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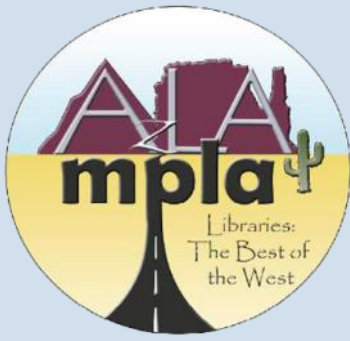
AzLA / MPLA Annual Conference November 12-14, Scottsdale AZ



The 2014 AzLA/MPLA Annual Conference will include attendees from Arizona and throughout the 12-state Mountain Plains Region. See old friends and meet new ones as our two associations highlight the best our libraries have to offer.

Read more in the special [conference edition](#) of the newsletter, and look for program details and registration [here](#). Read about this year's One Conference, One Book selection on [page 2](#).

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One Book, One Conference

THE EMERALD MILE

by Kevin Fedarko

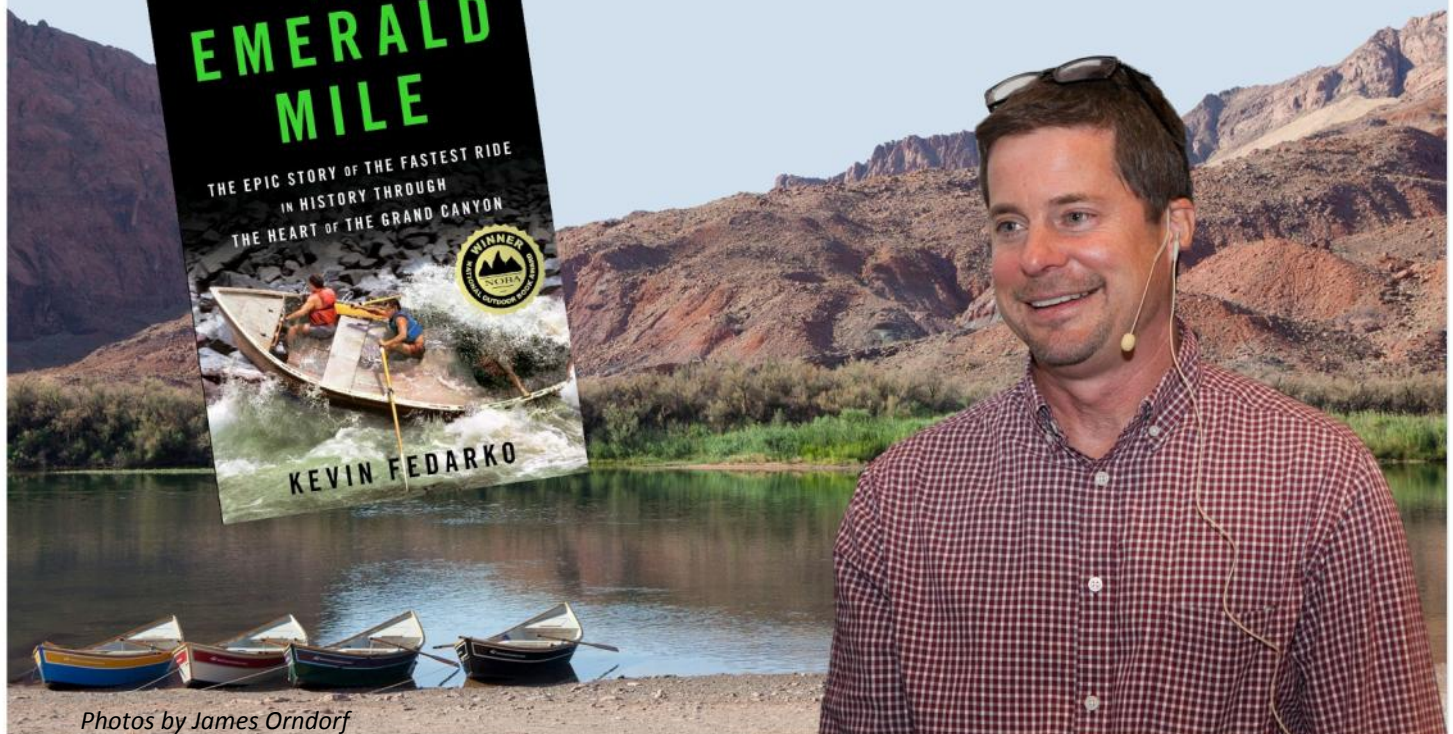
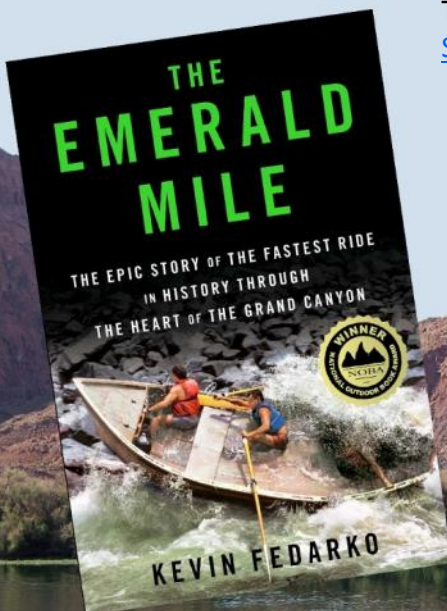
The AzLA/MPLA One Book, One Conference selection is *The Emerald Mile: The Epic Story of the Fastest Ride in History Through the Heart of the Grand Canyon*, by Kevin Fedarko.

