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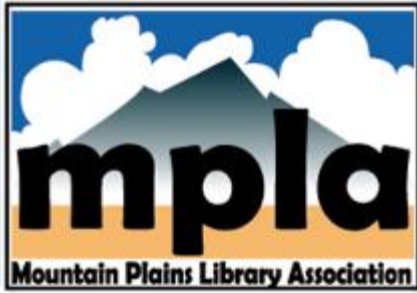
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# Election Information

The election for 2016-2017 MPLA Officers will held online, July 25 – August 15, 2016.

An online ballot will be emailed to all eligible voters via MemberClicks. The ballot will be sent to the email listed in MPLA member profiles, so now is a good time for members to login at [mpla.us](http://mpla.us) and update their profiles as needed. The online ballot will feature links to all [candidate information sheets](#), in case voters need to review them.



Results will be announced in August, and the new officers' terms will begin at the Colorado Library Association / Mountain Plains Library Association joint conference in Loveland, October 20-22. Thanks to all of the candidates for their willingness to serve! [Read on](#) to learn more about each of them.

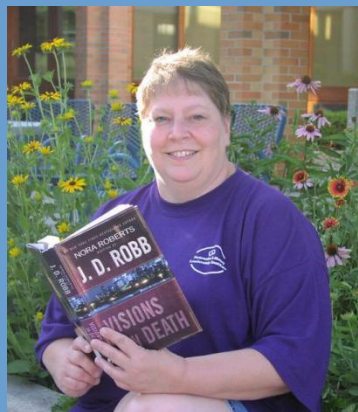
## Candidate for President-Elect / Vice-President



Melissa Clark



Kris Johnson



Gayle Roberts

## Candidates for Recording Secretary

# Meet the Candidates



## Melissa Clark

MPLA member since 2012

Current Position: Information Services Librarian, South Dakota State University

Candidate for: Vice-President / President Elect

Vice-President / President Elect

### Previous Position(s)

Teaching Assistant, University of Missouri, Columbia

### Education

MA in Human Development and Educational Psychology from the University of South Dakota, emphasis in Cognition and Motivation  
MA in Information Science and Learning Technologies from the University of Missouri, Columbia, emphasis in Library Science  
BA in Classical Studies from Truman State University

### Professional activities, especially those in MPLA or relevant to this position

I am an alum of MPLA's 9th Leadership Institute (2014 @ Estes Park!) and had a fabulous week learning from Maureen Sullivan, the excellent Mentors, and my fellow participants (also excellent).

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# Meet the Candidates

## Recording Secretary



### **Kris Johnson**

MPLA member since 2006

Current Position: Head, Learning and Research Services Department, MSU Bozeman Library

Candidate for: Recording Secretary

#### **Previous Position(s)**

Library Consultant, Colorado State Library  
Instruction Librarian, California State University Chico

#### **Education**

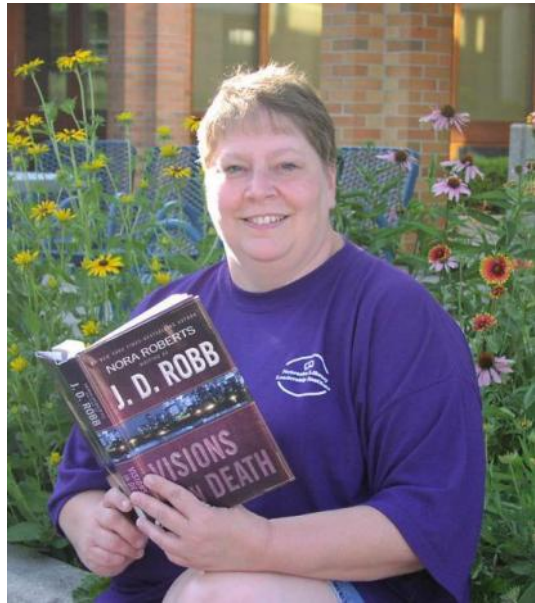
Masters of Library & Information Science (MLIS), University of Texas at Austin  
Bachelor of Arts, Music, Montana State University, Bozeman

#### **Professional activities, especially those in MPLA or relevant to this position**

Chair, MPLA Professional Development Committee, December 2014 – current  
Member, MPLA Board, December 2014 – current  
Member, MPLA Professional Development Committee, October 2013 – December 2014  
Attendee, Mountain Plains Library Association Leadership Institute, May 2012

