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Wayne Hanway, Executive Director of Oklahoma's Southeastern Public Library System, struck a Super Librarian pose as part of the 2015 Summer Reading Program. Hanway, a longtime MPLA member and Past President, is retiring this year. Read more about this library legend starting on [page 3](#).

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MENTORS

The 10th MPLA Leadership Institute will be held May 15-20, 2016, in Estes Park, Colorado. The Institute will be facilitated by nationally known organizational development consultant Maureen Sullivan.

The 2016 MPLA Leadership Institute Fellows will be announced in mid-December. Their cohort will benefit from the experience and wisdom of mentors Robert Banks, Robin Clark, Samantha Hines, Mary Soucie, and Wendy Wendt.



Robert Banks

Robert Banks is the Chief Operations Officer at the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library. He holds an MLS from Emporia State University, and a Bachelors of Music Education from the University of Kansas.

Banks has worked at the library for over 26 years, starting out in Acquisitions. He served as Circulation Supervisor and Outreach Services Manager before assuming his current position.

Banks was President of MPLA, 2008-2009, and served several years on the MPLA Board. He just completed a 3-year term on the ALA Executive Board, and 10 years on ALA Council. He enjoys working on the many initiatives at his library and is very active leading the library's childhood hunger program, implementing community-wide broadband, and helping provide computer access in the low-income community.

In his personal life, Banks is active in community theatre, was harpist with the Topeka Symphony for 25 years, and loves to cook.

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MPLA Leadership Institute 2016

CELEBRATING



WAYNE HANWAY'S RETIREMENT



Wayne Hanway accepted the Carl Gaumer Library Champion Award at the Wyoming Library Association/Mountain Plains Library Association Joint Conference, September 2015.

Wayne Hanway, a Nebraska native and graduate of University of Iowa's MLS program, spent seventeen years as a public library director in Iowa and Nebraska before becoming Executive Director of the Southeast Oklahoma Public Library System (SEPLSO) in 1991.

In the nearly 25 years since joining SEPLSO, Hanway has implemented automation, overseen substantial growth in the library system, and helped put the system on a sound financial footing. Hanway has served as Oklahoma Library Association President (2001-2002), Oklahoma representative to MPLA, and MPLA President (2007-2008). He truly is a library legend, in Oklahoma and throughout the region.

Read more about Hanway's career in [Wayne Hanway: Oklahoma Library Legend](#), from the Oklahoma Library Association, and read on for tributes from colleagues [Dan Chaney](#), [Leslie Langley](#), and [Lee Tolliver](#).



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Applications are being accepted for the University of Arizona School of Information Knowledge River Cohort 15. Read about it on [page 8](#).

Look for a listing of MPLA Leadership Institute sponsors on [page 5](#), and find out more about them in upcoming issues of the newsletter.

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Annie Epperson's Tiny Livestock



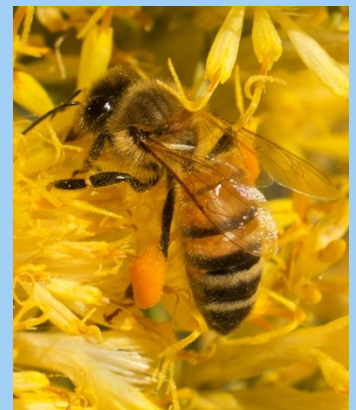
Did you know?

Many cities, like Greeley, CO, class bees as small livestock, along with chickens.

MPLA Past President Annie Epperson has more than a few unusual pets—she has a whole hive of bees in her backyard in Greeley, Colorado. Epperson writes:

I've been interested in keeping bees ever since I saw an observation hive when I was about five years old; it was mesmerizing! Jerry and I got our first hive in the winter of 2013, and populated it with a colony (a queen and workers) that spring. We've had mixed results.