True to its title, *The Emerald Mile* is an unforgettable adventure story. But it also tells the story of the canyon itself, a wild landscape hemmed in by some of the biggest machines ever made. Fedarko's own experience in the canyon, and his advocacy on behalf of wild places, make him a compelling speaker. You won't find it in his official biography, but he also has an outsized appreciation for libraries and their mission. In his words:

I'm so excited about the conference, because librarians are the very best sorts of people. People who blend a love of books and a reverence for learning with an appreciation for a fact that is scarcely acknowledged these days, but no less true for being obscure. Which is that one of the foundational supports of our democracy—one of those load-bearing walls in the basement, with out which the entire structure would topple over—are our libraries. The notion that we offer places to which any citizen can enter and gain access to a treasure-house of knowledge—I think that's just remarkable. And I think that the people who keep those places running are really, really cool.

Join Fedarko and AzLA President Ann Boles for a luncheon and book discussion on Thursday, November 13. Conference details can be found in our special [conference edition](#) of the newsletter. Registration is open [here](#).

To find out more about *The Emerald Mile*, visit [Simon and Schuster](#). —Editor



Photos by James Orndorf

Congratulations MPLA Award Winners!



Unsung Hero Award

This year's Unsung Hero is Roy Degler, who serves as our systems administrator. He is a librarian in the Digital Library Services Division at Edmon Low Library at Oklahoma State University. As his nominator says, "Roy serves MPLA as Systems Administrator, his duties are to maintain and manage the Association's webserver and all the functions that entails. He is an expert in managing a web server, knows the cutting edge tools we might install to offer more functions to our members. He is an expert in navigating trouble, such as hacking attempts against the server, which he usually handles without a word to anyone. MPLA simply could not function in an online environment without the efforts and expertise of Roy Degler."



Distinguished Service Award

Carol Hammond is the 2014 Distinguished Service winner. She has been a member of MPLA for 24 years, serving on the board in many capacities, including as President. "During her leadership years, Carol led MPLA through the early stages of a massive reorganization, necessitated by shifting membership needs and trends. Her time as MPLA President was characterized by strong leadership and concern with ensuring that MPLA continue to provide excellent services to membership. Carol also served MPLA as a Mentor for the MPLA Leadership Institute in 2007. For 40 years of service to academic libraries in total, 25 years of service to the state of Arizona, and 24 years as a member of MPLA, Carol Hammond richly deserves consideration for the MPLA Distinguished Service Award."

Carl Gaumer Library Champion Award

The Friends of Kansas Libraries is this year's Carl Gaumer Library Champion. "The Friends of Kansas Libraries (FOKL) provides Start-up Grants and Challenge Grants to help establish new Friends groups or to grow existing groups. The grants are used for marketing, hosting events, and publicizing the Friends group. FOKL also annually recognizes outstanding individuals and Friends groups at their annual Friends Luncheon held at the Kansas Library Conference. Kansas libraries are indebted to FOKL for their enthusiastic and continual financial support and advocacy."



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MPLA Awards, continued...

Literary Contribution Award

This year's Literary Contribution Award goes to Kent Haruf. His published works include *The Tie That Binds* (1984), *Where You Once Belonged* (1990), *Plainsong* (1999), *Eventide* (2004), *West of Last Chance*, with photographer Peter Brown (2008), and *Benediction* (2013).



"His novels are set in the fictional town of Holt, Colorado. It is a small town on the plains of eastern Colorado. His books and his characters are at once familiar and hard to know, just like in real life. In bestowing upon him the Stegner Award, the Center of the American West said to Haruf that they 'will not surrender the right to celebrate your deep and lasting contribution to the cause of our region's self-knowledge.'"

