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TRI-CONFERENCE INVITATION



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1995 was the year that the DVD was announced as the latest way to watch movies, the “new” Denver Airport opened, Microsoft released Windows 95, and the Oklahoma City bombing stunned the world.

1995 was also the last time South Dakota hosted MPLA. As the president of the South Dakota Library Association, I must tell you that all your SD colleagues want to show you a true South Dakota welcome. Our theme, The Library: All Travelers Welcome kicks off on Wednesday afternoon with our keynote speaker Rick Steves and excellent programming continues through lunch on Friday.

I'm delighted that our call for proposals was enthusiastically met by members from all over the region, and I can promise you that there will be something for everybody. Add to that a lively vendor area, opportunities to network, schmooze, nosh, and reconnect, and I believe you'll be glad you made plans to attend the Tri-conference on September 25-27 in Sioux Falls.

We're bursting with excitement. Will you join us?

--Jan Brue Enright

TRI-CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

keynote speakers

- Travel writer, PBS host Rick Steves as Wednesday's opening
- ALA President Maureen Sullivan on Thursday morning
- Young Adult icon Neal Shusterman as Thursday's luncheon speaker (author of Unwind series, Skinjacker trilogy, Dark Fusion series)
- Dale Hoiberg as Friday's luncheon speaker. Dr. Hoiberg has been the editor-in-chief of Encyclopaedia Britannica since 1997.

featured speakers

- Kansas State Librarian and Library Journal Librarian of the Year 2013--Joanne Budler. Joanne will discuss her ongoing battle with ebook publishers for fair and affordable access.
- School librarian/rockstar Naomi Bates comes from Texas to demonstrate her digital booktalks, booktrailers, podcasts, and more.

- Kathy Rosa is the ALA Office of Research & Statistics director, and she will talk about using data to amplify value
- ACRL is sending a representative to talk about issues facing academic libraries
- Stephanie Judson, the SD Community Foundation director will present a session on forming a foundation for public libraries.
- Karen Austin, director of OCLC's "Geek the Library"
- Break-out sessions on LEGO Robotics in STEM teaching, Using a Drum Circle to manage change, LibGuides, video library tours, Copyright, Censorship, Addressing the Common Core, and much more! Pre-conference sessions (Wednesday, September 25)
- "Story Time Slime", an all-day session perfect for children's and school librarians which features hands-on science tied to children's literature. Participants get to play all day and bring home a kit suitable for future experiential learning
- A team from USD will present "The Inclusive Library: Serving Diverse User Populations" featuring hands-on activities, game planning, and ideas to take home.
- DeeDee Raap will focus on "The Power of Leading to Achieve Great Service" as a half-



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Change is constant. Here are two examples. My institution just switched to Gmail after years of using Groupwise mail, and we are currently exploring the implementation of a search discovery system in the library. MPLA is no different. Since I joined MPLA in 2000, our organization has been through many changes. What is constant among these changes is the great people associated with our organization, people who anchor it and keep it moving forward—MPLA members, state representatives, committee chairs and members, and other leaders who have held or are currently holding leadership positions in the organization. These individuals are critical to creating an organization that can change and transform itself to meet the needs of its members as libraries and library positions change and evolve. This year has been and will continue to be a year of change and transition for MPLA including:

- We've hired a new newsletter editor. Welcome aboard, Abby Moore!
- A taskforce has been created to investigate the potential return of interest groups to MPLA.
- The Professional Development committee is taking over the Professional Papers forum at the annual conference.
- The State Representatives are putting together a list of best practices to help new state representatives as they come on board.
- The Leadership Institute Committee is hiring a coordinator for the next Leadership Institute to be held at the YMCA of the Rockies in 2014. And there are probably more examples that I just haven't thought of! As your 2013 MPLA president, I ask for your input and feedback on changes you would like to see in MPLA. Finally, please complete the survey that will be arriving in your inbox shortly from the Interest Group Task Force. Remember, change is good. Sometimes difficult, but good.

-JaNae KinKin, MPLA President

NEW MEMBERS

Diane Ward

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Papillion, NE

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Cataloger
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Omaha, NE

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Library System
Columbus, NE

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Library System of
Oklahoma
Heavener Public
Library
Heavener, OK

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Dakota
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Vermillion, SD

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Brookings, SD

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University Archivist
University of
Wyoming
American Heritage
Center
Laramie, WY

Dan Seager, first Executive Secretary of MPLA, has passed away. Dan was an Associate Professor of Library Science at the University of Northern Colorado's University Libraries from 1956 until his retirement in 1984. During his 28 years at UNC, he served seven of those years as Library Director.