It's kind of challenging to keep bees in a neighborhood, but so much fun and lots of nature right in our backyard. When a hive is fully populated at the height of summer it might have 40 or 50,000 bees, and they are lovely to watch. Through the winter they get down to perhaps 6,000 or 8,000 bees in total, and then, as soon as winter solstice occurs, the queen starts laying more eggs, gearing up for spring!



Around the Region



Students from the Library Club at Rincon/University High School, in Tucson, are raising money for library materials by starting a student-run coffee concession. The library has not had a budget to buy books for the last nine

years, according to the [Arizona Daily Star](#).

[Prescott Public Library](#) will cut part-time positions, close Sundays, and reduce materials spending under a million dollar package of mid-year budget adjustments by the City of Prescott, to cover public safety pension costs. In August, Prescott voters rejected a sales tax measure to cover the shortfall.

Read more in the [Prescott Daily Courier](#).



ARIZONA, continued...

The Arizona Library Association annual conference was held November 18-20, in Flagstaff.



The theme was *Making Connections*, and Patrick "P.C." Sweeney presented the keynote address.

Four Arizona libraries were awarded *Library Journal* Stars in 2015: Fredonia Public Library (4 Stars), Page Public Library (5 Stars), Sedona Public Library (3 Stars), and Tonto Basin Public Library (4 Stars). *Library Journal* Stars are awarded based on the LJ Index of Public Library Service which takes into account a library's budget, library visits per capita, circulations per capita, program attendance per capita, and public Internet computer use per capita.



Clockwise from upper left: Fredonia Public Library, Page Public Library, Sedona Public Library, and Tonto Basin Public Library.

ARIZONA, continued...



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Knowledge River is now accepting applications for the 15th Cohort. The priority application deadline is March 1, 2016.

Knowledge River is an educational experience within the University of Arizona School of Information that focuses on educating information professionals who have experience with and are committed to Latino and Native American populations.

Knowledge River also fosters understanding of library and information issues from the perspectives of Latino and Native Americans, and advocates for culturally sensitive library and information services to these communities. Since its inception, Knowledge River has become the foremost graduate program for training librarians and information specialists with a focus on Latino and Native American cultural issues. To date, more than 170 scholars have graduated from this program.

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- Cohort support**
- Mentorship**
- Professional development with support for professional development events**
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Learn more about Knowledge River and the application process [here](#) and [here](#).



The Colorado Association of Libraries annual conference was held October 22-24, in Loveland. The program featured keynotes by Salvador Avila, Barbara Jones, Ryan Warner, and Michael Stephens. The conference also offered a new CALCON15 app.

CALCON 2016 will be held jointly with MPLA, October 20-22, also in Loveland.

COLORADO, continued...

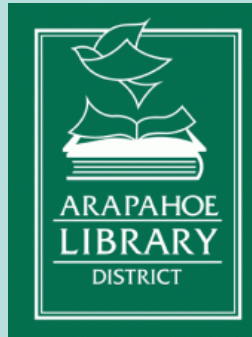


MPLA Past President Annie Epperson and MPLA Colorado Representative Stephen Sweeney at the MPLA booth, CALCON 2015.

COLORADO, continued...

Library funding measures in Arapahoe and Jefferson Counties were successful in November.

In Arapahoe County, voters passed a 1.2 percent mill levy increase that will expand the Arapahoe County Library District's budget by six million dollars annually. Read more in the [Centennial Citizen](#).



The Jefferson County measure represented the first mill levy increase there since 1986. The increase, to a maximum 4.5 mills,

will make it possible for Jefferson County Public Library to update library collections, add technology, and extend library hours, according to the [Arvada Press](#).



The Kansas Library Association and the Missouri Library Association held their first ever joint annual conference, *Libraries Without Borders*, September 30—October 3 in Kansas City, MO. Keynote speakers were author Peter Morville and William Ottens, of [Librarian Problems](#).

