to our Library District and our State in a number of ways, particularly in the area of promoting and coordinating cultural programming for our library district, and for our library professionals throughout the State of Nevada.... Ms. Caruso brings great passion to the cultivation of locally significant programming at the Paseo Verde Library. She transformed a languishing monthly Foreign Film Series into a vibrant, popular program that regularly has 50+ attendees. Arlene attended the 2012 MPLA Leadership Institute.



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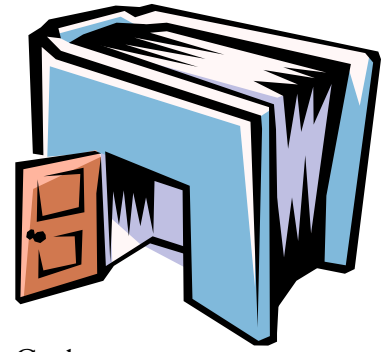
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# Welcome New MPLA Members



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Scottsdale, AZ

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Public Library Joel D. Valdez Main  
Library; Tucson, AZ

Kelly Wilson  
Library Associate, Pima County Pub-  
lic Library Joel Valdez Main Library  
Tucson, AZ

## Kansas

Stefanie Estes  
Assistant Branch Manager, Johnson  
County Library; Mission, KS

Tram Nguyen  
Technology Services Coordinator,  
South Central Kansas Library System  
South Hutchinson, KS

Megan Schulz  
Coordinator, Technology & Innova-  
tion for Improved Library Services,  
State Library of Kansas; Topeka, KS

## Montana

Jessie Pate  
Adult Services Librarian, Lincoln  
County Public Library; Libby, MT

## Nebraska

Kendra Caskey  
Library Director, Goodall City  
Library, Ogallala, NE

Jane Neal  
School Librarian -Retired, Lincoln  
Public Schools Goodrich Middle  
School; Lincoln, NE

Jake Rundle  
Collections Librarian, Hastings  
Public Library; Hastings, NE

## New Mexico

Katharine Garduno  
Librarian, Los Alamos County  
Library Mesa Public Library  
Los Alamos, NM

Frances Wilkinson  
Deputy Dean of University Libraries,  
Professor, University of New Mexico  
Libraries; Albuquerque, NM

## North Dakota

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Dakota State Library  
Bismarck, ND

Sarah Ethier  
Technical Services Librarian, Minot  
Public Library; Minot, ND

Greta Guck  
Technology Coordinator, Minot Pub-  
lic Library; Minot, ND

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# VENDOR SPOTLIGHT

## FREE RAFFLE DRAWING!

*(Drawing will be held on Friday during the Paraprofessional Section lunch.  
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**WHAT:** Listen for an announcement during the Exhibit Break to go to a designated vendor. Just gather around and listen to their brief talk to receive your free raffle ticket!

**WHEN:** Thursday, October 18 and Friday, October 19 during both Exhibit Breaks.

**HOW:** Attend the vendor spotlights or speak with a vendor individually to receive a raffle ticket and drop it in the raffle box of your choice at the Para Booth.

**WHO:** Any NLA/NSLA/MPLA attendee is eligible.

**WHY:** For multiple free chances to win terrific prizes, including the new Kindle Fire!

**Watch for more details coming soon!**

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# Electronic Features at the MPLA/NLA/NSLA Joint Conference



The joint conference is offering electronic features. For those attending in person, all the ePoster sessions will use all-in-one touch screen computers and will be interactive. Presenters will have more detailed information than the traditional poster board format allows. If you are interested in submitting an ePoster session that would take 5-10 minutes, please contact [Gordon Wyant](#). The all-in-one touch screen computers are provided.

If unable to attend the conference in person, you can register for the e-conference for just \$25 and hear sessions on Thursday and Friday, including the keynote speaker, Dr. Tom Osborne. For a list of the sessions that will be streamed, check the program page, [http://nebraskalibraries.org/triconference2012/?page\\_id=148](http://nebraskalibraries.org/triconference2012/?page_id=148).



## IMLS Announces Grant to Identify Library E-Book Strategies

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) announced a \$99,957 grant to OCLC for “The Big Shift: Advancing Public Library Participation in Our Digital Future.” The purpose of the grant is to more fully understand the challenges that U.S. public libraries face in providing e-book content to borrowers.

The number of public libraries that offer e-books has doubled in the past five years—to 76 percent from 38 percent, according to a new [American Library Association report](#). Thirty-nine percent of libraries also offer e-readers for check-out to their patrons.

A new study released by the [Pew Research Center’s Internet and American Life Project](#) identifies opportunities and challenges faced by public libraries for this growing line of service. The report states that 12 percent of people borrowed an e-book from their libraries in 2012. Yet the report documents significant difficulties:

- 56 percent of e-book borrowers from libraries said that at one point or another they had tried to borrow a particular book and found that the library did not carry it.
- 52 percent of e-book borrowers said that at one point or another they discovered there was a waiting list to borrow the book.
- 18 percent of e-book borrowers said that at one point or another they found that an e-book they were interested in was not compatible with the e-reading device they were using.