Mary Ann Thompson writes: "The MPLA Awards committee has decided on these awards to be given at this year's conference in Arizona. I would like to thank the committee for their help. The awards will be given out at a luncheon on Friday, November 14, 2014, at the AzLA/MPLA conference, Libraries: The Best of the West. I hope to see you all there!"

Welcome, New Members!

Sydni L. Abrahamsen

Library Information Specialist, Lead
Arizona State University Noble Science and
Engineering Library, Tempe, AZ

Sarah K. Blaney

Development Associate
Metropolitan Library System Downtown Library
Oklahoma City, OK

Lauren Anne Chase

Fort Collins, CO

Beth Lyle

Branch Manager
Pioneer Library System Tecumseh Public Library
Tecumseh, OK

Erin Macfarlane

Branch Manager, Maricopa County Library District
Goodyear Branch Library, Goodyear, AZ

Amadee Ricketts

Youth Services Manager
Durango Public Library, Durango, CO

Lorelei B. Rutledge

Research and Information Services Librarian
University of Utah Marriott Library
Salt Lake City, UT

Jill E. Stern

Continuing Education Specialist
South Central Kansas Library Association
South Hutchinson, KS

Matt Upson

Director, Library Undergraduate Services
Oklahoma State University Edmon Low Library
Stillwater, OK

Highlighting Montana Leadership Institute Alumni



Donna McCrea, 2006
*interviewed by Montana
State Representative Eileen Wright*

What are you doing now?

I am in charge of the University of Montana's Archives and Special Collections Department and Preservation Department at the Mansfield Library. I wear many hats including overseeing planning and assessment for the departments, building

published and unpublished collections appropriate to our scope, working with donors and potential donors of archival and book collections, and working directly with researchers using collection materials. I provide course-integrated instruction, serve on university and professional committees, and conduct research for publication.

What was the most valuable element that you took from the Leadership Institute?

I actually had two 'most valuable' take-aways. One is that power and influence can be both positive and negative – the key is to build your power and influence through credibility and trust. The second is that it is critical to empower those who report to you.

What one piece of advice did you learn from LI that you could share with other MPLA folks?

That developing your leadership skills takes on-going practice and attention.

We will meet more Montana Leadership Academy alumni in future issues. Do you know a state or MPLA Leadership Institute alum who should be featured here? Write to editor@mpla.us.


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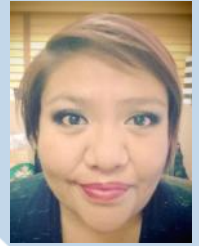


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Capturing Oral History @ Nevada State College

by Melissa Stoner



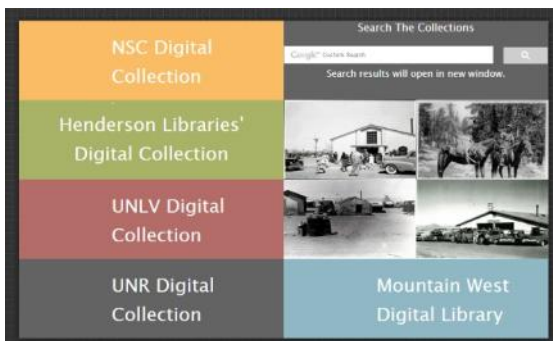
Picture a western city of 250,000 people in a place that was barren desert until the US entered World War II. This is Henderson, NV. The town began in 1942 with the building of the Basic Magnesium Plant, soon to be the major supplier of the war effort.

Picture a new state college, only 12 years old, but already with 3,400 students. This is Nevada State College, begun in a trailer in 2002, then expanded into an old vitamin warehouse on the edge of Henderson NV, overlooking the Las Vegas valley. Twelve years in, the college is currently undergoing its 2nd major construction project.

**It was important
for new residents
and students to learn
about their city's
early history.**

History Professor Dr. Peter LaChapelle combined his interest in oral history with the need, identified by the Henderson Historical Society, to collect oral histories of some of the founding residents of Henderson. Over the years, residents of Henderson worked to establish an identity separate from nearby Las Vegas. The Historical Society, led by Lou LaPorta, thought it was important for new residents and students to learn about their city's early history. Dr. LaChapelle saw this project as a means for History majors to develop practical skills in interviewing and recording that could help them find work in a variety of settings.