LONGTIME MPLA MEMBER PASSES AWAY

Beginning in 1949, he held faculty positions, first in English and later in library science, while serving as head librarian at Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, MO, 1949-53) and Ouachita Baptist University (Arkadelphia, AR, 1953-56) before coming to Greeley as director of Libraries and associate professor of library science at Colorado State College (now University of Northern Colorado) in 1956. Dan would later remark upon what he considered highlights of his first fifteen years at UNC, a period in which his fine staff successfully supported the library resource needs of the expanding special education and new nursing programs, the Pakistan project, the new laboratory school and music libraries, and conducted the research and planning needed for the new Michener Library that opened in 1971. During his career, his professional service and accomplishments merited numerous recognitions and awards, including biographical listings in Who's Who in America, Who's Who in the West, The Royal Blue Book (with wife Helen), and National Register of Prominent Americans. He was inducted into Phi Delta Kappa during his years at UNC, belonged to the National, Colorado, and University of Northern Colorado Education Associations, and served on countless committees and councils. Upon retirement from UNC in 1984, he joined the UNC Emeritus Faculty Association.

Dan was active in many professional, civic and service organizations during his lifetime. He was member and contributor to state, regional and national library associations, including the American Library Association. Library-related business firms frequently invited him to consult concerning their products and services. He served as Treasurer of the Mountain Plains Library Association from 1959-63, Executive Secretary from 1963-76, and Archivist from 1974-84. In 1993, he received MPLA's Presidential Award for Meritorious Service. He was active in Christian Businessmen's Club, Civitan International (Lt. Gov., Mountain Plains District, 1960-62), and at various times served on the executive boards of Rocky Mountain Bibliographic Center for Research, Colorado Council of Librarians of State-Operated Institutions, and Weld County Association for Mental Health, among others. In 1984, he joined the Friends of the UNC Libraries. He would be the first to say that he could not have managed all this without the support and forbearance of a devoted, gracious spouse and a responsible, innovative team of professional and support staff.

MPLA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINES 2013

FEBRUARY 6

APRIL 3

JUNE 5

AUGUST 7

OCTOBER 2

DECEMBER 4

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ACCESS FREE RECORDINGS FROM ALA MIDWINTER NOW

Enjoy, learn, revisit, and discover when you watch and listen to recordings of a select group of sessions from 2013 ALA Midwinter Meeting.

Audio recordings include some "News You Can Use" update sessions, in which experts across library-related fields offered the latest on policy, research, statistics, technology, and more.

Video recordings include Auditorium Speakers Caroline Kennedy and Steven Johnson; the ERT/Booklist Author Forum with authors Terry Brooks, Ivan Doig, Gregg Olsen, and Ruth Ozeki; the Book Buzz Theater series; Arthur Curley Lecturer author Lisa Genova; and the lively Wrap Up/Rev Up Star Wars-themed celebration with authors Chris Alexander and Tom Angleberger.

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AROUND THE REGION

ARIZONA

Scottsdale Public Library is partnering with Arizona State University (ASU Venture Catalyst) on a new initiative, the Alexandria Network, designed to provide support for the innovation economy. Libraries will offer EUREKA spaces which offer popular co-working space, combined with library resources and expertise, plus the start-up resources of ASU which include 'pracademic' classes and entrepreneurial mentors. The long-term plan is to provide EUREKA spaces around the state using libraries to support the hundreds of inventors, problem-solvers, entrepreneurs, and micro- and small-businesses from across Arizona that need help to advance their ideas. The first EUREKA space in Scottsdale will open in early April.

Scottsdale Public Library Managers awarded the 2013 City of Scottsdale "Plan and Innovate" Katsina Award for their work in restructuring, reinventing and expanding library services without increasing their budget. Pictured L to R: Dana Braccia, Aimee Fifarek, Carol Damaso, Kathy Coster and Cheryl Thomsen.

The ALA Committee on Accreditation reviewed the University of Arizona School of Information Resources

and Library Science (SIRLS) in 2012 and recently renewed Accreditation until the next review cycle – in 2019.

SIRLS has created a new academic program, eSociety. In this program, students will have the opportunity to pursue either a Bachelor of Arts degree or an Undergraduate Minor degree. This area of study will prepare students for life and work in contemporary society where innovations in communication and computational technology are fundamentally changing the ways we create, process, share, manage and shape knowledge.

Former SIRLS Director, Brooke Sheldon, passed away. She was Director from January of 2001 until she retired in June of 2004. Before joining SIRLS, she was Dean and Professor of the School of Information at both the University of Texas at Austin and at Texas Women's University.



COLORADO

Basalt Regional Library is a seed lending library! The program allows patrons to check out packets of seeds with their library card. After the fruits and vegetables have grown, the seeds are harvested and the patron returns those seeds to the library so the library can lend them out to others. The goal of the program is to build future generations of seeds better adapted to the climate and elevation of the Roaring Fork Valley.

Rangeview Library District has taken its library outdoors. Explore Outdoors is the new outdoor space at the Anythink Wright Farms Public Library in Adams County. The outdoor classroom allows families a hand-on approach to learning about nature. Explore Outdoors at Anythink Wright Farms Public Library became a reality in 2012. The grand opening was held in September and was attended by more than 100 children and families.

The Roaring Fork School District just hired Dr. Diana Sirko, former deputy commissioner for the Colorado Department of Education, for the position of superintendent and Dr. Bob Stein, former Denver Public Schools principal, as assistant superintendent and chief academic officer.



