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Tri-Conference

Pre-Conference



Library pre-conferences are an opportunity to get uninterrupted quality programming in a short amount of time. This year we are pleased to offer three separate opportunities for pre-conference education on Wednesday, September 25.

1. The all-day session is tailored for anyone who works with children--librarians, teachers, or early childhood educators. Julie Gintzler from Steve Spangler Science is bringing "Story Time Slime" to South Dakota. This all day-session is designed with one guiding principle in mind . . . teachers learn best by doing! Julie's approach to teaching children and teachers is the same---make it hands-on and get involved. As an attendee, you'll personally conduct more than 20 hands-on activities that are focused around the themes of air, water, color, weather, the senses, force and motion, and the environment. In addition, Julie combines her passion for teaching science with her love of great literature and creates incredible learning opportunities. You will receive a take-home kit (\$40 value) filled with the learning tools you'll need to implement Julie's strategies for teaching hands-on science. If you will be involved in the 2014 Summer Reading Program theme of science and literature, this session will give you lots of hands-on experience along with loads of ideas. Session cost is \$75, begins at 9:00 am, breaks for lunch and will end in time for the keynote speaker Rick Steves.

2. We live in a changing world, and in libraries we find we are faced with issues of diversity each day. Join four University of SD staff members (2 librarians, an Associate VP for Diversity, and Director of Disability Services) as they address "The Inclusive Library: Serving Diverse User Populations." One of our core beliefs is that libraries should be open to all. This pre-conference will take that concept and ask participants to reflect on how well libraries serve diverse populations. Participants will learn about the concept of inclusiveness and how it relates to diversity, have the opportunity to discuss their own experiences related to diverse user groups and the library, and will participate in hands-on activities that could be used for game planning and enhancing diversity and inclusion as core values. Morning session, cost: \$40.

3. Great service is everyone's business. Join consultant, author, and speaker Dee Dee Raap in a half-day preconference session "The Power of Leading to Achieve Great Service." Dee Dee's belief is simple: libraries matter because people matter. With a simple focus on values, attitudes, communication and teamwork, Dee Dee helps library leaders take the next step of transforming service into one of their best public relations and marketing strategies. In today's world, can your library afford to NOT have great service? Afternoon session: \$40

If you select both sessions 2 and 3, total cost is \$75. All sessions will end in time for the keynote speaker Rick Steves. Box lunches will be available for purchase.

For more information, visit the Tri-Conference page on the SDLA webpage:

<http://www.sdlibraryassociation.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=31>

Tri-Conference Schedule

Pre-Conference & Day 1

Tri-Conference Program Pre-Conference Schedule for Wednesday, September 25

9:00 - 11:45 a.m.	Story Time Slime <i>Julie Ginzler</i> <i>Steve Spangler Science</i>		The Inclusive Library: Serving Diverse User Populations <i>David Alexander, Ermetta Fox,</i> <i>Danielle Loftus, and Jesus Tervino</i>		SDLN Q & A
Lunch on your own or box lunch available - Ex Libris Update					
1:00 - 3:45 p.m.	Story Time Slime <i>Julie Ginzler</i> <i>Steve Spangler Science</i>		The Power of Leading to Achieve Great Service <i>Dee Dee Raap</i>		SDLN Advisory
4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Keynote - PBS Host and Travel Writer Rich Steves				
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Exhibits Reception sponsored by Ex Libris				
7:15 - 8:30 p.m.	Library Tours sponsored by Agati - bus provided, signup required				
7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Board Meetings				

Tri-Conference Program Schedule for Thursday, September 26

Color Key	Public	General	Academic	School	Combination			
7:00 - 8:00	Breakfast/SDLA Business Mtg. 7:30B		reakfast/NDLA Business Mtg. 7:30B		reakfast/MPLA Business Mtg. 7:30			
8:30 - 9:20	How Hands-On Science Can Energize Your Library <i>Julie Gintzler</i>	The eBook Saga at the Kansas State Library <i>Jo Budler</i>	Best Books for Teens 2013 <i>Jeanne Conner,</i> <i>Mary Peters, Keri</i> <i>Smith</i>	Let's Go! An Open Access Travel Guide <i>Anali Perry</i>	Government Information: All Libraries Welcome <i>Dan Stanton</i>	Libraries & Change -Digital Production Workflows, Software, Metadata & Best Practice Digital Preservation <i>Stephen Boss</i>	Great Apps for Librarians <i>Steve Irving</i>	We All Tell Stories the Same Way <i>Tony Hardman</i>
9:30 - 10:30	Keynote - 2012/2013 ALA President Maureen Sullivan - Sponsored by EBSCO							
10:30 - 11:15	No Conflict Exhibits with Refreshments							
11:15 - 12:05	Librarians Leading Community Engagement <i>Maureen Sullivan</i>	YARP	ND & SD Join Forces! Flicker Tale & Prairie Pasque Winner <i>Sharon M. Draper</i>	21st Century Library Tours: Connecting New Students to Library Resources <i>Royce Kitts &</i> <i>Keith Rocci</i>	STEM in Public Libraries (including LEGO* Robotics) <i>Aaron Stefanich</i>	LibGuides: Trying the Resources that Professor's Love to Designs that Students Love <i>Heather Maneiro</i> & <i>Mardi Mahaffy</i>	True Stories of Censorship Battles <i>Valerie Nye &</i> <i>Kathy Barco</i>	Attention Public Libraries! How You Can Make a Difference With Your School District <i>Daria Bossman</i>
12:15 - 1:30	Lunch - Young Adult Author Neal Shusterman							