The study also reports a wide range of library concerns with the cost and availability of titles often related to terms set by publishers.

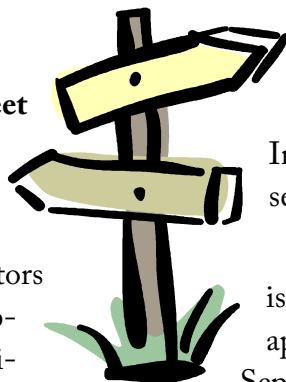
The purpose of the IMLS award is to ensure that all Americans continue to have access to commercially produced content through their local public libraries even as formats change.

# Around the Region

Please send news items and photographs of regional interest to [editor@mpla.us](mailto:editor@mpla.us)

## ARIZONA

The **AzLA Legislative Toolkit: Meet Me at the Library** is designed to offer Arizona librarians a variety of options on how to engage with elected officials in your libraries. Building relationships with legislators and local elected officials over time reaps support for and raises awareness of Arizona libraries. Inviting local decision makers to our libraries for informal conversations is an effective and fun way to share the important role libraries play for Arizona community members.



**AskColorado/AskAcademic's** celebrated its Nine Year Anniversary on September 2. MPLA member and 2012 Leadership Institute Participant **Kris Johnson** heads the service at the Colorado State Library.

The **Colorado Public Library Association** is sponsoring "E-media smackdown," a new approach to workshops. On the same day in September five speakers at five different Colorado locations will

discuss the opportunities and challenges of digital materials. The event is designed to spur dialog among participants to create understanding of the issues and identify strategies they can use in their own libraries. All sites will see the same presentations from each speaker via streaming video, followed

by conversations in real time. All sites will have a facilitator to lead the group in compelling discussions around the presentation topics. See <http://www.carsonblock.com/2012/08/16/emediasmackdown/>.

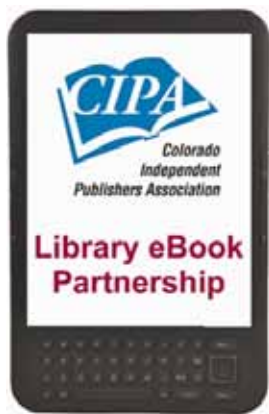


## COLORADO

The **Loveland Public Library** held a "Let's Talk Beer," program with Ed Sealoover, author of *Mountain Brew: A Guide to Colorado Breweries*, in September for those 21 years old or older. After the program participants could attend an after-event at the Grimm Brothers Brewhouse.



The **Red Rocks Community College Library** and **Douglas County Library** are adding e-books published by members of the Colorado Independent Publishers Association (CIPA) to their online catalogs. They are also adding click-through links so interested patrons can purchase an e-book title from its respective catalog record. Douglas County Library Director is **Jamie LaRue**. **Joseph Sanchez** is Director of Library and Learning services for Red Rocks Community College.



The **University of Northern Colorado University Libraries** and English Education program will host a series of "read-ins" the first Tuesday of each month in Michener Library to literally give "voice" to and commemorate different occasions. The first session, scheduled for October 2, will commemorate Banned Book Week. Volunteers sign up for 15-minute reading slots. Events being commemorated in future read-ins include Election Day and Pearl Harbor Day.



The Poudre Libraries *"Bookends: A Television Program for Teens Who Like to Read"* is a National Book Foundation 2012 Innovations in Reading Prize Winner. The program began in 1999 and documents reading-related information and activities for viewers of Poudre School District Channel 10 and also via the Internet. The lively IRS (Interesting Reader Society) Bookends, shows hosted and presented by the teens themselves, allowing teens to share reviews of favorite books and interview local YA authors. See [http://www.nationalbook.org/innovations\\_in\\_reading.html](http://www.nationalbook.org/innovations_in_reading.html).



*Interesting Reader Society (IRS) Bookends teens*

According to the American Correctional Association, Colorado prison libraries "do it best." See the story at [http://www.aca.org/fileupload/177/ahaidar/BIB\\_Hallock,%20Diana,%20Walden.pdf](http://www.aca.org/fileupload/177/ahaidar/BIB_Hallock,%20Diana,%20Walden.pdf).



*Diana Reese, Diane Walden and Eva Hallock*

*Photo courtesy of coloradolibraries.org*

## KANSAS

Dan Ireton, Assistant Professor, Undergraduate/Community Services Librarian Kansas State Libraries and MPLA Kansas Representative shares photos of his recent trip to Liverpool and Ireland as a presenter at the 7th International Conference on the Arts in Society. An article based on his presentation is currently under review. His presentation "The New Mythology: Heroes Yesterday and Today" compares heroes from Homeric Epics to today's comic book superheroes.





The **Dodge City Public Library** welcomed the Rodeo Queens & Princesses to the Library on August 2.

The **Kansas City Public Library** is participating in a unique art installation project, “SmellScape KCK/KCMO.” The art installation is by Sissel Tolaas, a Norwegian native artist based in Berlin. She collects smells of the locations, and invites the public to play a game involving visiting each site in Kansas City, Kansas and Kansas City, Missouri. She has done similar smell installations at other cities including Mexico City, Berlin and Cape Town. Tolaas, besides being an artist, also is a chemist and linguist, and has worked commercially, doing smell studies for private firms. She is able to capture, store, synthesize and replicate the smells that she finds in different areas of the world.