AROUND THE REGION

KANSAS

Kansas Library Association nominations are open! Positions open in 2013 are: second vice president, treasurer and three positions on the nominating committee. If you or someone you know would be interested in running for KLA office, follow this link to the nomination form: <http://tinyurl.com/cmbc8x6>.

K-State Libraries hosted the "Righteous Among the Nations" exhibit throughout February. The exhibit is a tribute to the men and women who lived in southern Poland and "demonstrated extraordinary courage and risked their own lives and the lives of their families, to help the Jews survive the Holocaust." The author of the exhibit is the Polish Institute of National Remembrance and in the U.S. the exhibit is held under patronage of the Polish Consulate in Chicago.



MONTANA

The Montana

Library Association's annual conference is coming April 17-20 to the Hilton Gardens in Missoula, Montana. Featured speakers are Mary Bushing and author, Michael Harmon. See the library web site, www.mtlib.org for more information.

Montana, like other states, is in the middle of the bi-annual legislative session. As of this week, the library funding bills have had a positive response in the house. Many more hearings and amendments are on the way so we are hoping for the best.

The Library Association is looking at a website advertising company as a means of generating much needed revenue for the organization. Research will continue and the idea will be discussed at our next Board meeting in April.



NEBRASKA

The Nebraska Library Association, with help from a grant from the Nebraska Library Commission, is chartering a librarian bus trip to ALA's Annual Conference in Chicago, IL this June.

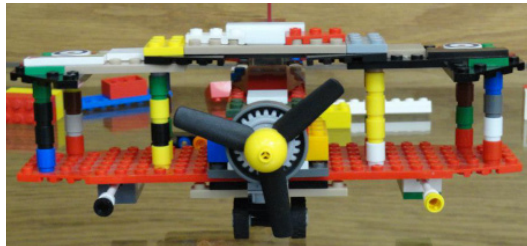
Nebraska Libraries, the NLA online journal, is officially live. Read the first issue here: <http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/neplib/>.

Omaha Public Library welcomed three young adult authors to its Saddlebrook Branch on March 25. C.C Hunter, Alyson Noel and Rainbow Rowell discussed their newest releases, participated in a Q&A session and signed books. The event was free and open to the public.

Lyle R. Schreiner, faculty member in the University Libraries at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, passed away. He was 83.

NEVADA

The Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library system's Lego Contest was a great success. Family/Team winners



of the contest were Joanna and Darrin Hutnyal and Annika Criss. Winners were chosen in four additional categories: Preschool, 1st grade, 2nd – 4th grade, 5th -7th grade and 8th grade through Adult.

Elko is famous for its Cowboy Poetry Festival, a winter event. Cowboy Poetry Week at the Elko County Library brought parents and families to celebrate. President's Day was celebrated by displaying President dolls to the Elko County Library. These unique characters were displayed next to their biographies.

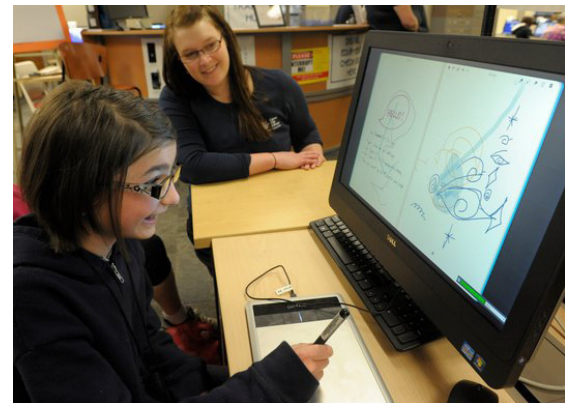


The youngest patrons of the library are looking forward to the Spring EGGSTRAVAGANZA on March 29th,



a celebration designed for preschool aged children. The Easter Bunny promised to make an appearance, just as he did last year.

On February 23rd, Carson City Library opened its new second-floor Digital Media Learning Center. Sara Jones, Director of the Carson City Library, had her picture transformed into digital art by teenagers experimenting with digital drawings.



AROUND THE REGION

NEVADA (CONTINUED)

The Digital Book Mobile is coming to Las Vegas libraries! On days when the bookmobile visits branches, programs will include storytime, crafts, and instruction about how to download eBooks and eAudiobooks. A Digital Treasurehunt will be provided, and a drawing for a new Sony eReader will be held on March 29th, 2013.

On February 13th, the Downtown Reno Library, a branch of the Washoe County Library, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places, a list of cultural resources worthy of preservation. The library's open, multileveled construction, its winding staircases, its islands of greenery and the many comfortable and inviting places to read contribute to its distinctive architecture. The architecture itself emphasizes the library's role in the community "as a place where creativity is fostered and where people are connected, not only with information and ideas, but also to an authentic sense of place," said Arnold Maurins, library director.