Tri-Conference Schedule

Day 1 contd. & Day 2

1:40 - 2:30	Now Showing: Book Trailers for 21st Century Readers Naomi Bates (dismissed at 3:10)	All Travelers Welcome: Diversity in Our Libraries Trevor Dawes	Future Focused - Trends Impacting Library Services: the Minitex Perspective Valerie Horton	Foundations for Public Libraries Stephanie Judson	Genealogy & the Small Public Library Shirley Apley	An Art Historian, Copyright, Haiti, & Tracking Permissions: Stories that Librarians & Other Sleuths can Appreciate Lindsay Twa	Summer Reading Extravaganza J. Rockwell & J. Tomlianovich	Creature Features: How Cool Science Can Captivate to Get Kids Reading Rebecca Johnson
2:30 - 3:15	Exhibits with Refreshments							
3:15 - 4:05	Neal Schusterman	Keeping Upbeat in Times of Change: A Percussion-based Experiential Approach to Change Management P. McConnell & K. Russell	Amplifying Library Value Kathy Rosa	Bachelor Award Jean Hatfield	Board Leadership Jerry Krois	A course in Scholarly Publishing for Undergraduates at the University of Utah Peter Kraus	Balancing Copyright Law & Access to Information John Eye	Defence Against the Digital Arts (Grade One) Eric Strohshane
4:15 - 5:00	Section Mtgs.		Section Mtgs.		Section Mtgs.		Section Mtgs.	
5:15 - 6:00	Poster Session & No Host Social							
6:15 - 7:45	Awards Banquet							
8:00 - 10:00	Dessert Reception							

Tri-Conference Program Schedule for Friday, September 27

7:00 - 8:00								
8:30 - 9:20	Greek the Library: Raising Awareness & Making Connection Karen Austin	Tricks & Tips for Searching US Census Bureau Data Jerry O'Donnell	Sustaining Excellence: Meeting the Needs of All Our Patrons Trevor Dawes	Digital Literacy Naomi Bates (dismissed at 9:30)	MPLA Professional Forum	Programs for Teens: the Best of the Best Swap Meet Lisa DaSilva	Dewey to Disco, or The Unexpected Benefits of a Positive Attitude L. Debovolny, B. Pittenger, T. Olson	
9:20 - 10:00	Check-Out Break							
10:00 - 10:50	The Care and Feeding of Library Trustees Dee Dee Raap	Minitex Cataloging Horizons Carla Urban	Sharon M. Draper	The Re-education of Administration: Why every school administrator should be library certified! Verlene Schafer	Making an Impact: Collaboration Beyond the Embedded Librarian Karen Chobot	iPads: Flipping Out 6th Grade Allison Rademacher	Accidental Director: Making Video Tutorials Nicole Sump - Crethor	
11:00 - 11:50	How Libraries Can Position Themselves in the Changing World of eBooks Jo Budler	ALA Kathy Rosa	The Facts of Fiction: Information Literacy for Creative Writing Melissa Clark	"Sailing Back Over a Year" with the Caldecott Medal Carol Hanson Sibley	What Counts Cannot Be Counted: Focus Group Moderations 101 for Librarians Leo Lo & A. Gonzalez	School Library Passport to the Common Core Joan Upell & Mary G. Johnson	Visualizing Library Data: Telling a Better Story Norice Lee & Dr. Elizabeth Titus	
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch with <i>Encyclopedia Britannica</i> Editor-in-Chief Dale Hoiberg							

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Conferences. I remember attending my first library conference (the Oklahoma Library Association state conference) many years ago as a new librarian at Oklahoma State. It was scary! Having never been to such an event, I was overwhelmed and exhausted by the end of the first day. My OSU colleagues helped me navigate that first conference and it was there that I received a free MPLA membership. Conferences no longer scare me and in fact, I enjoy attending such events so that I, too, can share what is working in my library and learn from others about what is working in theirs. In fact, I just returned from Nashville after attending the LOEX conference (a conference focused on library instruction) and came away with many ideas that I will be sharing with my library colleagues. Conferences are great opportunities to learn new things, to network, and maybe even to make some new friends. I would encourage you to consider attending the upcoming MPLA joint conference with the North and South Dakota Library Associations that will be held in Sioux Falls, SD, September 25-27. One great thing about MPLA's regional conferences is that they are smaller in size, but no less informative or valuable. That means there are lots of opportunities to ask questions and to get to know people. Also, if you have implemented a new program that is working great at your library or have come up with a new idea for instruction, I would encourage you to submit a proposal for the next MPLA conference to be held in Phoenix, AZ, in November 2014. If funding is a problem, apply for an MPLA Professional Development grant to help pay for travel expenses and conference registration. Take advantage of your MPLA membership. Come to an MPLA conference. It's an investment in your career that will be both informative and fun!