## MONTANA



*Bozeman Public Library in summer parade.*

**Renee Goss**, director of the Sidney-Richland County Library recently retired.

Nearly 50 people attended an event “iLibrary: Let’s Make IT Happen” to discuss technology for

the new **Parmly Billings Library** building which is under construction. The purpose was to gather information from the public about the technology they would like to see in the new library. The interactive day was designed to let participants ask and answer questions about their own technology needs and wants and to join in group sessions. A panel discussion with five local technology experts was held.

**Bonnie Williamson**, director the Havre-Hill County Library, retired in July. In her 30 years, she has overseen the consolidation of the Havre and Hill County libraries, the move into the new library building and the introduction of computerization.

The **Montana State Library** 2012 Fall Workshops were held in September.. The annual workshops provide free professional development to all librarians.

Public and academic librarians will hold their annual retreat at Chico Hot Springs in October and the school librarians will meet at the annual MEA-MFT educators’ convention.

## NEBRASKA

The **Nebraska Library Commission** held a two-day Tech Rodeo at Doane College in Crete on July 28 and 29. As an immersive learning event, the participants learned both technology and soft skills. The soft skills included public speaking, group dynamics, team building, and project management. Technology skills, presented as “Techblasts”, included networks, hardware & specifications, security & antivirus, troubleshooting, and Tech Atlas, an inventory tool. After lessons on flip cameras, screenshot software, and video editing, the participants were divided into eight groups to create library-related projects. Each group created 3 presentations: an oral presentation for a funding authority; screenshots for projects; and a 3-to-5 minute video that featured all group





members. View all the projects at <http://nlcblogs.nebraska.gov/rodeo/projects>. Michael Sauers, Tech Rodeo instructor, explained the experience in just a few words: "You guys are fearless!"

**Joan Giesecke** has stepped down as Dean of the **University of Nebraska-Lincoln Libraries** for health reasons. She has accepted an administrative position to coordinate the university's preparation for its next Higher Learning Commission accreditation due in 2016. During her 16-year tenure as dean she oversaw a \$12.6 million dollar renovation for Love Library; oversaw the development of a high-density storage facility on East Campus; developed a Digital Commons; and tripled the dean's endowment for the library.

**Theresa Jehlik**, MPLA Nebraska Representative, recently began a new position in the **Omaha Public Library**. She is now Strategy and Business Intelligence Manager and is based at the W. Dale Clark Main Library. She was previously Benson Branch Manager.

The **Oakdale Library** Board changed the library's name to **Lois Johnson Memorial Library** to honor Lois Johnson's long-term support and service to the library. She not only purchased the library building but also renovated the structure before donating the library to the village of Oakdale. A special event was held in July to honor her and celebrate the new library's name.

Les and Jan Hosick opened their home, the Dancing Leaf Earthen Lodge, in Wellfleet for the **Republican Valley Library System's** 2012 Annual Meeting on June 1. A special lunch featured Native American foods and included buffalo stew with beans, Indian corn (hominy), sunflower seeds, root vegetables, melons, and blue corn muffins with local honey. It was reported to be a fascinating experience to enjoy a meal that was eaten along the Medicine Valley nearly 1,000 years ago.

After months of construction, an Open House was held to celebrate the new **Elwood Public Library** on July 28. After a ribbon-cutting, the crowd heard remarks by the mayor and met architect Daniel P. Drain of Miller & Associates. **Jane Hilton**, Library Director, also announced that open hours would increase from 17 to 23. The library is now closed only on Friday and Sunday.

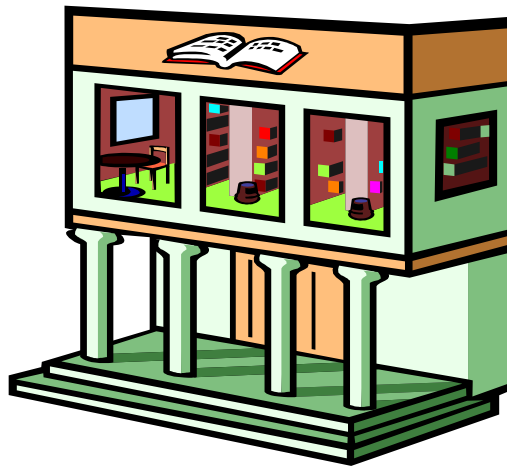
**Frankie Kirkwood**, **Valley Public Library** Director, has retired after leading the library for ten years. She plans to travel, relax, read, or take a class at Metro Community College. **Clair Bushong**, the new Valley Public Library Director, previously taught organ at Midland University in Fremont.

**Linda Oyster**, Director of the **Agnes Robinson Waterloo Public Library**, retired at the end of July. When Linda started in 1987, she was an assistant

to Eloise Buhman, her mother-in-law, and worked in the old library. Linda was appointed Library Director in 1995 and is retiring from the new library donated by Ed and Donna Robinson in 2006. She plans to spend more time with her family and travel.