Interior of Downtown Reno Library -- 1966

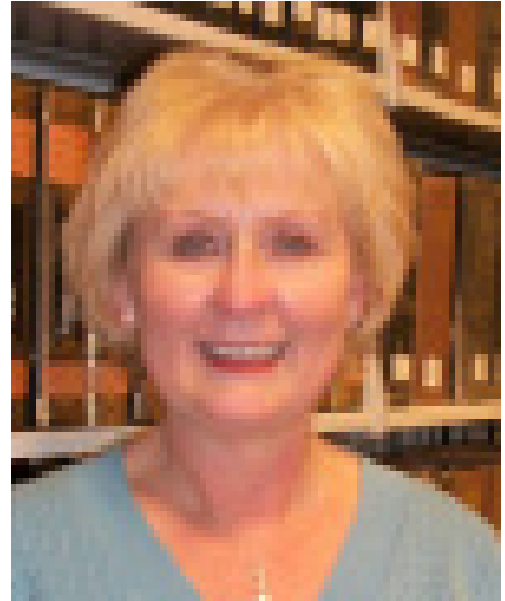
NEW MEXICO

The New Mexico Library Foundation (NMLF), a nonprofit grant funding organization supporting New Mexico libraries, is the beneficiary of a \$139,000.00 donation from the Alliance for Information Science and Technology Innovation (AISTI). According to Carol Hoover, Chair of the NMLF Board of Trustees, "This donation will allow us to greatly enhance our support for library programs and services to help libraries improve and sustain the services they provide for their communities." AISTI donation funds invested by NMLF in libraries will bring a tremendous return for New Mexico citizens of all ages. Throughout the coming year, NMLF will be announcing various funding and grant opportunities made possible through this generous

contribution.

Norice Lee, Associate Dean of New Mexico State University Library, has been appointed to the New Mexico State Library Commission by Governor Susana Martinez. The New Mexico State Library Commission, created in 1975, provides advice, upon request of the State Librarian, on matters and duties

of the State Library and any other issues related to libraries in New Mexico.



NEW MEXICO (CONTINUED)

The Border Regional Library Association is pleased to announce the 42nd Annual Southwest Book Awards.

Since 1971, the awards have been presented in recognition of outstanding books in any genre and directed toward any audience that are about the Southwest; published between August 1, 2011, and July 31, 2012; are of high quality, both in the context of the current year's entries and in the existing body of Southwestern literature; and books that reflect and interpret the Southwest. The 2013 winners are:

- *Amadito and the Hero Children / Amadito y los Niños Heroes*, by Enrique R. Lamadrid, illustrations by Amy Cordova
 - *Border Junkies* by Scott Comar
 - *En el Puente con la Migra*, edited by Hector Antonio Padilla Delgado
 - *From this Wicked Patch of Dust*, by Sergio Troncoso
 - *Grandpa Lolo's Navajo Saddle Blanket / La Tilma de Abuelito Lolo*, by Nasario Garcia
 - *Hard to Have Heroes*, by Buddy Mays
 - *The Plazas of New Mexico*, edited by Chris Wilson and Stefanos Polyzoides
 - *Santa Rita del Cobre: A Copper Mining Community in New Mexico*, by Christopher J. Huggard and Terrence M. Humble
- Branigan Library in Las Cruces will be the site of the Latinitas Saturday Camp program beginning in March. Camp activities include

guest speakers and discussions about beauty, fashion, etiquette, health, wellness, nutrition and self-defense. In April, camp attendees will visit a college and talk to current students about their college experiences.

It takes 1000 books to start a library. Las Cruces Mayfield High School senior Alexandra Valdez is on her way to reaching her goal of building a library in Ghana for underprivileged children through the African Library Project. In conjunction with the MESA Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics club and the National Honor Society the students started a book drive in November that will finish in April. The idea caught on and the Zia Middle School's sixth-grade advisory council has also decided to collect donations for the project, aspiring to build a community library of their own.



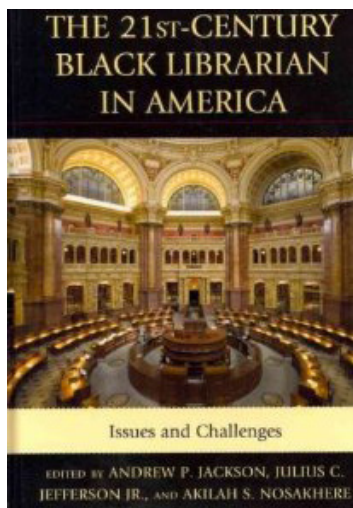
NEW MEXICO (CONTINUED)

New Mexico State Library Faculty Publications and Presentations:

Ellen Bosman is the author of *Resource Manual for Congregational Libraries: An Annotated Bibliography* published by the Church and Synagogue Library Association in 2012.

John Sandstrom has an annotated bibliography published in the February 1, 2013 *Library Journal* called "Beyond Knitting/Crochet."

Akilah S. Nosakhere has co-edited a new edition of *The 21st Century Black Librarian in America: Issues and Challenges* published by Scarecrow Press in 2012.



Librarian in America: Issues and Challenges published by Scarecrow Press in 2012.

Library educator Brooke E. Sheldon died on February 11, 2013. Ms. Sheldon was a branch librarian of the



Albuquerque Public Library. She also served at the Santa Fe Public Library as Children's Coordinator, Head of the Children's Department and Director of Library Development at the New Mexico State Library. Sheldon was an active member of ALA and served as ALA President from 1983-1984.