-JaNae KinKin, MPLA President



NEW MEMBERS

Jose L. Aranda

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Zuni, NM

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Missoula, MT

Mindy Kohn

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of Colstrip
Colstrip, MT

Janice Kowemy

Laguna Public Library
Laguna, NM

NEW MEMBERS

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Missoula, MT

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Ruidoso Public Library
Ruidoso, NM

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Arizona State Library,
Archives & Public
Records
Pheonix, AZ

Jennifer AW Stubbs
Ruidoso Public Library
Ruidoso, NM

Jean-ann Stump
Alamogordo Public
Library
Alamogorda, NM

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Silver City Public Library
Silver City, NM

Leslie Tabor
Pioneer Library System
Norman Public Library
Norman, OK

Rita Pino Vargas
Sky City Library
Acoma, NM



MPLA Officer Elections

Elections will be held in late July and winners will be announced in August. Candidate Statements:

Vice President/President Elect:



Adriane Harrick Juarez

Current Position: Director, Emporia State University MLS Utah Regional Program, Utah; Manager, Day-Riverside Branch Library, Salt Lake City

Education: BS, Health Education from University of Utah; MLS, Emporia State University

Ms. Juarez has been a member of MPLA since 2002 and was a Co-Chair at the MPLA Leadership Institute. She has experience in both public and academic library settings. In 2012-2013 she served as the President of the Utah Library Association.

“During my term in office, I would like to get the word out about the benefits of regional library association participation. The connections and learning opportunities that are gained by associating with dynamic librarians in the mountain-plains states is tremendous.”

Vice President/President Elect:



Annie Epperson

Current Position: Head of References Services and Associate Professor, University of Northern Colorado Libraries

Education: BS in Natural Resource Management, Colorado State University; MA in Sociology, Colorado State University; MLIS from University of North Texas

Ms. Epperson has been a member of MPLA since 2003. She served as the Colorado State Representative from 2005-2008; she was a Member at Large, Administration Committee in 2007-2008; in 2008-2009 she was the Recording Secretary and in 2009- 2010 she chaired the Communications Committee.

"I am able to organize resources and people, managing projects with a clear vision of the steps involved in achieving a goal and rallying support to get things done. I enjoy working with people towards a common end. I am most interested in strengthening MPLA to ensure a healthy future for this important regional library association. I believe that an organization like ours fills a vital role for librarians, serving the professional development needs of the region's libraries and creating a bridge between state and national organizations.

"I love fun and flexible aspects of MPLA: conference is always worth attending! I am excited to explore additional options for professional development opportunities -- perhaps through virtual delivery -- as a source of revenue, or at a minimum, a way to rejuvenate MPLA's community of shared learning. "

Recording Secretary



Jeremy Jordan

Current Position: Staff Development Librarian at the Pioneer Library System

Education: BA, Philosophy, Oklahoma State University; MA, Philosophy, Oklahoma State University; MLIS, University of Oklahoma

Mr. Jordan has been a member of MPLA since 2012. He currently sits on the Oklahoma Library Association Career Recruitment Committee.

"I am highly organized and pay attention to detail, both of which serve me well in the position. I am interested in expanding my services to MPLA and this position would provide a way of furthering that goal.

"I would like to increase the flow of information to the MPLA membership and ensure accurate records are kept for the organization."



Recording Secretary



Melissa Clark

Current Postion: Information Services Librarian

Previous Postion(s): Teaching Assitant/Reference Desk Attendant, University of Missouri -- Columbia

Education: BA, Classical Studies, Truman State University; Graduate Study, Classics, Bryn Mawr College; MA, Library and Information Science, University of Missouri -- Columbia

Ms. Clark has been a member of MPLA since 2001. In 2012-2013 she was a member of the MPLA Communications Committee and the MPLA Membership Committee. She will be a presenter at the upcoming 2013 TriConference.

“Since I am new to the profession, I have not had many opportunities to meet librarians outside of South Dakota. I enjoyed connecting with other MPLA members at the 2012 conference and am looking forward to attending the 2013 conference, but I would love the opportunity to build professional relationships by working closely with my colleagues in other states.

“As Recording Secretary, I would like to collaborate with the Communications Committee to ensure that members are kept up-to-date on the Executive Board’s meetings and actions.”



MPLA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINES 2013

FEBRUARY 6

APRIL 3

JUNE 5

AUGUST 7

OCTOBER 2

DECEMBER 4

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MPLA AWARD NOMINATIONS

What do the following have in common?

Authors A. B. Guthrie and Tony Hillerman

The Montana Arts Advocacy

Former ALA president Camila Alire

Phoenix Newspapers, Inc

Present MPLA executive secretary Judy Zelenski

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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National Library Week

National Library Week was celebrated April 14-20th with the theme *Communities matter @ your library*. During this time dedicated to celebrating the contributions of our nations libraries, libraries and librarians around the MPLA region got creative in their observances of National Library Week.

Colorado

Poudre River Public Library District in Fort Collins had a flash reading mob that included mascots from all over the community.