**Omaha Public Library's** scalp received some recent news coverage. Both the *New York*

*Times* (22 June 2012) and the *Omaha World-Herald* (6 August 2012) have recently written about the library's most grisly relic. An early 20-century account of the scalping was printed in the St. John (New Brunswick, Canada) Daily Sun on 4 August 1903 (<http://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=37&dat=19030804&id=aWgxAAAIBAJ&sjid=aSkDAAAIBAJ&pg=4051,810111>). William Thompson, a Union Pacific worker, was sent from Omaha to fix a telegraph line near Lexington in 1867. He was attacked by a Cheyenne warrior party on August 6, shot in the shoulder, and scalped. After recovering from a faint, he grabbed his scalp and boarded a train for Omaha. When R.C. Moore,



an Omaha doctor, declined to reattach the scalp, Thompson tanned the scalp and returned to England. He spent years showing off the scalp for a fee. In 1900, Thompson sent the scalp back to Dr. Moore because "he was getting old and few people wanted to believe the scalping story." The relic was promptly donated to the Omaha Public Library. It was displayed in a glass bell jar until 1977 and was the highlight of the Main Library tour for many school children.

The **Nebraska Library Commission** has announced the June 2012 scholarship recipients for its 21<sup>st</sup> Century Librarian Scholarships. Recipients are:

Jennifer Barnason, Lincoln  
 Nancy Black, Uehling  
 Michaela Braun, Atkinson  
 Dixie Codner, Wood River  
 Shanna Crosby-Wilson, Omaha  
 Kelley Dible, Sidney  
 Karen Dittbrenner, Beatrice  
 Michael Elsener, Lincoln  
 Susan Finkral, Leigh  
 Justine Goeden, West Point  
 Emily Hilkemann, Pierce  
 Anne Hubbell, Lincoln  
 Chandra Kosmicki, Boelus  
 Angela Kroeger, Omaha  
 Jared Lechner, Norfolk  
 Ann Maass, Bellevue  
 Brian Maass, Bellevue  
 Misty McClain, North Platte  
 Cory McCune, Omaha  
 Emily McIllece, Elkhorn  
 Jennifer Misbach, Omaha  
 Cally O'Brien, Schuyler  
 Annette Parde, Lincoln  
 Jayme Prisbell, Omaha  
 Stephen Sautter, York  
 Dorothy Schultz, Wood River  
 Andrew Sherman, Omaha  
 Amanda Sisavanh, Bennington  
 Stefanie Skrdla, Gretna  
 Shari Spiehs-Hudson, Springfield  
 Jordan Stough, Bellevue

Rozanne Tuttle, Ogallala  
 David Watchorn, Ponca  
 Celeste Wright, Lincoln

This September Gilded Age gentility will cast a glow as Omaha reads Edith Wharton's *The Age of Innocence*. "a great selection for 2012 Omaha Reads," according to **Omaha Public Library** Executive Director **Gary Wasdin**. "Not only does it adequately pay tribute to the author's 150th birthday, but the time period has grown in popularity with the success of *Downton Abbey*." The signature events include a lawn party at the Joslyn Castle; visits from Jennie Fields and Francesca Segal, emerging authors, who revisit Wharton's time and style; and a Millionaires & Mansions North Gold Coast tour. The North Gold Coast tour includes the Mercer Mansion, the Joslyn Castle, the Louise Nash residence, and other Gilded Age-era buildings.



## NEVADA

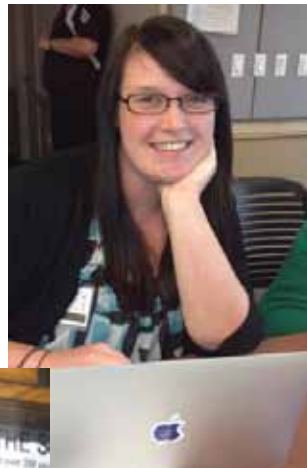
**Carol Lloyd** is the new director of the **Churchill County Library** in Falloon following the retirement of **Barbara Mathews**, Director and past president of Nevada Library Association. Previously, Carol was a Librarian II / Reference Librarian at the downtown branch of Washoe County Library and a District Rep for the Nevada Library Association (Northwest District). Before moving to Nevada, Carol was in the bookstore business in southern California. Churchill County Library folks are welcoming Carol and Barbara is delighted to be able to spend extra time knitting.

The **Washoe County Library**, downtown branch, recently hosted a performance of *Alice in Wonderland* by the young performers from the Brūka The-

ater's Summer Performing Arts Camp. The performance began in the library's lower-level auditorium and traveled to the library's three levels, surprising patrons and delighting their audience. The performance concluded in the auditorium and included several dance numbers.



Two librarians from the **Carson City Library**, **Sena Loyd** and **Andrea Moore**, attended a workshop in Colorado for the *Discover Tech: Engineers Make a World of Difference* exhibit. Among other wonders, they viewed original footage of the landing of Curiosity on Mars. The Discover Tech exhibit will travel to Carson City Library in April of 2014.