Former New Mexico Supreme Court Law Library employee Carroll Dean Hawley died in February 2013.

He taught English as a Second Language at Santa Fe Community College.





AROUND THE REGION

NORTH DAKOTA

As of March 1st, HB1013, the bill that contains the Department of Public Instruction's budget as well as the North Dakota State Library's budget, was amended to remove the additional \$541,500 for State Aid to public libraries and renovation grants to public libraries that had been requested by the State Library and which was included in the Governor's budget. By the time this is published, the House will have voted on it and it will have crossed over to the Senate, so look to this page for the current status:

<http://www.legis.nd.gov/assembly/63-2013/bill-text/house-bill.html>

The Field Services Department of the North Dakota State Library has begun conducting orientations for new public library directors in the state. Kimberly Herring, recently appointed director of Mott Public Library was the first to be thus trained.

A public service announcement was

produced and pushed out to TV and radio stations promoting Credo Reference's product Literati Public. The state library has contracted for statewide access to this comprehensive and award-winning reference database.

Christine Kujawa, of the Bismarck Veteran's Memorial Library and Central Dakota Library Network, was recently awarded the Gordon M. Conable Award by the Public Library Association. The award honors her unstinting work in leading intellectual freedom education and advocacy on local, state and national levels. Christine has been an inspiration throughout her tenure as Chair of NDLA's Intellectual Freedom Committee and she is also a member of MPLA.

NORTH DAKOTA (CONTINUED)

The Theodore Roosevelt Center at the Stoxen Library of Dickinson State University has been steadily expanding their digital library. The online archives now contain around 18,000 items, including writings, photographs and political cartoons. You can access the collection here:

www.theodorerooseveltcenter.com/Research/Digital-Library.aspx

The Stanton Public Library has temporarily relocated to the 7 Trails Trading Post, which it is renting from the Knife River Indian Heritage Foundation.

Three new computers and a copier were recently donated to the Walhalla Public Library by a generous individual who wishes to remain anonymous.

The Lake Region Pubic Library was the recipient of a grant from the Devil's Lake Area Foundation.

The Eddy-New Rockford Library was awarded the 2012 Accessibility Award by 4th Corporation's Self-Advocacy Club. The award is in recognition of the new

walkways, automatic door and handicapped accessible restrooms that the library has added to improve access to all people.

The Fargo Public Library was awarded a "Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim's Journeys" collection from the National Endowment for the Humanities. They received two complete sets of materials, one for their main location and one for the Dr. James Carlson Library.

The Velva School and Public Library, alongwiththeNorthDakotaHumanities Council, recently sponsored a Dakota Discussion on the book *March* by Geraldine Brooks. The discussion was led by Dr. Margaret Sherve from Minot State University.

The Minot Public Library has started offering free one-on-one computer instruction by appointment. In addition to the Tech Tutors program, they've also been offering free Tech Talks on topics like eBay, digital music, Facebook, Etsy, blogging, Snapfish and Craigslist. The talks are conducted by MPLA member Greta Guck, who also hosts a ham radio class conducted by the Red River Radio Amateurs.

North Dakota Poet Laureate Larry Woiwode held a reading at Allen Memorial Library at Valley City State University on February 8th.

NORTH DAKOTA (CONTINUED)

The Grand Forks Public Library recently hosted “The Bridges of North Dakota” Traveling Interpretive Exhibit from the State Historical Society. The exhibit features 17 North Dakota bridges dating back to 1872.

The Grand Forks Public Library sponsored a FIRST LEGO League (FLL) team that competed at the North Dakota FLL Championship Tournament at the University of North Dakota Memorial Union on Saturday, February 2nd. The kids designed and programmed an autonomous robot using LEGO MINDSTORMS NXT.



Finally, the Grand Forks Public Library Winter Reading Program was done in partnership with the University of North Dakota Athletic Department. All children who completed the six-hour reading requirement received a free ticket to the January 26th UND women’s basketball game and had their name entered into a drawing to win fun prizes.

Another of the State Historical Society’s Traveling Interpretive Exhibits was on display at the Harry L. Petrie Public Library in Linton. The exhibit was entitled “Winter Memories: Having Fun and Keeping Warm” and it featured photos and stories spanning the past 100 years of North Dakota winters. While the exhibit was in town, librarian Carla Frison invited people to donate gloves, mittens, scarves and hats for the homeless shelter.

OKLAHOMA

An 18-month-long “Geek the Library” Campaign began in February for the Eastern Oklahoma District Library System. EODLS, a multi-county, 15



branch system, held a week long kick-off in the communities of all branches to help raise public awareness of the importance and permanence of libraries.

In an effort to help some of the thousands of Oklahomans who live with constant chronic pain the Herman and Kate Kaiser Library, a branch of the Tulsa City County Library System, partnered with the Ruth G. Harman Adult Literacy Services, the Oklahoma Department of Libraries and the Oklahoma State Department of health in offering a month-long series of workshops designed to help people manage their chronic health issues. *Living Stronger, Living Longer, Living With Chronic Conditions*, is an excellent example of how Oklahoma libraries are working to meet the needs of their communities.