Montana

Columbus Montana National Honor Societ helps with an annual book sale



Oklahoma

Altus Public Library held week long events that included a program sponsored by the Shortgrass Art Institute where teens and children painted a mural celebrating the upcoming summer reading program.

Stillwater Public Library unveiled a butterfly statue, Wings of Hope, that was donated to the library by the Stillwater Newcomer's club and was painted by High School Senior Stephanie Stoner and emphasizes the fact that the library continually transforms the lives of the community.

The Delaney-Browne Library at Oklahoma City University celebrated NLW by holding a book walk [image].

Kansas

In honor of National Library Week KU Libraries hosted a staff appreciation breakfast on Tuesday April 23 from 10 to 11 am in Watson Library. The Executive Director of the Association of Research Libraries, Dr. Elliott Shore, was in attendance.



National Library Week

Wyoming

All four libraries in Wyoming County offered amnesty for any overdue items, prize drawings and other activities in observance of NLW.

The Central Wyoming College Library celebrated NLW by hosting a pajama party for children 8 years old and younger.

University of Wyoming's Law Library celebrated NLW by holding an Engery Research Resources contest.

Ten Sleep Library created a new version of the National Library Week Logo that included snowboarders, campers, cowboys, farmers and many other images that they believe represent rural Wyoming.



South Dakota

University Libraries at University of South Dakota celebrated NLW by posting pictures of students posing with Charlie Coyote in the lobby of ID Weeks Library.



New Mexico

New Mexico Highlands University Donnelly Library celebrated National Library Week with a free performance by Mariachi Vaqueros de la Sierra April 16 in the main entryway of the library. As part of National Library Week, the Roswell Public Library invited Eva McCollaum to perform her poetic series of songs interlaced with stories of her childhood spent at libraries and her love of books. "She's a local talent," said Nancy Schumener, a reference librarian. Those who sat around McCollaum's corner and listened to her songs and anecdotes were treated to several stories and beautiful melodies about reading and libraries. Silver City Public Library had a concert by Four Shilling Short. UNM Valencia Campus Library had a blind date book display/opportunity, a create a story, a quote of the date to identify, and Snapshot Day on Tuesday.





AROUND THE REGION

ARIZONA

The Arizona Library Association (AzLA) Service Award Committee is now accepting applications for this year's awards. Each year AzLA gives Service Awards to individuals and groups making a difference in Arizona Libraries. The awards are presented at the AzLA Awards Breakfast or Luncheon at the Annual Conference. More information about each award and the application form is available at the Service Awards <http://tinyurl.com/l3mwtsp> web page. Applications are due by August 15, 2013.

Libraries in Tucson, Arizona, are the first in the nation to bring registered nurses to libraries. Services range from checking patron's blood pressure and attending to sprains and superficial cuts to arranging medical appointments and working with the homeless. The program in Pima County started with a single nurse in January 2012 who split time between six of the 27 branches. By mid 2012, five nurses shared the one full-time employee slot. According to ALA president Maureen Sullivan, Pima County is "addressing conditions that have long existed in nearly every urban and rural library in the country."

COLORADO



Kersey, Colorado's town motto is *A great place to grow a family*. On March 16, the Grand Opening of the Kersey Library celebrated the

library's adoption into the High Plains Library District family. This mini-branch library houses books, DVDs & media, ten computers, Wi-Fi and The Suitcase Studio. The grand opening celebration featured a traditional ribbon cutting and speeches along with You and iTime digital story time. Gene Hainer, Colorado State Library Executive Director, attended the event and was a participant in the story time.

Peter Derk, Ian Ruge and Erin Kirchoefer are bringing a Suitcase Studio to the High Plains Library District. The kit is housed at the Kersey Library and is available for in-house use at Kersey. Patrons 16 and over may use the equipment.



Nina McHale (pictured), a librarian and systems administrator in the Arapahoe Library District in Englewood, Colorado, was a 2012 Library Journal Mover & Shaker. She participated in a Q&A about career

advice in the March edition of Library Journal. <http://tinyurl.com/kw8wsbt>

Douglas County Library Director, Jamie LaRue (pictured), responds to Brian Kenney's February column in Publisher's Weekly on the DCL e-book program. In his response LaRue wonders why working with publishers to purchase e-books for their library patrons has to be so complicated <http://tinyurl.com/crf4zcv>



Make a case for school libraries with a new impact studies infographic from Library Research Services (LRS), the Colorado State Library and the Colorado Department of Education. <http://tinyurl.com/n6l7l2g>



KANSAS

Hays Public Library partnered with the Kansas Humanities Council to fund speaker Cindy Higgins (pictured), who spoke about Kansas Brewers and Breweries. The event lasted two hours, during the dinner rush at Gella's Diner, and provided an informative and social program for adults in the community.

Kansas State announced their 2013 Common Read: Ready Player One by Ernest Cline. The Kansas State University reading program selects a common read for each academic year and plans and coordinates exciting classroom and campus-wide activities to promote and support reading.