Baseball fans on both sides of the Kansas—Missouri border were rooting for the Kansas City Royals as they vied with the Toronto Blue Jays in the American League Championship on October. The Kansas City (MO) Library was no exception, and engaged in a fun

KANSAS, continued...



Twitter war with Toronto Public Library. Each side used book spines to compose teasing photos as the series progressed. Read about it in the [Kansas City Star](#).

According to [Library Journal](#), once the Royals moved on to face the New York Mets in the World Series, the book spine poetry battle picked up between Kansas City Public Library and New York Public Library.

Dodge City Public Library hosted Kansas poet Laureate Eric McHenry, of Lawrence, on November 10. McHenry visited Dodge City on a twelve stop tour of the state, exploring the humanities through poetry.



Congratulations to Glacier County Library in Cut Bank, MT, winners of the [Curiosity Creates](#) award. GCL was one of 79 libraries to receive the award, out of more than 400 applications from around the country.

Glacier County Library was notified by the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) in October that they have received a grant for \$7,500 to support creativity in children's programming.



The North Valley Public Library in Stevensville hosted Ellen Baumler, from the Humanities Montana Speakers Bureau, for ghostly stories from Montana history on November 3. Read about the program in the [Ravalli Republic](#).



MSU Billings Library staff went all out with space themed costumes for the 2015 Spooktacular on campus.

MONTANA, continued...

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL of the BOOK

Bozeman Public Library • MT



On November 7, 2015, the Bozeman Public Library Foundation presented its eighth annual Children's Festival of the Book, featuring Jon Klassen, Mac Barnett, and local favorite Kent Davis, pictured below. Inspired by the Montana Festival of the Book, the goal of the Bozeman Children's Festival of the Book is to celebrate children's literature, inspire children of all ages, and instill a lifelong love of reading.



MONTANA, continued...

Montana State University Billings Library was a fierce competitor in a campus-wide Spooktacular in October, with outer space themed decorations and costumes throughout the library. The aliens that invaded the library were not interested in grabbing people—they wanted all the knowledge they could gain from library books. MPLA Montana Representative Eileen Wright is pictured above.





The Hastings Public Library Foundation received a 1.3 million dollar bequest from the Cavilla Stroup estate. The Foundation will use the bequest toward the library's renovation projects.



Tularosa Public Library was one of four New Mexico libraries recognized as 2015 Star Libraries by [Library Journal](#). You can read more about TPL in the [Alamogordo Daily News](#).



Estancia Public Library, the Fred Macaron Library in Springer, and the Pueblo of Isleta Public Library were also recognized as Star Libraries.

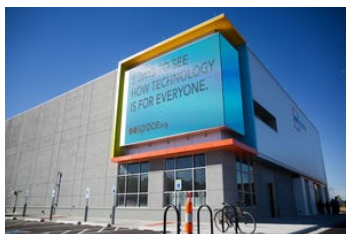


The New Mexico Library Association annual conference, *Create, Connect, Transform*, was held October 21-23, in Albuquerque. The conference featured a keynote address by Marshall Breeding, creator and editor of [Library Technology Guides](#).

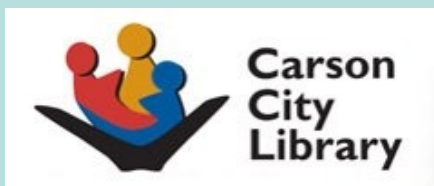


The New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs is seeking letters of support for the Wonders on Wheels mobile museum, which will travel to schools throughout the state, according to [The Hitchhiker](#).

[Do Space](#), an Omaha based technology library funded by the Community Information Trust, opened to the public on November 7. Do Space is unique in that it does not circulate any print materials. The main features of Do Space are its 50+ workstation computer lab, circulating Kindle Fires, and its 3D lab equipped with 3D printers and laser cutters.



Matthew Hортt, Adult Services Librarian at Henderson District Public Library, has accepted the position of Library Director at Simi Valley Public Library, in California. Hортt is a 2010 MPLA Leadership Institute Fellow.