Calypso Gilstrap, Norman High School Library Media Specialist, has been named a finalist for Norman Public Schools

Teacher of the Year. “I am so excited to represent my school, library, the Oklahoma Library Association, and Oklahoma School Librarians. And of course excited to be moving the profession forward!” commented Gilstrap.

BE THE CHANGE! The 106th Annual Conference of the Oklahoma Library Association will be held in Ardmore, Oklahoma April 3-5. The conference will feature

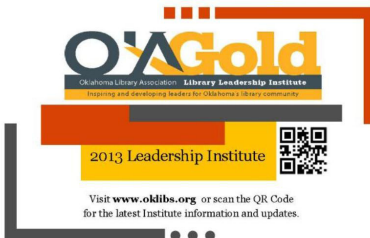


Native American poet, musician, and author Joy Harjo as banquet speaker. Stephen Abram will deliver the keynote speech. Visit www.oklibs.org for more information.



OKLAHOMA (CONTINUED)

The Children's, Intermediate and High School Sequoyah Masterlists for 2014 have been released. The Sequoyah award, sponsored by the Oklahoma Library Association, is a children's choice award and one of the oldest in the country, starting in 1959. www.oklibrs.org



The triennial OLA Gold Leadership Institute will be held November 6 – 8 at the Samuel R. Nobles foundation Campus in

Ardmore, Oklahoma and the application process is underway. Institute facilitators will be Sharon Morris, Director of Library Development, Colorado State Library and Peter Bromberg, Associate Director, Princeton Public Library (NJ).

MPLA member Alton Hardman, previously director of the Western Oklahoma State College Learning Resource Center in Altus is now the Library Director at Oklahoma Panhandle State University Marvin McKee Library in Goodwell.

MPLA Webmaster Dan Chaney published an article in peer-reviewed journal Behavioral Sciences entitled *An Overview of the First Use of the Terms Cognition and Behavior*. Find the article here:

<http://www.mdpi.com/2076-328X/3/1/143>.

Dr. Connie Van Fleet Professor, University of Oklahoma School of Library and Information Studies, passed away Tuesday, February 5 after a brief illness. She was a great library champion, mentor, and friend to all who knew her and she will be sorely missed.





SOUTH DAKOTA

Daria Bossman has been named South Dakota State Librarian. She came to the South Dakota State Library in 2008 as the Assistant State Librarian for Development.

Digital Learning Day was February 6th. TIE and the South Dakota State Library teamed up to publicize the event. South Dakota had huge participation statewide. An example of how children are learning digitally is available on the SDSL website at <http://library.sd.gov>

Jumpstart, a training program to share ideas and best practices for summer reading programs was held February 25 through March 1 at several locations across the state.

Seven South Dakota public libraries have

been accredited in the past year under the new tiered system. The SDSL accredits public libraries as providing services at the essential, enhanced or exemplary levels.

Exemplary:

- Brookings Public Library

Enhanced:

- Custer County Library
- Edgemont Public Library

Essential:

- Harrisburg Public Library
- Hill City Public Library
- North Sioux City Public Library
- Scotland Public Library

Ten South Dakota libraries across the state will receive funding from the South Dakota Broadband Initiative (SDBI) for a wide variety of technology improvements and expansions to continue improving their computer infrastructure.

SOUTH DAKOTA (CONTINUED)

With support from the Bush Foundation, the Black Hills Knowledge Network is creating a new online resource for access to data and statistics related to South Dakota. Over the last several weeks demographic and economic data has been posted. Health and education data will be posted soon. See examples here: <http://www.blackhillsknowledgenetwork.org/>

Hilton M. Briggs Library at South Dakota State University was selected to receive the Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim's Journeys.

The second annual School Library Boot Camp will be held July 21-24 at the University of South Dakota. Camp instructors will present on the theme *ShaZam! Multiple Literacies in the 21st Century School Library*. Students will look at topics through a Common Core lens. Topics include: online resources, children's and YA literature, reading strategies, transition from K-12 libraries to college libraries, digital, visual and auditory literacies as well as using technology tools to engage and challenge students to be college, career and life ready. Registration deadline is May 15, 2013. Find more information at <http://library.sd.gov>

UTAH

Salem Library is doing a “Pict-Oral” History Project! Kerry Burnham, a 10-year employee of the Salem Library, is putting together a story about the history of Salem using photos and oral histories donated by local residents. As photos of the

city are collected they are scanned and posted on

www.legacystories.com where they are preserved. Residents can post two-minute audio

files giving information about the photographs.

Utah has very few books banned, but last spring, *In Our Mother's House* by Patricia Polacco was first removed from the shelves and later placed behind the circulation desk in an elementary library in the Davis School District. A group of mothers complained that the book, which is about a lesbian couple raising their children, did not meet district standards. On behalf of a Kaysville parent, the ACLU of Utah filed a suit demanding the book be returned to the regular library shelves. In January, the Davis School District reversed their earlier ruling and instructed the school library to place *In Our Mother's House* back on the regular shelves. Tina Weber, the mother who brought the suit against the school district said, “A small group of people shouldn't be able to impose their personal values on everyone else by taking away access to books they might disagree with. It's not their job to decide what my kids can read – that's my job.”