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# Meet the Candidates



## Gayle Roberts

MPLA member since 2012

Current Position: Library Director, Blair  
Public Library

Candidate for: Recording Secretary

Recording Secretary

### Previous Position(s)

Children's Librarian, Blair Public Library  
Promotion and Marketing Associate, University of  
Nebraska Omaha Criss Library  
Reference Assistant, University of Nebraska Omaha  
Criss Library  
Legal Assistant, Ag Processing Inc., a cooperative

Prior to 1992 I was employed by two law firms as a secretary/legal assistant and an accounting firm. All three included library maintenance and management. Thus I have had special library experience as well as academic and public library positions.

### Education

Master of Arts in Library Science, University of  
Missouri, Columbia  
Master of Science in History, University of Nebraska  
at Omaha  
Bachelor of General Studies, University of Nebraska  
at Omaha  
Associates Degree, Metro Tech Community College

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# Awards Committee Seeks Nominees



by Patricia Frade, Awards Committee Chair

**Do you know a deserving individual in the library field who should be recognized for their accomplishments? If so, please nominate them for an MPLA Award! The following awards will be given at the 2016 MPLA Joint Conference with the Colorado Association of Libraries in Loveland, CO, October 20-22, 2016. The MPLA Awards Committee is seeking nominees in all categories:**

**Carl Gaumer Library Champion Award:** To be given to the individual, organization or company whose positive support of the Mountain Plains Library Association is demonstrated by repeated conscientious endeavors towards libraries, library staff, trustees and professional activities.

**MPLA Distinguished Service Award:** To be given to an MPLA member who has made notable contributions to the library profession, or has furthered significant development of libraries in the Mountain Plains region, or has performed exemplary service for an extended period of time. In the case of retired individuals, the nominee may be a past member of MPLA.

**MPLA Literary Contribution Award:** To be given to an author whose published writings have successfully furthered an understanding and appreciation of the Mountain Plains region. The author need not reside in the region, and the selection may be based on either a single work or a body of works. Published works will be evaluated on the basis of literary worth, readability, and evidence of responsible research.

**MPLA Beginning Professional Award:** To recognize an MPLA member who, as a librarian/media specialist within the first five years after receiving a library/media masters degree, has made a positive impact on the quality and role of library service. Factors such as innovative programming and planning, use of resources, and special projects will be considered.

**MPLA Innovator Award:** To recognize an up-and-coming individual(s) or group(s) in the MPLA region for a creative, inventive, trail-blazing project that has significance to the library community.

**MPLA Unsung Hero Award:** To be given to any library individual(s) or group(s) in the MPLA region who have worked on a special project that has some significance to a community but which has not been eligible for a library award, or which has for other reasons specified by the nominator not been recognized to the degree that it merits, by any library organization.

The Awards Nomination Form is available on the [MPLA website](#).

***Nominations are due by August 15, 2016.***



# October 20—22, 2016

## Embassy Suites, Loveland, Colorado

CALCON generally attracts more than 500 members of the Colorado library community. The 2016 conference, which includes MPLA, promises to be even more dynamic.

Join your friends and colleagues from Colorado and throughout the twelve state Mountain Plains region to learn, collaborate, and expand your professional network.

Look for conference information [here](#), and registration [here](#).



The Embassy Suites Loveland is located at 4705 Clydesdale Drive, Loveland, CO 80538. Look for booking details [here](#).

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**Nina Simon**  
Author and  
Consultant

**Steven Bell**  
Temple University



**Donna Scheeder**  
International  
Federation of Library  
Associations



# South Dakota Share-It

By Nina Mentzel  
South Dakota State Library



South Dakota Share-It is a new service of the South Dakota State Library. This service is provided at no cost to participating libraries. The South Dakota Share-It network will allow users to search library catalogs wherever they have internet access. Authenticated users (users holding a valid library card at a participating library) will be able to search the catalog and the subscription e-resources provided by the SD State Library. All other libraries and patrons with a SD State Library barcode/password will be able to login and search the subscription e-resources.

This network replaces and improves on the SDLN (South Dakota Library Network) group catalog, as it allows individual libraries to have their own ILS (integrated library system/catalog) and still be able to search multiple catalog and electronic resources at one time, as well as participate in statewide interlibrary loan.