The new Manufacturing Technician certification program at Carson City Library graduated its first class in October. Offering the certification program through the library makes it accessible to a wide range of students, according to an October 23 article in [Carson Now](#).



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Wendy Wendt, Director of Grand Forks Public Library, is the incoming President of the North Dakota Library Association. Wendt has also served as President of MPLA.



Lesley Gunderson, Library Media Specialist at Sunrise Elementary School in Bismarck, is the NDLA President-Elect. Kathy Jo Cline, a school librarian at Beulah High School, is the new Secretary, and Aaron Stefanich, children's librarian at Grand Forks Public was elected Treasurer.

NORTH DAKOTA, continued...



Grand Forks Public Library held its annual Empty Bowl Painting program to benefit St. Joseph's Food Pantry. More than 200 participants painted bowls over two days. The completed bowls will be auctioned off, and proceeds will be used to purchase food for the pantry.

NORTH DAKOTA, continued...



North Dakota was well represented at the Wyoming Library Association / Mountain Plains Library Association joint conference in Cheyenne, in September. From right, above: MPLA President Eric Stroshane, MPLA Past President Wendy Wendt, MPLA Representative Paulette Nelson, Leadership Institute Coordinator Aubrey Madler, Leadership Institute Committee Co-Chair Mary Souci, and Kathy Vandervorst from West Fargo.



Grand Forks Public Library was a fun and spooky Halloween destination for families and children of all ages in October, with seasonal decorations, costumes, and kid-friendly activities.

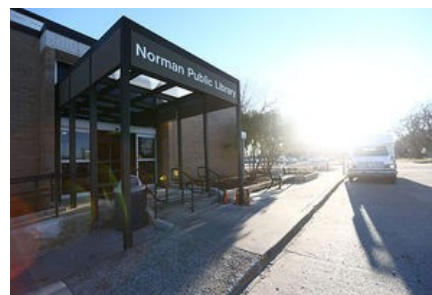
NORTH DAKOTA, continued...



The Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library and Burleigh County Bookmobile handed out comic books and candy to more than 1,500 kids at the Zoo Boo event at the Dakota Zoo on October 24. The bookmobile and library staff were decked out in their Peanuts best for the occasion.



The Oklahoma Library Association annual conference will be held in Tulsa, March 30—April 1, 2016.



Norman Public Library Central partnered with the Cleveland County Genealogical Society to present *Historical Black Towns of*

Oklahoma, a talk by Andre Head and Jessilyn Hall-Head, in November.

The Oklahoma Department of Libraries offers a range of free training for library staff. Recent classes covered Facebook for libraries, and teen services. Look for upcoming trainings [here](#).





The South Dakota State Library awarded librarian certification to 30 librarians from 21 communities at the South Dakota Library Association conference in September.



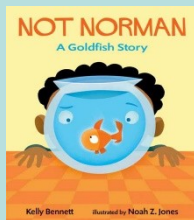
Grant County Library, Milbank, celebrated Classical Music Month in September with a musical exhibit from Steve Misener, of Stockholm, SD. The exhibit featured several pianos from Misener's collection.



Grand Rapids 1937, by Lynn Skordal

The University Libraries at the University of South Dakota are hosting a juried exhibit of altered books, *Bound and Unbound III*, through January 4. The exhibit features 46 works by 37 artists from the United States and around the world. View the online exhibit [here](#).

Libraries across South Dakota participated in Jump Start Read for the Record Day on October 22. The featured book was *Not Norman: A Goldfish Story*, by Kelly Bennett.



SOUTH DAKOTA, continued...



Huron Public Library offered a four part Genealogy 101 course this fall. The library also held a Halloween Trick or Treat Bag Decorating Contest.