After a couple semesters of teaching his Oral History course, Dr. LaChapelle worked with librarian Kate Hahn of the college library to write a grant to hire a Digital Projects Librarian to make the oral histories publicly available. I was hired last November to complete the project. Utilizing the content management system, CONTENTdm, I took the transcribed interviews, audio files, and supporting photographs and prepared them for access through the college website. This involved scanning the documents, creating metadata and controlled vocabulary, and fact checking the proper nouns in the transcripts. I also did all of the website layout and graphic design of website banners and icons.



I think this type of project could be very useful for small to midsized colleges if the collection scope is expanded beyond just oral histories. A college digital collection could be a great way to showcase faculty and student research and projects to the broader community. This could be another way for the college community to facilitate digital portfolios of work, with added credibility from being displayed on the college website. Digital collections could include art, film, and photography projects, as well as all sorts of writing assignments or research in fields of interest to the local community.

You can access the Nevada State College Digital Collections and Portal at:

NSC Digital Collections: <http://collections.nsc.edu/>
NSC Digital Portal for Local and State History: <http://www.nscdigitalcollections.org/>

GUERRILLA STORYTIME

If you work in youth services, and you have attended any kind of conference over the last year, you may have already encountered Guerrilla Storytime. If not, now is the time to find out about this fun new approach to storytime training.

@CLEL 2014



Guerrilla Storytime was designed by Cory Eckert (Houston Public Library), and debuted at the 2013 ALA Annual Conference as a way for storytime presenters from all over the country to share ideas and best practices in a hands-on, open mic setting. Rather than being held in a conference room, the program was offered in an open area to allow library staff and administrators with little or no youth programming background to experience the energy and expertise that goes into storytime.

The structure of Guerrilla Storytime is simple. All you need is a set of storytime challenge questions that highlight a mix of topics: behavior management, child development, and storytime content (like songs and rhymes). A facilitator reads off the questions in random order, and participants jump in whenever they like.

Since early 2013, Guerrilla Storytimes have been held all over the United States and in at least two Canadian provinces. The ideas behind Guerrilla Storytime have also led to the creation of a website, [Storytime Underground](http://StorytimeUnderground.com), run by Cory Eckert, Amy Koester (St. Charles City-County Public Library), and Kendra Jones (Fort Vancouver Regional Library). Along with everything you need to present your own Guerrilla Storytime, the site includes a wealth of other storytime resources.



**Colorado Libraries
for Early Literacy**

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gathered at the end of the day for a lively session facilitated by Lisa Dengerink (Denver Public Library) and Amadee Ricketts (Durango Public Library). Highlights included creative ideas for crowd management, ways to incorporate different languages in storytime, and a fantastic rendition of the Spanish action rhyme ¡El Pollo! by Denver Public Library youth services staff. (You can see another version [here](http://StorytimeUnderground.com).)

One recent Guerrilla Storytime was at the Colorado Libraries for Early Literacy (CLEL) conference in Denver, on September 19. Hundreds of youth services professionals from around the state

As facilitator Lisa Dengerink put it, “We’re great at this, and this is the time to show those skills!” And they did.

Around the Region

ARIZONA

The Arizona Library Association / Mountain Plains Library Association joint conference will be in Scottsdale, November 12-14. The theme is "Libraries: The Best of the West." Check out the special [conference edition](#) of the newsletter, and look for program details and registration on the [AzLA website](#).



Maricopa High School has partnered with Maricopa Public Library and other community partners to win a \$44,000 technology and services grant. The grant, supported by the Arizona State Library, is being used to create a Makerspace complete with a 3-D printer, robotic kits, and other tech tools. "It gives a place for students and community members to use the newest equipment," MHS librarian Robin Shoup told [inmaricopa.com](#). "The 3D printer is the new thing in education and this is the way libraries are going."



This creative display was part of Banned Books Week at Maricopa County Public Library District's Northwest Regional Branch in Surprise.

COLORADO

The Colorado Association of Libraries Conference, CALCON14, will be held in Loveland, October 16-18.



Colorado state representative Tiffanie Wick reports, "CALCON14 is around the corner and it is going to be AMAZING! The [program schedule](#) is now up, showing all 83 sessions and the tracks for this year. And don't forget to check out the [general sessions page](#), either. We've got Mark Frauenfelder of Boing Boing and MAKE, Corinne Hill of Chattanooga Public Library and Tricia Bengel of Nashville Public Library. We can't wait to see you there!"