*Sena Loyd*



*Tech exhibits*



MPLA member **Arlene Caruso**, formerly Assistant Branch Manager/Head of Adult Services at the Henderson Libraries Paseo Verde Library, is now the new Adult Services Supervisor at Westminster Public Library in Carroll County, Maryland. Arlene attended the 2012 MPLA Leadership Institute.



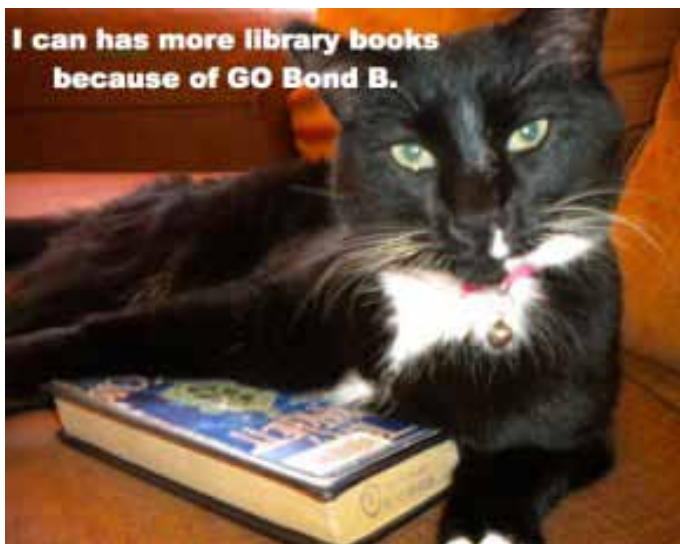


# NEW MEXICO

The **Farmington Public Library** celebrated Banned Books with teens reviewing and posting the reviews of books they have read. See <http://www.infoway.org/evanced/sr/homepage.asp>.



The **New Mexico Library Association** Bonds for Libraries Special Interest Group is advocating for the passage of the 2012 GO Bond B which will provide New Mexico libraries with \$9.7 million to help meet demands for library resources and internet services. A new Weekly Photo Contest has been established to help document the positive impact of Bond funds. Photographers are encouraged to enter by submitting a photo of one or more library item purchased with bond funds. See [bonds-forlibraries.org](http://bonds-forlibraries.org).



From the **University of New Mexico Health Sciences Library and Informatics Center**: **Sarah Morley** and **Ingrid Hendrix** of the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Library and Infor-

matics Center presented a paper titled "Performance on the Field: From Information Confusion to Skill Acquisition" at the annual meeting of the Medical Library Association in Seattle in May. They also presented a poster titled "Evolution of an Information Course." **Brian Bunnett**, and **Richard Carr** presented a poster at the 2012 Integrated Medical Public Health, Preparedness and Response Training Summit in Nashville May titled "The Role of Librarians and Informationists in Disaster Response." **Jonathan Eldredge** co-wrote an article published in the July 2012 issue of the *Journal of the Medical Library Association* and with several School of Medicine faculty members, co-wrote a poster on the team's assessment rubric for Problem-Based Learning sessions and presented the poster at the International Association of Medical Science Educators' annual meeting in Portland.

Registration is open for the 2012 **New Mexico Library Association** Mini-Conference to be held at Pecos River Village Conference Center, Carlsbad, Oct. 25-26. Additional information is available at <http://nmla.org/mini-conference/>

Program application information for the **New Mexico Library Association** annual conference in April 2013 is available at <http://nmla.org/annual-conference/>. The conference theme is *Libraries: Connecting New Mexico with the Global Communities*. All submissions must be postmarked or date-stamped by October 31, 2012, for consideration.

# NORTH DAKOTA

**Mary Reinertson-Sand**, Information Specialist at the Rural Assistance Center, University of North Dakota, Center for Rural Health, has illustrated a children's book that her father, Bob Reinertson has written. The book, *The Mysterious Visitor* is Mary's first illustrated book but her third book project. She served as a consultant on *North Dakota*, by Robin Silverman, and wrote the North Dakota section on National Geographic's *Quilt of States: Piecing Together America*, by Adrienne Yorinks.



**North Dakota Library Association** 's annual conference was held September 19-22.

On August 7 and 8, the **North Dakota State Library**'s Field Services Department hosted a library management colloquium for public library directors and staff from throughout the state. Workshops covered drafting effective library policies, best practices in hiring staff and volunteers, and how to establish a library foundation with 501(c)(3) non-profit status.



North Dakota's First Lady Betsy Dalrymple continued her tour of state libraries, encouraging early childhood literacy and promoting Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Her recent stops included the **Lake Region Public Library** in Devils Lake.

The **McVile Community Library** recently celebrated its first anniversary.

The **Kindred Public Library** will celebrate its tenth anniversary on November 2.

The **Minot Public Library** has recently started using Libratica's CASSIE to automate public computer access and print management.

**Beth Reitan**, Director of the **Bottineau County Public Library**, and **Bonnie Krenz**, Director of the **Griggs County Library**, both recently won Continuing Education Grants from the North Dakota State Library. The grants will cover the costs of their attending the Association for Rural and Small Libraries 2012 Conference.