Kansas is continuing its tradition of running a coach bus to the ARSL conference. This year's ARSL conference is in Omaha, Nebraska, September 25-28, 2013. This year's bus route is expanded to include the MPLA conference in Sioux Falls, September 25-27, 2013. Anyone is welcome to reserve a spot on the bus and tickets are a steal at \$150 round trip. <http://tinyurl.com/ls8q9zz>

George Washington's personal copy of the Constitution of the United States, the Bill of Rights and the first laws passed by Congress were on display during April at the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum in Abilene, Kansas. Abilene is the fourth stop on a national book tour that will hit all eight presidential libraries.

The Kansas Library Association (KLA) will partner with MPLA for a 2018 joint conference!



MONTANA

The Montana Library Association held its annual conference in Missoula. Keynote speaker, Mary Bushing addressed the conference theme, *Homegrown Inspiration*, and in doing so, inspired the librarians from around the state. Thanks to excellent programming, many interesting sessions were attended by Montana librarians. The annual Sheila Cates Scholarship Night was a great success! Named for a state librarian who passed away from cancer, each year a committee plans an entertaining and informative evening to present ways to raise money for scholarships that are given to deserving Montana librarians. This year librarians played Librarian Feud and Let's Make a Deal to raise money for the scholarships.

School librarian Dale Alger received a Lifetime Award during the Awards Luncheon. Michael Harmon spoke about becoming a writer at the Author's Luncheon. Next year's conference will be held in Billings.

The Montana Legislature passed and the governor signed House Bill 203 increasing state funding for public libraries to forty cents per capita. Over the years the buying power for public libraries had gradually decreased to approximately ten cents per person. Many librarians worked hard at the legislative session to get this bill passed.





NEBRASKA

Seven small public libraries in Nebraska have been awarded grants to improve library services or facilities. The grants are provided by the Kreutz Bennett Donor-Advised Fund, through the Nebraska Community Fund. This year's grants went to libraries in Albion, Hildreth, Mitchell, Osmond, Valley, Walthill and Wausa.

Nebraska's Golden Sower Awards were announced in April:

Primary Grades:

Winner:

- *Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine and a Miracle* by Major Brian Dennis, Kirby Larson and Mary Nethery

Honors:

- *Memoirs of a Goldfish* by Devin Scillian, illustrated by Time Bowers
- *How Rocket Learned to Read* by Tad Hills

Intermediate:

Winner:

- *Because of Mr. Terupt* by Rob Buyea

Honors:

- *Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper
- *Love, Aubrey* by Suzanne LaFleur

Young Adult:

Winner:

- *The Running Dream* by Wendelin Van Draanen

Honors:

- *Girl, Stolen* by April Henry
- *Bruiser* by Neal Shusterman

NEVADA

Five Nevada libraries participated in Nevada's second annual Big Give on April 25th. The Big Give concept brings nonprofit organizations together and makes it possible for supporters to donate to their favorites online, through a single website. The Las Vegas Clark County Library District, the Henderson Library Foundation, the Douglas County Library Foundation, the Friends of the Carson City Libraries and the Carson City Library Foundation all participated.

The Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library System celebrated the Day of the Child/Day of the Book this year with a multicultural experience. The theme was "Friendship Comes with Many Colors." The activities on April 27 began with Josephine Atiemo (pictured), a native of Ghana, presenting the differences between Ghana and America through pictures, children's songs and treasures from Ghana. Crafts included a Chinese gong, an Australian Digeridoo, a Hands Around the World wreath and a boomerang, followed by chopstick races and multicultural games.



The 25th annual Just Desserts Fundraiser for the Elko-Lander-Eureka Library System was held on May 4th, 2013. All the money earned from this event goes back to supporting the library. All in all, it's a delicious way to support the library and to sample many different and delectable desserts.



AROUND THE REGION

In the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, the annual Bristlecone Storytelling Festival has much to offer. Collaboration between the library and the county start in grades 4-12 classrooms where students learn the principles of storytelling and performance. Classrooms and school-wide storytelling festivals in which students can practice their skills in front of a live audience, are followed by a district-wide festival hosted by the Las Vegas-Clark County Libraries. Author and storyteller visits are scheduled throughout the month of May. The Bristlecone Pine, one of the oldest living things on earth, is indigenous to the Sierra Nevadas and particularly to Southern Nevada.

The 68th Annual Nevada Library Association Conference is scheduled for October 17-18, 2013 at the Atlantis Hotel & Casino Convention Center in Reno, Nevada. The conference theme is Lighting the Way.

Sara Jones (pictured), Director of the Carson City Library, will retire in July, having served in Nevada libraries for 25 years. In the late summer of 1988, she became the Children's librarian in the Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library System, where she became Acting

Director in 1995 and served as Director from 1996 – 2001. Sara has said that she loved working there; the staff was so dedicated and the community was a great place to live and work. Nevertheless, she left Elko for Carson City in 2001, becoming Nevada's State Librarian and Division Administrator, a position that she held for six years under Governor Kenny Guinn. During that time, Sara built a state-wide program that encouraged participation and cooperation between public and school librarians, promoted statewide literacy, championed funding for libraries through the Nevada legislature, and encouraged participation in the UNT (University of North Texas) program for library education through the Laura Bush program.