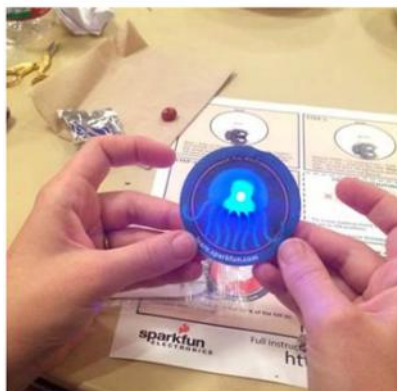


Photo: CPR / Chloe Veltman

From [Colorado Public Radio \(CPR\)](#) - Colorado authors Lisa Jones, Peter Heller and Helen Thorpe were sent into their neighborhoods to find reading material for this month's book club at their closest Little Free Library. Read the full story [here](#).

COLORADO, continued...

Participants at CAL's Get Creative with Makerspaces Workshop @ Denver Public Library had the chance to view live demonstrations and take part in hands-on activities while learning from makerspace experts. Sparkfun Electronics (Boulder, CO) supplied hands-on projects for the workshop.



In September, library patrons in Durango got special deals at more than 60 local businesses if they showed their library card. The annual Library Card/Discount Card program is coordinated by business librarian Donna Arment.

Durango Public Library will present its fifth annual [Literary Festival](#), October 8-11. The featured author will be best-selling memoirist Augusten Burroughs.



KANSAS

The Kansas Library Association Conference will be held in Wichita, October 29-31. The keynote speaker will be Karen Archer Perry, of Clarion Collaborative. Look for program details and registration [here](#).

The University of Kansas Libraries have completed a digitization project to preserve and share one of the greatest collections of bird illustrations in the world. The collection features more than 6,000 images by 19th century ornithologist John Gould. Gould's work will be on display in the Kenneth Spencer Research Library through November 11. The collection is also available [online](#).



KANSAS, continued...



Rob Banks, Past President of MPLA and Chief Operations Officer of the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library, appeared in a production of "Station KACT's Old Time Radio Show" in August. He played the role of Liberaunchy, a talent contest winner. He said, "It's an over the top part as you can tell from the costume." Read more about the show in [The Topeka Capital-Journal](#).

MONTANA

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of WWI, Montana State University Billings Library is sponsoring a series of lectures by their MSUB faculty superstars. The lectures are running every Tuesday at 6:30pm, through October 28th.

Upcoming topics are: WWI from the Bottom Up by Dr. Tom Rust; Propaganda and WWI, Memory by Dr. Matt Redinger; Visualizing Conflict: Memory and the Great War by Dr. Jen Lynn; Free Speech, Sedition & Montana in WWI by Dr. Keith Edgerton; and Music of WWI by Dr. Mark Fenderson & John Roberts.

The Montana State Library has developed a web site that provides easy-to-access information about Montana's wilderness areas to help commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act. The "Wilderness Companion" can be found [here](#).



MONTANA, continued...



Over the summer, Bozeman Public Library held a series of live music concerts on the library lawn.



The Bozeman Public Library Foundation and community partners presented the seventh annual One Book, One Bozeman program in July, August, and September. The 2014 selection is *I Am Malala*, by Malala Yousafzai

NEBRASKA

The Nebraska Library Association / Nebraska School Librarians Association annual conference will be held in South Sioux City, October 8-10. The keynote speaker will be ALA President Courtney Young. NLA/NSLA conference details are available [here](#).



The NLA New Members Round Table met in Omaha on Friday, September 19th, to tour the Gerald R. Ford Conservation Center. The Gerald R. Ford Conservation Center is a regional conservation facility that is part of the Nebraska State Historical Society.

Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman signed a Proclamation declaring October as National Information Literacy Month on Thursday, September 11, 2014. Details of the signing ceremony are available [here](#).

NEVADA



The Nevada Library Association annual conference will be held in Fallon, October 13-14. Conference information can be found [here](#).



Nevada libraries have a wealth of resources available for people interested in researching their family histories. In an August [Public News Service](#) article, Anne Marie Hamilton-Brehm of the Henderson District Public Libraries noted that "If you wanted to know about your family, you could look them up on our [digital collections](#) website."

NEW MEXICO

The New Mexico Library Association annual conference, Inspiring Libraries Build Communities, will be held in Ruidoso, October 22-24. Program information is available [here](#).

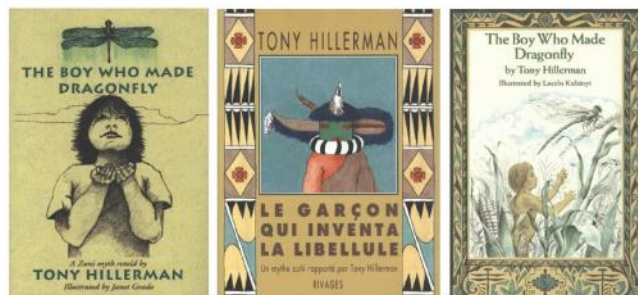
Tony Hillerman Portal Preview Event

More Than a Mystery Writer:

Tony Hillerman as Teacher, Children's Author and Journalist

June 18, 2014 @ 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Tony Hillerman Public Library @ 8205 Apache NE, Albuquerque, NM



After a successful open house at the University of New Mexico's Zimmerman Library in June, the Tony Hillerman Portal is now available to his fans [online](#). Materials in the portal are from his manuscripts, papers, and notes he donated to the library.