The **Lake Region Public Library**, Central Middle School, and Devils Lake Sons of Norway are partnering to produce an oral history project called "The Stories of Our Lives." Together, they are working to document and preserve the stories of families and individuals who migrated to the Devils Lake region.

The **Valley City State University** was awarded a \$290,000 grant from IMLS to fund scholarships for students enrolled in VCSU's online Library and Information Technologies Master of Education (M.Ed./LIT) concentration and to allow the university to offer four face-to-face summer institutes within the M.Ed./LIT program.

The **Dickinson State University** has begun work on an all-digital Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library. Project partners include Harvard University, the Library of Congress, and the National Park Service.

Creative wrap-ups to summer reading programs included a custom book-themed mini golf course in the **Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library**, and a sleep over party for stuffed animals at the Divide County Public Library.

In conjunction with their summer reading program, the **Leach Public Library** in Wahpeton held a teen photography contest for the best night-themed photo. The grand-prize winner received a copy of Adobe Photoshop Elements 10.

## OKLAHOMA

The **Oklahoma Department of Libraries**, in partnership with the Oklahoma Historical Records Advisory Board, announced that the **Henry G. Bennett Memorial Library, Southeastern State University**, was awarded a "Threats to Your Collection" grant to digitize microfilm copies (1922-1997) of *The Southeastern*, the campus newspaper.

**Tulsa City-County Library System** Chief Executive Officer **Gary Shaffer** announced that the library fine structure would change for the first time

in 20 years with the most notable change being the elimination of fines for children. Shaffer pointed out that children are often excluded from checking out materials because of financial obligations they cannot meet.

The **Oklahoma State University Library** was chosen to host the exhibit “Manifold Greatness: The Creation and Afterlife of the King James Bible” in August and September. The exhibit tells the story of the King James Bible and its cultural influence up to today. It was brought to OSU through a grant provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities, which was awarded to catalog librarian Misty Smith and digital library services librarian Nicole Sump-Crethar, both MPLA members. A series of events related to the exhibit will also take place throughout its stay, along with complementing displays located both in the Library and at the Sheerar Museum of Stillwater History. More information about these events and exhibits can be found online at [www.library.okstate.edu/manifoldgreatness](http://www.library.okstate.edu/manifoldgreatness).



The **Oklahoma Library Association's Tribal Libraries, Archives, and Indian Collections Ad Hoc Committee** met at the Delaware Nation Library in Anadarko, OK, for a tour of the Delaware Nation Library guided by Delaware Nation librarian Gina Wooster.

The **Oklahoma Library Association** and Rose State College completed the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Information Matrix Camp, a week-long summer camp for

12 to 14 year old teens. This library camp, provided by IMLS funds, is designed to expose young people to the many avenues of librarianship other than the more traditional school and public librarians they are generally exposed to in hopes that they might consider librarianship as a career. Thirty-one campers from across Oklahoma attended. Their schedule included visits to academic, law, medical, special and museum libraries.



*Matrix Campers*

The **Capitol Hill Public Library's** children's librarian **Jennifer Jones**, was featured in National Public Radio's *Participation Nation* blog in August for developing the Safari After School Project, a program for kids that includes mentoring and tutoring. The Capitol Hill Library is a branch of the **Metropolitan Library System**.



**Northeastern State University** graduate students who are part of the Institute of Museum and Library Services grant, “Training 21st Century Library Media Specialists to Serve in Racially Diverse and Economically Disadvantaged Communities: Information and Management (Project I'M READY),” assisted the **Broken Arrow Public Schools** Indian Education department with their summer Culture

Camps. Activities included providing reader's theater scripts for Indian legends, researching tribal information with students as they learned about their ancestry, and creating treasure boxes with artifacts such as dream catchers, medicine bags and beaded necklaces. The elementary students met indoors while part of the middle school camp involved nature activities such as learning about the topography of the area, the water cycle, and how and why samples of the pond water and mud are taken.



## SOUTH DAKOTA

The South Dakota Library Association's annual conference, 'Libraries: Crossroads to Discovery,' will be held October 3-5 in Huron. Featured speakers include James Deem, Joe Raiola, and Patrick Hicks.

South Dakota welcomes twelve new MLIS librarians and six new certified school media specialists to the state through the SWIM (Become a Librarian) program. What students had to say about their experience:

*"When I started the graduate program at UNT, I had little direct library experience. I was working at the SD Department of Labor and Regulation as an Employment Specialist when I saw the ad in the paper for the SWIM Grant. My husband encouraged me to go for it, because he knew I had always wanted to be a librarian. I often tell people that growing up I wanted to be one of two things; a rock star or a librarian. I no longer wish to be a rock star, but the library*

*field has always been very interesting to me. In July 2012, I applied for and was offered a full-time faculty librarian position at Northern State University. I am in charge of the electronic resources, reference and some instruction. I am so happy I decided to take this career path. It was very scary leaving a job that I was good at, to follow a dream I had. I am so very grateful to the SWIM Grant Committee for their assistance and encouragement..."*