The Salt Lake City Library is 10 years old this year. Costing over \$80 million, the downtown library has been worth every penny, say local residents. In fact, since its completion, over one million people visit each year – to check out materials, attend programs, learn computer skills, sit and read or to ride the glass elevators up and down the five floors of the building. The eye-catching design of the library is the work of Moshe Safdie, an architect based in Boston. The Salt Lake City Library won Library of the Year in 2006.



Library Journal recognized the Mt. Pleasant Library as an All-Star Library in the \$100-\$200K category. Only 111 other libraries have reached the “All-Star” distinction. “The example you have set for all libraries in Utah through this achievement in excellence in visits, circulation, program attendance and public internet use is a major achievement at the core of public library service,” said Donna Jones Morris, State Librarian Division Director. Laurie Hansen is the Director of the award-winning library.



AROUND THE REGION

WYOMING

Wyoming Library Association (WLA) is accepting program proposals for the upcoming 2013 WLA Conference. The meeting will take place Wednesday, October 2, 2013 through Saturday, October 5, 2013, at the Little America Hotel and Resort, Cheyenne, WY. The theme for the conference is "Passport to Excellence". The deadline for submissions is March 15, 2013. Applicants will be notified regarding the status of their submission by May 1, 2013. The submission form can be found at the following URL.

http://conference.wyla.org/program_form.html

Personnel from the Library IT Office at the University of Wyoming and personnel from the Wyoming State Library will be working to transition the website <http://wyomingmemory.org> from a static site to the DRUPAL content management system. The site will be showcasing Wyoming digital collections. The current site was a static site. The new site will be transitioned to DRUPAL which is very configurable and showcases sites very nicely.



WLA hosted its annual Legislative Reception. The reception took place from 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm on January 24, 2013 at the Wyoming State Library in Cheyenne.

Several librarians from Fremont County were at the State Library this week for hands-on training on Inter-library Loan procedures with Trish Palluck, Technical Services Librarian.



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New and Notable



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60 min.
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UPCOMING CONFERENCES

UTAH

Aim for the Future: On Target With Vision & Advocacy is the theme of Utah Library Association's annual conference. The conference will be held May 1-3 in the new Utah Valley Convention Center in Provo.

Two pre-conferences will be offered on May 1st: *How to Influence Others When You Are Not in Charge* by

Michael-John Bristow of Targeted Learning and *Providing On-Target Health Information Reference Systems* by Candise Branum of Oregon College of Oriental Medicine as well as librarians from the University



of Utah. Marci Merola, Director of ALA's Office for Library Advocacy, will deliver the keynote address. John Hanagarne, author of *The World's Strongest Librarian* will be the luncheon speaker on Thursday, May 2nd. To register, visit our website, <http://conference.ula.org/>

OKLAHOMA

The Oklahoma Library Association (OLA) is sponsoring a pre-conference on the PEARL Project, Wednesday April 3, Ardmore, OK. The PEARL (Promoting and Enhancing the Advancement of Rural Libraries) Project

<http://pearl.unt.edu/pearl-0>

has been successful in helping Texas rural librarians reach out to groups and organizations in their communities and to raise visibility of and appreciation for their libraries. Community outreach plans, designed to identify and fill a need in the community are at the heart of this unique model. The process is supported by an actionable template which leads participants from community assessment, through strategic planning, to implementation and concludes with evaluating outcomes.

Speakers include Barbara Blake, Outreach Coordinator for the PEARL Project, University of North Texas and two Texas Librarians who have used the PEARL Project.

This great learning experience is a full day preconference held prior to the OLA 2013 Annual Conference. Please join us. Conference details and registration are at www.oklibs.org/conference

GRANT INFORMATION

Better World Books, the socially responsible online bookseller, is giving \$45,000 to help support literacy causes around the globe! The LEAP (Literacy and Education in Action Program) Grant is an initiative designed to turn company revenues into literacy support.

The deadline for library applicants is April 5, 2013; winners will be announced May 14, 2013. Library grant recipients will be selected by the Better World Books Literacy Council. For more information, visit www.BetterWorldBooks.com/LEAP

MPLA AWARD NOMINATIONS

What do the following have in common?

Authors A. B. Guthrie and Tony Hillerman

The Montana Arts Advocacy

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Phoenix Newspapers, Inc

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They have all won a MPLA Award at one time or another.

Do you know a deserving individual in the library field who should be recognized for his/her accomplishments? If so, please nominate him/her for an MPLA Award!!!

For an description of the various awards and an online nomination form go to:

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MLGSCA/NCNMLG CHAPTERS OF THE MEDICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The Planning Committee of the MLGSCA/NCNMLG chapters of the Medical Library Association invites proposals for contributed papers and posters for the 2013 joint meeting. The meeting will be held in La Jolla, CA on July 24-26, 2013 at the University of California, San Diego's Price Center. The conference theme is *Waves of Change, Oceans of Opportunity* and can encompass a variety of topics. Projects, services, innovations, lessons learned, and success stories which illustrate how we are celebrating opportunity during continual change are all possible paper or poster topics. Deadline for submissions is March 31, 2013.