NEW MEXICO, continued...

The New Mexico Makerspace Initiative is a program developed by the New Mexico State Library, in collaboration with the NM Dept. of Cultural Affairs and community partners.



Monsoon rains hit the UNM campus in August, and Centennial Library was one of the casualties. Centennial is located below ground level. Water seeped under doors in the Library, flowed down the main stairs and into the elevator shafts where it damaged about 50 shelves of older government documents. Ninety boxes of damaged books were sent to the BMS CAT Disaster Restoration plant in Fort Worth, Texas for restoration.



SUPPORTING the LIBRARIES
of NEW MEXICO

A General Obligation (GO) Bond of \$10,800,000 for academic, public, school, and tribal libraries is on the November 4, 2014 ballot. Bookmarks, bumper stickers, PSAs, and other promotional materials are being prepared to promote the passage of the bond. For additional information, visit the Bonds for Libraries [website](#).



Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, in Las Cruces, has been designated as the first Family Place Library in New Mexico. The community center atmosphere with books, games, toys, computers, interactive arts and crafts, and fun activities for parents and children that encourage literacy and learning helped the library gain a Family Place Library designation. There are more than 250 [Family Place Libraries](#) across the United States.

NEW MEXICO, continued...



UNM HSLIC Clinical Services Librarian Sarah Morley has been accepted as a member of 2014-2016 Medical Education Scholars Program managed by the Office of Education at the UNM School of Medicine. Faculty members selected for this competitive program develop skills in academic leadership, curriculum development, teaching and assessment, research and scholarship.

NORTH DAKOTA

The North Dakota Library Association Conference was held September 17-19 in Bismarck. The keynote speaker was North Dakota First Lady Betsy Dalrymple.



North Dakota Library Association
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The North Dakota Library Association is developing a mentorship program. Aubrey Madler will be the chair of the committee. Soon there will be a call for volunteers to participate in the beta phase of this program during which ten mentor/mentee pairs across the state will be matched. NDLA hopes to fine-tune the program by September 2015.

The North Dakota State Library has added a new online library resource. Literary Reference Center is a comprehensive, full-text database of literary content.

Bridget J. Burke has been named Dean of Libraries at North Dakota State University. Burke most recently was Associate University Librarian for Special Collections and the Digital Library at Boston College. She earned her bachelor's degree and Master of Library Science degree at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a master's degree in American history at Wesleyan University.

NORTH DAKOTA, continued...



Saturday, July 26, was a quiet day the Grand Forks Public Library, and all the patrons were involved in their own business when the Dark Knight himself swooped in! It was "Batman Day" at the library. Patrons were treated to Batman crafts, movies, play, and, of course, a visit from the masked hero. There were plenty of costumed villains, and pint-sized caped crusaders in the mix as well!



Kids, families, and staff had a blast at Grand Forks Public Library during the summer reading program!



The Friends of the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library started a Little Free Library campaign this summer. The Friends sought

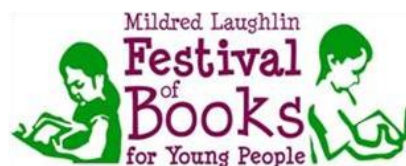
applications from Bismarck residents who wanted to give a Little Free Library a home in their front yard. Ten homeowners were selected based on why they wanted to become a caretaker of a Little Free Library as well as by location to ensure the libraries were spread throughout the community. The Bismarck Public Library provided used books to get things started.

NORTH DAKOTA, continued...

Leach Public Library in Wahpeton has introduced a new book club, "Books in Bars." Library Director Greta Guck hopes to reach new people who might not be traditional library users. Check out the full story at [WDAY News 6](#).



The Mildred Laughlin Festival of Books for Young People will be held on October 30 at



Northeastern State University Broken Arrow Campus. Attendees will meet notable bestseller Megan McCafferty, New Voice author Mike Mullin, and illustrator Ard Hoyt. Online registration is available [here](#).



Lisa Wells, Assistant Director for Library Services for the Pioneer Library System in Norman, and a member of the Amigos Board of Directors, is among three recipients of the 2014 Joey Rodger Leadership Award presented by the Urban Libraries Council. Wells supervises Branch and Systems Managers including technology, collections, and outreach for the Pioneer System.