On December 15, voters in Aberdeen will decide the fate of a proposed 8.3 million dollar library building project. The City Council had previously approved the project. A group of residents who questioned the cost of the project launched a successful petition drive to refer the matter to voters. Read more in the [Daily Journal](#).



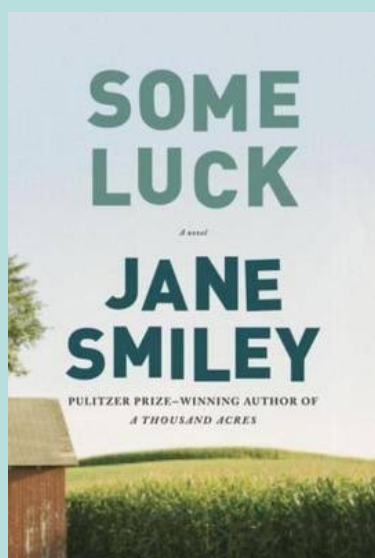
Rebecca Steiner, Jack, and Credo Kaninda welcome students. Photo by Rachel Manzer

South Dakota State University's H.M. Briggs Library has had a busy start to the 2015-2016 academic year. In August, library staff welcomed students with a be@Briggs extravaganza. The festivities included a visit from Jack, SDSU's mascot.

SOUTH DAKOTA, continued...

Briggs Library celebrated Games Day on September 14, and created a Banned Books Zone in the library to raise awareness of Banned Books Week, September 27—October 3.

The 2016 South Dakota One Book selection is *Some Luck*, by Pulitzer prize-winner Jane Smiley.



The Black Hills Library Consortium, formed in July 2015, took its first collaborative steps on November 2. On that date, the public libraries in Spearfish, Sturgis and Rapid City linked their collections through a new online catalog, Koha. This ushers in a new era of cooperation and sharing between public libraries in South Dakota.

In December, the public libraries in Deadwood, Lead, Whitewood, and Keystone will be joining the consortium, while Custer, Hermosa, Piedmont, Edgemont and Wall will be completing the current configuration of the consortium in January 2016. Read more about the consortium in the [Meade County Times-Tribune](#).



The Utah State Library's ILEAD USA program, presented with support from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, wrapped up in October.

The Utah State Library was one of 23 organizations to receive Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program grants for FY14. USL used the grant to partner with the Utah Library Association in implementing ILEAD USA (Innovative Librarians Explore, Apply and Discover) in the state.

UTAH, continued...



ILEAD USA is a multi-state initiative designed to help library staff understand and respond to user needs through the application of participatory technology tools. ILEAD USA participants in Utah were divided into five teams, each of which undertook to create an innovative program that could serve as a model for others.

Read about all five teams and their cutting edge projects in [this article](#), courtesy of the Utah State Library.

STRIKETHROUGH:

THE UTAH LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FAILURE WORKSHOPS

Strikethrough, an interdisciplinary discussion of failure, will be presented by the Salt Lake City Public Library, February 18-19, 2016.

The program will feature a keynote by library consultant Maureen Sullivan, along with leaders from other disciplines. Participants will also be working as teams and individually to make plans for change.

The goal is to change the perspective of attendees, to see the value of failure and its contribution to success, and to help people, from whatever position they are in, change their attitudes towards risk.

The Utah Ski Archives, housed at the University of Utah's J. Willard Marriott Library, celebrated 25 years of collecting and preserving Utah's skiing history, with the 25th Annual Ski Affair on November 5. Read more in the [Deseret News](#).



Libraries all over Wyoming collected statistics, pictures, and stories about Wyoming libraries on October 20, for Library Snapshot Day. On that day, Wyoming's public and community college libraries:

- Circulated more than 16,000 items
- Had nearly 3.4 million items available for use by Wyoming residents
- Added 960 new items to their collections
- Provided library programs for more than 800 children and teens

See more Snapshot Day results, including lots of wonderful photos, [here](#).