The poster session will be held on Thursday, July 25, 2013 from 1:30 to 3:00 in the Exhibit Hall. Posters may continue to be displayed through the last exhibit break on Friday July 26, 2013 at 4:00pm.

CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

Contributed paper sessions are Thursday July 25th from 10:30am to noon and Friday July 26th from 10:15am-11:45am, and occur in three concurrent sessions each day.

For both poster and paper proposals, submit a 250 word abstract describing your project. Include your name, position title, address, phone number and email address.

For posters, the abstract should be sent to Rebecca Birr (rebecca.birr@mihs.org) via email. Please put "poster proposal" in the subject line.

For contributed papers, the abstract should be sent to Annie Hughes (amhughes@usc.edu) via email. Please put "contributed paper proposal" in the subject line.

Please refer to the conference website for more information as it becomes available: <http://mlgsca.mlanet.org/jtmtg2013>

AAAS, PACIFIC DIVISION 94th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

AAAS, Pacific Division 94th Annual Conference Las Vegas, NV, June 16-19, 2013

Call For Papers: Library Science and Archives Symposium General and Interdisciplinary Section . Conference info:

<http://associations.sou.edu/aaaspd/2013LASVEGAS/index.html>

DEADLINE for submission: April 18, 2013. Submissions will be accepted on a rolling basis, so early submission is highly encouraged! The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), Pacific Division is hosting a Library Science and Archives Symposium under their General and Interdisciplinary Section. For this symposium, we are interested in any and all topics related to:

- Partnerships between libraries/archives and teaching faculty, campus departments, and other organizations/institutions
- Instruction, outreach, collection development, and reference services
- Open Access publishing and scholarly communications
- Digitization projects, electronic records programs, and institutional repositories
- Innovative technologies or techniques applied to libraries or archives

We will consider proposals for individual contributed papers, panels organized around a theme, and poster sessions. Oral contributed papers are

typically scheduled for 20 minutes, with 15 minutes for speaking and 5 minutes for questions. However, exceptions can be made. Please contact the symposium coordinators for special arrangements. Student papers, panels, or poster sessions are welcomed and highly encouraged. For more information on the call for abstracts for contributed papers or poster sessions, please visit:

<http://associations.sou.edu/aaaspd/2013LASVEGAS/Forms/CallForAbstracts2013.pdf>

If you have any questions, please contact one of the symposium organizers. Please feel free to forward, cross-post, or link to this call for submissions. We look forward to your proposals!

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MIDWEST CHAPTER MLA AND HSLI CONFERENCE

The Program Committee invites proposals for contributed papers and posters for the joint Midwest Chapter MLA and HSLI Conference to be held October 5-8, 2013 in East Peoria, Illinois. The conference theme is "Navigating a River of Information". We encourage you to take a literal or figurative (use your fertile imagination) approach to our theme. You can highlight various topics such as teaching or education, administration, practical problem-solving, document collaborative efforts or outreach activities, describe innovative programs, or report on research in librarianship, resources or services.

Concurrent contributed papers will be presented on Sunday October 6, 2013 from 11am-12pm and on Monday October 7, 2013 from 10:30am-11:30am.

The posters will be presented Sunday October 6, 2013. They will be available for viewing from 10am – 5pm with presenters present from 4pm-5pm.

For contributed paper proposals and poster proposals submit an abstract no longer than 250 words describing your paper or poster.

- Include your name, position title, address, phone number and email address on all submissions.
- Email your abstracts to Linda Feinberg (Lfeinberg@northshore.org).
- The deadline for abstract submission is Friday May 24th before the Memorial Day weekend.
- Notifications of paper and poster acceptance will be made by early-mid June.

The Midwest Chapter Professional Practice Committee is again awarding monetary prizes to the best RESEARCH papers and posters. Look for more information soon about applying.

For more information on the Midwest Chapter meeting, see the conference web site: <http://midwestmla.org/conference2013/> Please refer to the Papers and Posters sections for more information as it becomes available.

CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

ARIZONA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The Arizona Library Association invites all library and information professionals to submit program proposals for the AzLA Annual Conference, to be held November 13-15, 2013 at the Radisson Fort McDowell Resort and Conference Center in Scottsdale/Fountain Hills.

The call for program proposals opened Friday, February 22, 2013. This year's theme is "Libraries in the eSociety." We are seeking programs that address ways libraries can and have worked to meet the needs of an increasingly Web-based society. April 26, 2013 is the deadline for proposals for the half-day preconference sessions and for 60-minute program sessions. May 24, 2013 is the deadline for proposals for 60-minute poster and roundtable sessions, and for tightly-focused 15-minute blitz sessions.

For more information, please visit the conference page at <http://www.azla.org>. You can follow AZLA's blog at <http://azlablog.wordpress.com>, "like" us on Facebook, or follow our 2013 Conference Twitter feed (hashtag #AzLA13). Online registration opens on August 26, 2013. Contact the AzLA Association Management Office for questions about registering for the conference or if you need assistance with your username and password. They can be reached at (480) 609-3999 or admin@azla.org

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