Jennifer McQuade is the new branch manager of the Owasso Library, Tulsa City-County Public Library. She was previously Youth Services Librarian. She was also a participant in the MPLA 2012 Library Leadership Institute.

The Friends of Wister Library in southeast Oklahoma tackled the problem of community outreach by placing Little Free Libraries in remote parts of the libraries service area. Local artist Larry Paulen built 2 of the 3 little libraries, and they are filled with donated books.

OKLAHOMA, continued...

The third annual Sequoyah Book Award Week kicked off on September 15 with lessons and activities in Oklahoma newspaper, *The Oklahoman*. Sponsored by the Oklahoma Department of Libraries and the Oklahoma Library Association, participating librarians received free materials promoting the 2015 Sequoyah Book Award reading master lists.



The residents and library staff of Marlow are eagerly awaiting the library's move into the newly renovated Marlow National Armory. The new location triples the square footage of the current 3,000 square-foot building.

The Oklahoma State University Library will offer a new award dedicated to highlighting students' library research skills.

The OSU Undergraduate Library Research Award is intended to emphasize student reflection upon the library research process, and will communicate the connection between excellent research skills and an exceptional final research project or paper.



SOUTH DAKOTA

Twenty-six public library staff and trustees attended the 2014 Library Training Institute, June 8-13, on Northern State University's campus in Aberdeen. The institute, sponsored by the South Dakota State Library, is a four-year program of continuing education for librarians, support staff and trustees of small public libraries. The program is now in its twenty-seventh year, with tuition scholarships funded in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Those who attend all four years receive a Certificate of Public Library Management and are recognized as certified library practitioners.

SOUTH DAKOTA, continued...

South Dakota State University and Hilton M. Briggs Library celebrate 125 years as a Federal Depository Library in 2014. As a land grant institution, the University (then Agricultural College) library became a member of the Federal Depository Library Program charged with providing free public access to publications of the United States Government. As the largest Federal Depository Library in the state, Hilton M. Briggs Library continues to provide the citizens of South Dakota free access to government information.

The Haakon County Public Library in Philip celebrated its 100th anniversary during the community's annual Scotty

Philip Days in June with a front porch display in the lobby of the county courthouse. Also celebrated was the retirement of Annie Brunskill, MPLA member and director of the library.



As part of the Summer Reading Program, Huron Public Library held its second annual "Amazing Reading Race." The winning team received medals and their portraits on the American Library Association Read poster displayed in the library.

South Dakota First Lady Linda Dugaard held the second annual book walk for children in the backyard of the Governor's Mansion in August.



A.H. Brown Public Library in Mobridge held Camp Hogwarts in August for children ages 6-12. Camp included various crafts, snacks, games, and music.

The Hot Springs Friends of the Library group hosted the 17th annual Southern Hills Triathlon, a fundraiser for the Hot Springs Library, in August.

SOUTH DAKOTA, continued...

Madison Public Library hosted a free demonstration of traditional Indian dancing in July. Dr. Shreelina Ghosh, a professor at Dakota State University, and also an accomplished Odissi dancer, demonstrated. Odissi is one of seven types of classical dances from India.



The Dallas, SD Carnegie Library celebrated 100 years in August.

The Leland D. Case Library at Black Hills State University in Spearfish celebrated the unveiling of Watson Parker's Ghost Town Notebooks Collection in August. Parker, who is best known for his book *Black Hills Ghost Towns*, died in 2013. His family donated his notebook collection to the Case Library as per his wishes.



Yankton Community Library celebrated Batman Day on July 23.

The South Dakota State Library held its third annual School Library Boot Camp on the campus of the University of SD in late July. School librarians, teachers and paraprofessionals from across the state communicated, collaborated, and created projects based on the Common Core State Standards and best digital practices. Classes were centered on the theme "ShaZam! The 4Cs in the 21st Century School Library."



SOUTH DAKOTA, continued...

"Tween readers" met in July at Cozard Memorial Library in Chamberlain to put together "My Life, My Story" boards. They have been collecting pictures, symbols and words from magazines and photos from home to display on a photo board. The boards reflect each participant's interests and personality.

Rawlins Municipal Library in Pierre was closed August 6-15, to install new carpeting and various other upgrades. Construction is set to be mostly completed in September.



Logan Library reports, "We had so much fun this summer with the great science theme, FIZZ, BOOM, READ! Dr. Fizzzz and Dr. Boom! (library storytellers Sherrie Mortensen and Barbara Price) made a splash (literally) with a story time and science experiment each week. I don't know if our favorite activity was electricity, plasma balls and fluorescent tubes, or making Oobleck dance for Grossology.