MPLA member Joan Brinkley is the new Director at Goshen County Library, in Torrington. She came to Torrington from Texas, where she was a branch manager with Dallas Public Library.

University of Wyoming Associate Librarian Jenny Garcia has been awarded the Bernice M. Hetzner Award for Excellence in Academic Health Science Librarianship. Garcia, right, is pictured with Interim Dean Lori Phillips.



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Robin Clark

Robin Clark, Library Director at Emporia Public Library in Emporia, Kansas, has a passion for libraries and the people who frequent them both in person and online. She has a strong commitment to leadership and its inherent relationship building, her profession and its professional organizations.

Clark has seventeen years of library experience, with a majority of those years in leadership roles. Prior to coming to Emporia in 2015, she served as the library director at Sump Memorial Library (Papillion) in Nebraska, and has worked as the Library Manager at Turner Community Library in

Kansas City, Kansas. She has been employed by the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library, Topeka, Kansas, Kilgore Memorial Library in York, Nebraska, and Keene Memorial Library in Fremont, Nebraska.

Clark, a graduate of the first American Library Association Leadership Institute in 2013, has an MLS from the University of Missouri at Columbia, and a Bachelors in Management from Bellevue University.

Samantha Schmehl Hines received her MS in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, in 2003. In 2004, she was hired as the Social Science Librarian for the Mansfield Library at the University of Montana-Missoula. She is currently Head Librarian for the Missoula College campus library of the University of Montana.

She writes and presents widely on issues of online library services, information literacy instruction, and library middle management, and is the author of *Productivity for Librarians* (2010, Chandos), and *Revolutionizing the Development of Library and Information Science Professionals* (2014, IGI-Global).



Samantha Hines

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Mary Soucie

Mary Soucie has more than 20 years of experience as a librarian. She has been the State Librarian of North Dakota since January, 2014. She has worked in public and school libraries; as the Youth Services Consultant for a regional library system, and was also an adjunct professor at a community college teaching Reader's Advisory and Adult Programs.

Soucie has served as a trustee for both her local public library and an Illinois regional library system. She has served in many volunteer capacities, both within the library community and her own community. Her

library passions include mentoring colleagues at all levels and from all types of libraries, and connecting people – whether it's connecting people with new authors or titles, new formats, or connecting colleagues. She believes that libraries serve as community centers, connecting all the parts of the community that they serve.

Wendy Wendt is currently the Director of the Grand Forks Public Library. She has a BS in business administration with a minor in accounting from North Dakota State University. She has a Master's degree in Information Media from St. Cloud State University, and an ALA-accredited Master's in Library Science from the University of North Texas.

She has worked in libraries for nearly twenty years, serving as Director of the Marshall-Lyon County Library system prior to coming to Grand Forks. She has extensive experience in working with governing

and advisory boards, elected officials, and community leaders. She also has broad experience in implementing change, and strategic planning and visioning.

Wendt has served as the President of the Minnesota Library Association and the Mountain Plains Library Association, and currently serves as the President of the North Dakota Library Association. Wendt is passionate about the transformative power of information, the human connection libraries create, and the joy of reading. She feels blessed to have a job that changes lives – one person at a time.



Wendy Wendt



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Wayne Hanway: The Heart of MPLA