NEW MEXICO

Over 300 people gathered at the Albuquerque Sheraton April 17-19 for the NMLA Annual Conference for workshops, programs, exhibits and networking. The theme, Connecting New Mexico and the Global Community, was reflected in presentations from keynote speaker Michael Dowling and from the entertainment. The Laguna Pueblo Dancers and Camilla Dodson, an African drummer, performed. The steampunk themed awards banquet recognized four individuals: Sandy Crawford from Tularosa Public library received the Library Amigo Award, Heather Dahl from Eldorado High School received the Library Leadership Award, Josh Benjamin from E.G. Ross Elementary won the Outstanding Elementary School Library Award and Margie Sartin from Peidra Vista high school was recognized as the Outstanding Secondary School Librarian.



Dennis Davies-Wilson (pictured), Library Director at the University of New Mexico, Los Alamos received the 2013 New Mexico Academic Librarian of the Year Award. The award recognizes the contributions of a member of the NMCAL who has demonstrated significant accomplishments in academic librarianship through service, impact, visibility and recognition. Mr. Davies-Wilson is described as "a strong advocate for information literacy." He has displayed a long-time, dedicated, consistent service to the profession and positively impacted many library staff and directors.



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Angie Manfreid (pictured), head of Youth Services at Los Alamos County Libraries, has received an ALA Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) Award for Innovative Teen Programming. Ms. Manfreid's achievements in Los Alamos include helping to reinvigorate teen programming and launching the Every Child Ready to Read program, focused on early literacy skills.



April 30th was declared El día de los Niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day) by Susanna Martinez. Many libraries in New Mexico celebrated El día de los Niños/El día de los libros with a variety of events

including storytellers, music and interactive performances as well as author visits and arts and crafts.

On May 4th, Author Vaunda Micheaux Nelson read from her Coretta Scott King Author Award-winning picture book "Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy Marshall" at the Los Cruces Thomas Branigan Memorial Library. Nelson also presented a talk on the importance of genealogical research and writing at NMSU's Branson Library. In addition to her work as an author, Nelson is a youth services librarian at the public library in Rio Rancho, New Mexico.

On April 20th over 35 authors gathered at Moriarty Civic Center for the annual Authors for Literacy program. New Mexican writers such as Steve Brewer, Rosemary Zibart, Jonathan Miller, Nasario Garcia and others will sign books and pose for photo opportunities. The event raised money and awareness for the Read Write Literacy Program in Torrance County.

Lori Townsend (pictured), Learning Services Coordinator at the University of New Mexico, Korey Brunetti, Collections Coordinator at California State University, East Bay, and Amy R. Hofer, Distance Learning Librarian at Portland State University



have been chosen as the winners of the ACRL Instruction Section Illene F. Rockman Publication of the Year Award, for

their article "Threshold Concepts and Information Literacy," published in 2011 by portal: Libraries and the Academy. The award recognizes an outstanding publication related to library instruction published in the past two years.



NORTH DAKOTA

North Dakota's 63rd Legislative Session has drawn to a close. The Senate and House came to a very late concurrence regarding the Department of Public Instruction's budget (which includes the State Library's budget). The version passed included an increase of \$266,500 in state aid to public libraries.

The North Dakota State Library has introduced a number of new services to support public libraries throughout the state, including: Book Club Kits, Technology Toolkits, Circulating tablets and e-Readers, a Community Vision and Assessment tool to use for strategic planning, and the State Library's Field Services Department new blog is found at <http://tinyurl.com/lvllart>

The State Library recently awarded Technology Mini-Grants to 37 public libraries. The grants are being used to purchase tablets, e-readers, desktop computers, laptops, projectors and other various technological purchases.

The State Library's Spring Workshops were recently completed. This year's workshops featured an exciting line-up of programs including sessions on storytelling, bullying, free and Open Source software, crafts, social networking and presentations on Ancestry Library Edition, TutorND, and Literati Public databases. The workshops are archived at <http://tinyurl.com/jwz2c58>



Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library named Christine Kujawa as their new Assistant Director. North Dakota State University donated a collection of books focused on the heritage and culture of Germans from Russia in North Dakota to the Harry L. Petrie Library in Linton. Valley City-Barnes County Public Library has renamed its multipurpose room the Mary E. Fischer Room to honor their long-time director who passed away last September.



OKLAHOMA

The 106th Oklahoma Library Association Annual Conference was held in Ardmore, Oklahoma, April 3-5. In keeping with OLA's theme, Be the Change, the conference program varied from previous years by offering inclusive luncheons, master classes and new ways of hosting membership and legislative sessions. The 10 OLA members who won MPLA memberships are: Alpha Meriwether, Sara Schieman, Nancy Rimassa, Calypso Gilstrap, Leslie Tabor, Kassy Hall, Darrie Breathwit, Suzanne Rooker, Wenshing Wang and Fransisco Patino.

iCon, the OLA's Technology Conference is scheduled for August 1-2 in Oklahoma City.

The 2013 Oklahoma School Librarians Technology Education Award winner is Amy Lagers (pictured).



Ms. Lagers is a Tulsa Public School Library from Chouteau Elementary School. She has presented at district and state conferences and is a member of Oklahoma A+ Schools Faculty.

Ms. Lagers was recently selected to attend the 2013 Oklahoma Library Association's Gold Leadership Institute.