Over the eight sessions we had over 2,000 attendees. Kids had hands-on experience with music and sound – Blue Man Group style, food – where they walked on raw eggs, and eeewww...bugs!

Thanks go out to the summer reading committee who presented such an inspiring and hands-on theme for 2014 Summer Reading!"

UTAH, continued...



The Utah State Library Division joined forces with the Utah Division of Indian Affairs to offer 15 mini grants of up to \$1,000 to help public libraries, school libraries, and tribal libraries enhance their educational activities associated with American Indian Heritage Month during the month of November 2014. The Indigenous Month Mini Grant was open to libraries in the State of Utah interested in holding educational events or activities that honor our American Indian heritage. The application deadline was September 15.

WYOMING

The Wyoming
Library Association



Wyoming Library Association

annual conference was held in Casper, September 24-26.

Wyoming state representative Steven Boss reports, "It's time to start thinking about Wyoming Snapshot Day again! On this one day event, libraries collect photos and/or patron comments to illustrate the value you bring to your communities every single day.

On Tuesday, October 14, we want to collect your stories and photos for Wyoming Library Snapshot Day to show the tremendous impact that the state's libraries have on Wyoming residents every single day.

Snapshot Day will provide tools to use for advocacy with legislators, commissioners, local elected officials, donors, and the public. To get the best "snapshot" of the entire state, we need participation from as many libraries as possible, and from all types of libraries -- public, academic, school, and special.

WYOMING, continued...

Save the date! And let us know you are participating by emailing Susan Mark (susan.mark@wyo.gov) at the Wyoming State Library."

Photos from past Wyoming Snapshot Days:



We would love to see news from your library! Write to editor@mpla.us or submit news [here](#).

Calendar

2014

South Dakota Library Association conference; October 1-3; Pierre, SD
Nebraska Library Association conference; October 8-10; South Sioux City, NE
Colorado Association of Libraries conference; October 16-18; Loveland, CO
New Mexico Library Association conference; October 22-24; Ruidoso, NM
Kansas Library Association conference; October 29-31; Wichita, KS
Arizona Library Association/Mountain Plains Library Association conference;
November 12-14; Scottsdale/Fountain Valley, AZ

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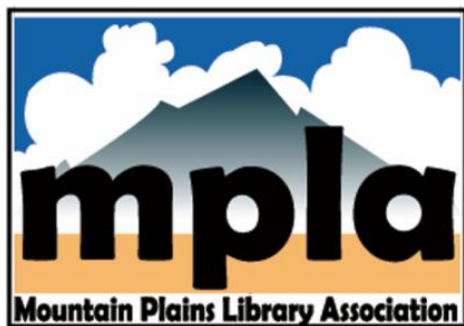
American Library Association midwinter conference; January 30-Feb 3;
Chicago, IL
Montana Library Association conference; April 8-11; Bozeman, MT
Oklahoma Library Association conference; April 29-May 1; Midwest City, OK
Utah Library Association conference; May 13-15; St. George, UT
American Library Association annual conference; June 24-30; Chicago, IL
Wyoming Library Association/Mountain Plains Library Association joint
conference; September 23-24; Cheyenne, WY
South Dakota Library Association conference; September 23-25;
Rapid City, SD
Kansas Library Association conference; September 30-October 2; Kansas
City, MO
Nebraska Library Association conference; October 14-16; Lincoln, NE
Nevada Library Association conference; October 13-14; Fallon, NV



Professional Development Opportunity

The Arizona Library Association Membership Committee and the MPLA Professional Development Committee are inviting MPLA members to volunteer for the review of AzLA/MPLA members' resumes. We would like to recruit several working professionals who would be able to evaluate the effectiveness of resumes submitted. We need people from diverse library fields who have had some experience with review, such as librarians who have served on a hiring committee, who work for HR, or those who have recently found a new job.

The Resume Review Clinic will take place on Thursday, November 13 (10:00 a.m.-noon), and Friday, November 14 (1:10-3:10 p.m.), at the Conference site. The shift for each volunteer will be 1-2 hours on any day depending on availability. Please apply! This is an excellent volunteering opportunity for librarians to have listed in their resumes. Last year there was a great turnout. To volunteer, send to Alexandra.Humphreys@asu.edu.



The Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) is a twelve state association of librarians, library paraprofessionals and friends of libraries in Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming. Its purpose is to promote the development of librarians and libraries by providing significant educational and networking opportunities.

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