by Dan Chaney



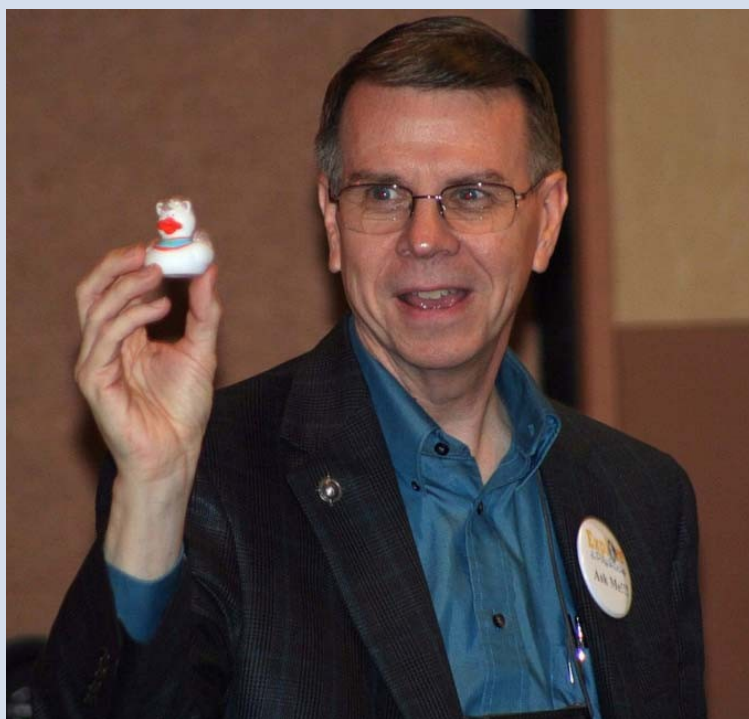
Wayne Hanway has been a part of the MPLA family for a long time (as have I!). In fact, I'm sure I'm forgetting some of the roles Wayne has served in MPLA, but I know he's served them all with distinction.

He has served as the board representative from Oklahoma, he served a three year period as Vice-President/President-Elect, President, and Past President – a

true gauntlet of service to the Association if ever there was one! He's also served as Awards Committee Chair and Bylaws Committee Chair. As I mentioned, I'm sure I'm forgetting other roles.

Wayne's soft spoken charm and gentle leadership are his hallmarks. He led MPLA through some difficult times, with a clear head and a definite vision of the best path to move forward. Many times the Board would be wrangling with a difficult issue, where solutions were hard to see and a path through seemed nigh impossible. Wayne would be the "voice of reason," and would suggest a path that, in hindsight, worked out best for MPLA. His voice was always what was best for MPLA.

I think deep within Wayne beats the heart of a comedian and entertainer. Many was the time when Wayne could diffuse the tension of a difficult discussion with a little levity, that would get others to laugh and put everyone at ease. And who could forget the Hot Tub Roundtable sessions where Wayne would "hold court" and give names to the myriad rubber duckies that have come to symbolize MPLA conferences?



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There was also the MPLA Membership Meeting at conference where Wayne brought leftover beer and wine and made members take it home. I don't think I've ever seen that at a Membership Meeting before or since (and really, wouldn't you like to have seen that? Fortunately, we have pictures to prove it!)

Finally, the last thing I'll say about Wayne is something I've told him in private recently, and something I've told others at conference. And that is that in many ways, I think Wayne Hanway is the heart and soul of MPLA, and that with his retirement, I find I will miss seeing him at Conference (and hoping he still finds a way to keep coming!). Though we, as librarians, come from very different libraries – he as the head of a regional library network, and me, as the sometimes pompous academic librarian – he has taught me much about the profession and much about MPLA.

I salute you, Wayne, I will miss you, and I am eternally grateful for the opportunity to work beside you these many years!



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Wayne Hanway: Library Champion



Wayne Hanway has been a great Executive Director for the Southeastern Public Library System. He has moved SEPLSO in a very positive direction.

I can't begin to say how much I'm going to miss him. He's been nothing but a champion for all of the SEPLSO employees. He's a good friend and has been an excellent mentor to me. He has been my encourager through tough library times, and my cheerleader when I faced tough decisions as OLA President, 2010—2011. Wayne is generous, dedicated, and truly one of a kind.

—Leslie Langley

When I was hired, I asked Wayne if he had any advice he could give me on my new venture. He replied, "Always look upward." That has become my life motto.

—Lee Tolliver



These photos were taken at SEPLSO's Staff In-Service Training Days. Wayne surprised staff as Super Librarian!

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