Friday, May 31st was OLA's Night at the Oklahoma City Red Hawk's ball game at Bricktown Ballpark in Oklahoma City. OLA members enjoyed special rates, a picnic and post-game fireworks.

In legislative news, Oklahoma Library Association supported House Bill 1511, introduced by Representative Pam Peterson and Senator Frank Simpson, to make juvenile library card holder information confidential. The bill passed and is now in effect.

House Bill 1331, introduced by Representative James Lockhart and Senator Jerry Ellis, proposed the multi-county public library systems in Oklahoma change the way library board system board members are appointed. The bill, which passed unanimously, removed a town's population requirement to have board member representation and now gives every town that has a public library (in a multi-county system) a board member.

SOUTH DAKOTA

The Brookings Public Library (pictured) celebrated its 100th year of existence during April. On Saturday, April 14, community leaders, Friends of the Library members and other supporters gathered at a program and reception that featured City Councilor John Kubal reading a mayoral proclamation, Library Board President Mac Harris reading a gubernatorial proclamation, and remarks by Friends of the Library President Ellen Herrboldt. Attendees enjoyed viewing a decade-by-decade history of the library and five stations were set up

with staff to demonstrate current services. Mango Tree Coffee catered the reception. Other programs during the month included a presentation by author Pete Hautman, the film "The Indomitable Teddy Roosevelt," historian John Miller speaking on George McGovern and the Illustrate-A-Book Awards ceremony.

The Brookings Public Library was officially established on April 15, 1913, when the City Council accepted the vote of Brookings citizens and agreed to fund a public library. A \$10,000 donation from Andrew Carnegie helped build the first library building, now the Community Cultural Center. In 1976, a new library was dedicated and in 1999 the expansion and remodeling of the current building was completed.

Sponsored by the SD Humanities Council, the 2013 One Book South Dakota selection is "*The Long Shining Waters*" by Danielle Sosin.

Overdrive's Digital Bookmobile is coming to South Dakota! The Digital Bookmobile is a futuristic learning exhibit showcasing digital titles which can be accessed anytime or anywhere with just a library card and an Internet-connected computer or device. The Bookmobile will be at Rawlins Municipal Library in Pierre on June 21, and Watertown Regional Library on June 22.

<http://www.digitalbookmobile.com/>



Milbank High School library has two new murals (pictured) on its' walls. They were painted by Milbank High School students in the graphics and advanced art class.



The Prairie Bud & Pasque Children's Book Awards are sponsored by the South Dakota Library Association. Prairie Bud winners are determined by South Dakota kindergarten, first and second grade students. Prairie Pasque winners are determined by South Dakota third, fourth, and fifth grade students. SD Prairie Bud and Prairie Pasque winners:

Prairie Bud Winner: *"Even Monsters Need Haircuts"* by Mathew McElligot

Praire Pasue Winner: *"Out of My Mind"* by Sharon Draper.

SD YARP (Young Adult Reading Program) winners:



Middle School: *Girl, Stolen* by April Henry
High School: *Divergent* by Veronica Roth

The Digital Library of South Dakota (DLSD) is a collaboration of the libraries of six Board of Regents colleges and universities in the state of South Dakota. The members of this consortium have chosen to make a variety of unique collections more readily available in digitally searchable and accessible versions. The collections you find here are widely varied and continually growing, and include audio, visual, and textual resources. Take a look at the collections at <http://dlsd.sdln.net>

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The Vermillion Public Library has been renamed the Edith B. Siegrist Public Library in honor of one of its primary beneficiaries. The library is now on the tail end of its' renovation/expansion project.

Rawlins Municipal Library (Pierre) celebrated its' 108th birthday in March. Also at Rawlins, director Beverly Lewis has announced her retirement, effective May 17. She will be moving to Montana to be closer to family.

Hot Springs Public Library celebrated its' 115th birthday in April.

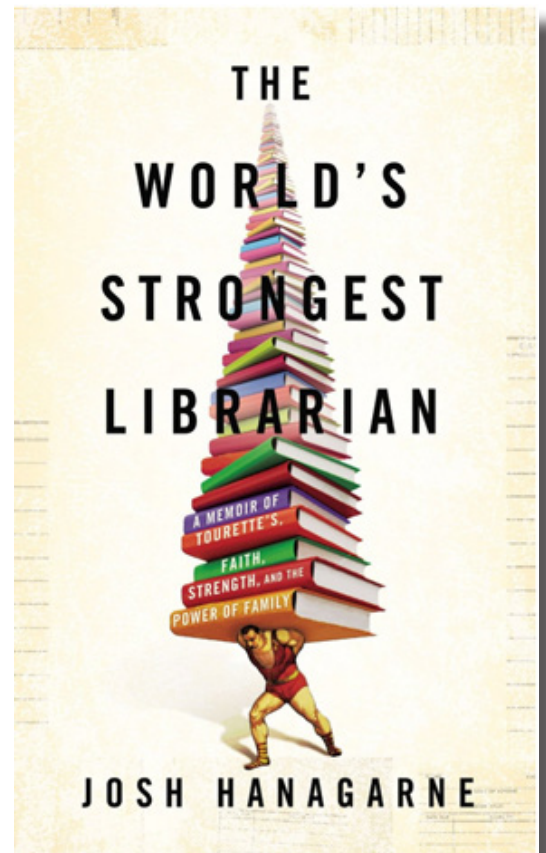
UTAH

The Geek the Library Campaign launched April 16 at the American Fork Public Library. Begun four years ago, the Geek the Library campaign has been used by hundreds of libraries nationwide to spread awareness about the value of public libraries. Sponsored by the Online Computer Library Center, the program was made possible for libraries by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

FossilRidge Intermediate School librarian Jeannie Fernandez (pictured) has won the Librarian of the Year title in Utah. Ms. Fernandez has been the librarian at Fossil Ridge since the school opened in 2004. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, she hosts weekly lessons on topics such as Internet safety, search tools, and evaluating websites.