— Lynn Klundt, MLIS, Beulah-Williams Library, Northern State University, and MPLA member

*"I had always wanted to be a teacher and a librarian later in life. When I started at NSU in 1996, I was going to have a library science minor, but they dropped the program right before I got started. So, after six years of teaching, I took a job as a librarian in Warner. I loved being in the library but I was only paid as an aide and I had to have a second job just to get by. Thankfully, because of the State Library and being a recipient of the SWIM grant, I was able to start working at my current job in the Meade School District. I am in charge of the three elementary libraries for the district – Sturgis, Whitewood and Piedmont Valley. I love being in the library and I really don't want to go back to the regular classroom. If I didn't have the opportunity to receive the SWIM Grant, I know that I would not have been able to afford it. Thank you so much for this wonderful opportunity! It has truly changed my life!"*

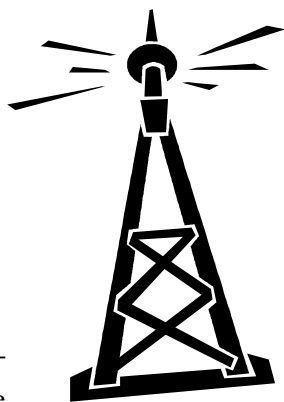
— Ginny Sannes, SLME, Meade School District Elementary Librarian

**South Dakota Titles To Go** welcomed four libraries to the group in August, bringing the total to 55 participants. The new libraries include **Burke Public Library, Irene School/Community Library, Lennox Community Library** and **Scotland Community Library**.

In late July the **South Dakota Broadband Initiative** announced 15 recipients of over \$112,000 in technology grants. Among the 15 are five public libraries located in Beresford, Phillip, Miller, Madison and Gettysburg. To qualify for the grant, applicants



were required to meet the definition of a Community Anchor Institution and provide a 20 percent matching investment. Projects funded include a variety of infrastructure updates and improvements. In Phillip, the **Haakon County Public Library** Director and MPLA member **Annie Brunskill** reports, "Our library is one of the lucky recipients of the SD Broadband Technology Initiative grants in the amount of \$2924.01. We'll be getting one new desktop PC, two laptops, an Internet filtering software bundle, and a switch to help speed up our Internet." Library Director **Ray Caffee** explains, "The Technology Planning Grant we have received for the **Hand County Library** in Miller will be used to upgrade aging computers and replace a few computers that are no longer in service. Sadly, we still have a Windows 95 computer! We will be able to add four computer stations for public internet access (added to the four computers still in operation from our last Gates grant), a computer for our OPAC, a computer for circulation and one for the staff. We will also be able to upgrade some networking equipment. As an anchor institution for our rural area, it is important for us to keep our technology current, and this will give us a big boost in that regard."



Congratulations to the winners of the 2012 **South Dakota Library Association** Election:

Vice-President/President Elect: **Scott Ahola**, Director of Operations, E.Y. Berry Library, Black Hills State University.

Recording Secretary: **Cindy Messenger**, Director, Hot Springs Public Library and MPLA member. Cindy participated in the 2010 Leadership Institute.

ALA Councilor: **Vickie Mix**, Assistant Professor and Government. Documents Librarian, Briggs Library, South Dakota State University and MPLA member.

MPLA Representative: **Brenda Hemmelman**, Research/Govt. Publications Librarian, South Dakota State Library and MPLA member.

Academic/Health/Special Chair/Secretary Elect: **Danielle DeJager-Loftus**, Asst. Professor, University Libraries, University of South Dakota and MPLA member. Danielle participated in the 2012 Leadership Institute.

School/Library Media Section Chair Elect: **Sharlene Lien**, Librarian, Discovery Elementary, Sioux Falls and MPLA member.

Public Library/Trustee Section Chair Elect: **Marjorie DeJong**, Assistant Director, Sturgis Public Library.

Support Staff Section Chair Elect: **Becky Folkerts**, ILL/Circulation, Mikkelsen Library, Augustana College.

In a 76-6 vote, the membership approved the proposed SDLA By-Laws changes. In summary:

- 1) changed from calendar year to anniversary year for membership;
- 2) defined dues categories for individual members for all salary levels and combined to make larger categories;
- 3) special category created for trustees/retirees/students;
- 4) Contributing membership category renamed to Friend with dues designated to the Leon Raney Fund;
- 5) defined dues categories for institutional library members;
- 6) removed Honorary Life from membership class.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services recently announced that four South Dakota tribal communities were recipients of the Native American Library Services Basic Grant with Education/Assessment Option Program. Grants in the amount of \$7,000 each will benefit library/education projects for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, Yankton Sioux Tribe and Oglala Sioux Tribe.



## UTAH

The American Fork *Citizen* reported that “after decades of working at the American Fork Public Library, children’s librarian **Vicky Turner** is hanging up her storybooks and glue sticks on Sept. 14.”