The World's Strongest Librarian spoke at the Utah Library Association's 2013 annual conference. Josh Hanagarne is a 6'7" librarian with Tourette's Syndrome. Mr. Hanagarne, who works at the Salt Lake City Library, discovered that he better controls his disability by strength training. His book, "The World's Strongest Librarian," is currently available for purchase.



WYOMING

In celebration of Law Day, Chief Justice Marilyn S. Kite announced the winners of the 2013 Wyoming Supreme Court Poster Contest. Nicole Sagner of Chugwater Elementary, Titan Edwards of Pioneer Park Elementary and Madisynn Weber of Manderson Elementary won first, second and third place respectively. There were over 90 entries and participation from eight different counties. Accompanying each poster was a one-paragraph statement describing how the poster reflected the contest's theme, Western Justice: Celebrating our Freedom in Wyoming. Law Day is a national day set aside to celebrate the rule of law. It also provides an opportunity to recognize the role of courts in democracy and the importance of jury service to maintaining the integrity of the courts. The winning posters will be on display at the Wyoming Supreme Court, 2301 Capitol Avenue in Cheyenne, through the month of May.





Laramie County Library System in Cheyenne, WY has hired a business librarian and launched the first business program of its kind in the state. The program, called L2B (Library to Business), was created by librarian Diane Pawling (pictured). Ms. Pawling's job is to engage people who are thinking about starting a business or who have existing businesses,

non-profit companies, investors and job seekers. As part of L2B, Ms. Pawling the role of courts in democracy and the importance of jury service to maintaining the integrity of the courts. The winning posters will be on display at the Wyoming Supreme Court, 2301 Capitol Avenue in Cheyenne, through the month of May.

As part of L2B, Ms. Pawling offers one-on-one consultations by appointment. L2B also offers many workshops including: Thinking about Starting a New Business, Tools for Small Business Financial Management, Encore Entrepreneur Workshop and What do Customers Really Want?

<http://www.lclsonline.org/adults/l2b>.

AROUND THE REGION

Long time Campbell Public Library System employee Terri Lesley has accepted the position of Executive Library Director. Her official start date was April 28, 2013.

After nine years of service as Campbell County Public Library System Director, Patty Myers has announced her resignation as of May 10. Under Ms. Myers' direction the library has maintained a reputation as a progressive, customer-oriented agency in the communities of Gillette and Wright. Ms. Myers oversaw the extensive remodeling of the library building in Gillette. She has been heavily involved in raising more than \$300,000 for the Campbell County Library Endowment Challenge and in 2012 Ms. Myers was appointed to the American Heritage Center, University of Wyoming, Advisory Board.

Cheyenne, Wyoming is the home of best selling author, C.J. Box (pictured) and is also the home of Laramie County Library. On March 13, the library hosted nearly 200 people for a book signing of his latest Joe Pickett book, "*Breaking Point*." He will return to the Laramie County Library to launch his newest standalone title, "*The Highway*," on July 30.



UPCOMING CONFERENCES



ARSL Annual Conference

The conference planning committee is pleased to announce the opening of registration for the September 25-28, 2013 Annual Conference to be held at the Doubletree in Downtown Omaha, NE.

<http://arsl.info/registration/>

Be sure to take advantage of early bird member pricing and also the special events that will sell out soon.

With a low registration fee, conference rate hotel rooms at \$99 per night, free wireless Internet and a free airport shuttle, this is a great opportunity to network with peers from all over the country and take in a conference devoted entirely to the needs of those from small and/or rural libraries.

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SDLA/NDLA/MPLA Tri Conference 2013 Call for Poster Proposals

The Academic, Health Sciences & Special Libraries Section of SDLA will sponsor a poster session at this year's Tri-Conference. The poster session will be held concurrently with the no-host social event on Thursday evening, September 26 from 5:30-6:30. Poster proposals are welcome from anyone with ideas to share, from all types of libraries. The conference is regional this year, so you'll have a big audience to share with!

All poster presenters will be assigned a skirted table space. No other equipment will be provided. Posters should be mounted on presentation board and bring your own table easel if needed. Wireless internet access will be available.

Submit your proposal by completing this form:

<http://bit.ly/tri-posters>. The deadline for submitting poster proposals is Friday June 14th. Notification of acceptance will be by June 28, 2013.

Contact Danielle De Jager-Loftus at dloftus@usd.edu with any questions about poster proposals or the poster session.

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