The American Association of Law Libraries’ State, Court & County Law Libraries Special Interest Section has awarded Utah State Law Librarian **Jessica Van Buren** the 2012 O. James Werner Award. The award honors a member who has made a significant contribution to serving directly or for arranging services to be provided to persons with disabilities. Van Buren received the award for her volunteer work with the **Utah State Library for the Blind and Disabled**, where she records books of Utah interest.

## WYOMING

MPLA member **Jon Harwood** has a new position as Associate Librarian at **Hay Library, Western Wyoming Community College**.

**Melanie Hornbeck** is the new youth outreach librarian at the **Laramie County Library System**. She joins 12 other staff members in the Division of Youth & Outreach Services and will be serving those children who may not have access to a library. A native of Arkansas, Melanie earned her undergraduate degree from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, and is completing her Master’s of Library and Information Science at the University of Pittsburgh

The **Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library** recently hosted a program by Treva Lannan reading from her recently published book, *Can You Hear Me Now?* The poetry is drawn from her experiences as a wife, a mother, a career woman and a widow.

**Laramie County Library** in Cheyenne has received *Discover Earth: A Century of Change* and will host the exhibition through November 2. This traveling exhibition, which is like a small science museum,

features interactive, multimedia displays that will allow exhibit visitors to interact with digital information in a dynamic way, encouraging new perspectives on our planet. It focuses on local earth science

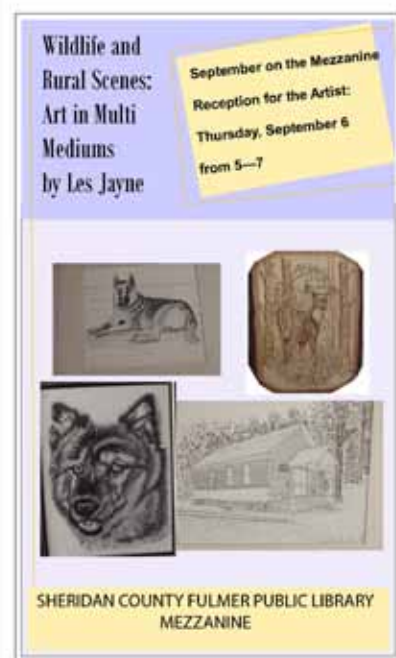


topics—such as weather, water cycle, and ecosystem changes—as well as a global view of the changing planet. The exhibition features an 18-inch-diameter Magic Planet™ globe and a 42-inch multi-touch table computer. The

exhibit pieces incorporate personal narratives, stunning graphics, video, animations, weather artifacts, animal specimens, and simulation-based educational games.

The **Sweetwater County Library** is getting into the “spirit” of fall with Ghost Walks and paranormal investigations in September. Tickets are \$5 with proceeds benefiting the Sweetwater County Library Foundation. Patrons must be at least 15 years old.

The **Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library** is hosting the exhibit, *Wildlife and Rural Scenes: Art in Multi-Medium* by Les Jayne in September. His artwork includes tree bark carving, relief carving, wood burning, pencil drawing, pen and ink, and oil and water color painting. He has attended the Mid-America Woodcarvers Association workshops at Doane College in Crete, Nebraska for five years where he studied wood burning and low-relief carving.



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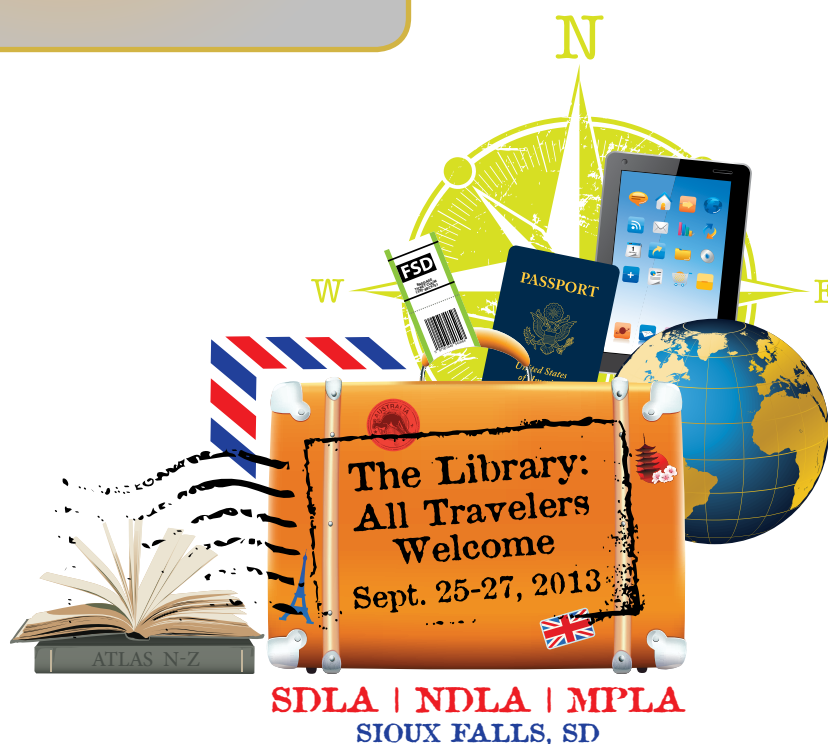
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