The dissolution of the South Dakota Library Network created a need for another statewide system. The schedule provided by SDLN in 2014 indicated that current services will no longer be available after July 2016.

The SD State Library is working to have this network in place by July 1, 2016.

## Participating Libraries

All participating libraries have signed an agreement and have been working with the State Library on implementation of the new system.

If you are unsure whether your library is participating, please contact Nina Mentzel at the State Library. Email [Nina.Mentzel@state.sd.us](mailto:Nina.Mentzel@state.sd.us) or telephone 605-773-6391.

## Authentication

As part of SD Share-It, patron authentication for electronic resources licensed through the South Dakota State Library will change as of **July 1, 2016**. The current authentication server managed by SDLN will no longer provide authentication. Authentication will be provided through SD Share-It.

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# Tell a Friend!

MPLA bases its success on an active, enthusiastic, sharing membership. Where our people are so few and distances are so great, each librarian, staff member and library is vital.

MPLA invites you to make an investment in your future by joining and laying the foundation for your career development.

<http://mpla.us/services/membership>

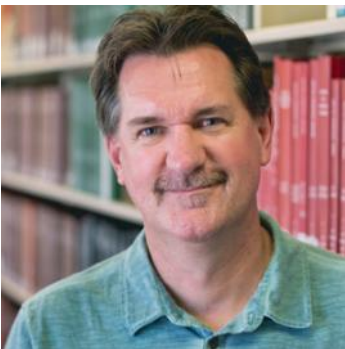
# Around the Region

## AZ ARIZONA

The Arizona Library Association annual conference, *Libraries Transform!*, will be held in Tucson, November 2-4. Look for details [here](#) as they become available.



A Writer In Residence program offered with funding from the Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records, has been connecting published authors with aspiring authors and the public since early 2016. The [Arizona Daily Star](#) featured an interview with Pima County's current Writer In Residence, Adrienne Celt, in June. The program has been well received, and the library hopes to host additional writers if funding is available.



Longtime MPLA member and officer Dan Stanton has assumed a new role with the Arizona State University Libraries.

After 16 years as Government Documents Librarian, Stanton is now Humanities and Social Sciences Librarian, sup-

porting the School for the Future of Innovation in Society, and the School of Film, Dance, and Theatre, among other departments. Stanton says, "This means I will be looking at planning future Science and Technology policies AND it means I am free to break into show tunes whenever I damn well please."

## CO COLORADO



The Check Out Colorado State Parks program, a collaboration between the Colorado State Library and Colorado Parks and Wildlife, expanded to include libraries throughout the state in June. The program allows library patrons to check out a backpack which includes free admission to Colorado state parks, along with books and other materials to help visitors learn about the parks. Read more in [Library Journal](#).



Jefferson County Library has updated library computers, added new research tools, and expanded its operating hours thanks to an increased mill levy

which boosted this year's operating budget. Read about the changes in the [Golden Transcript](#).

Melissa Hisel is the new director of Lafayette Public Library, according to the [Colorado Hometown Weekly](#). Hisel has held various positions with the library, and most recently served as interim director.



The Colorado Association of Libraries conference will be held jointly with MPLA, October 20-22, in Loveland. Read more [here](#).



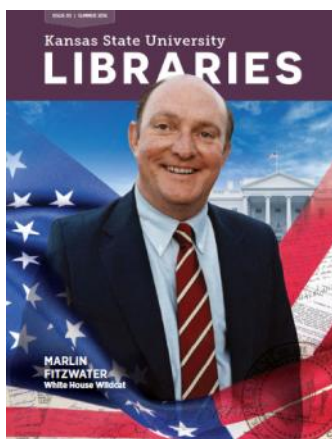
The Kansas Library Association annual conference will be held in Wichita, October 19-21. The theme is *Champions by Design*, and details will be posted [here](#) as they are finalized.



Wichita Public Library began construction of a new central library building in July. The

new building, called the Advanced Learning Library, will feature 100 computers for public use, super-fast internet connections, and an expanded children's library, according to the [Wichita Eagle](#).

Former White House Press Secretary Marlin Fitzwater recently donated his personal collection of documents to Kansas State University's Richard L.D. & Marjorie J. Morse Department of Special Collections. Look for details in the summer 2016 issue of the [Kansas State University Libraries Magazine](#).



Wellington Public Library hosted an "Authorpalooza" event in July as part of the library's centennial celebrations. The program fea-

tured 17 authors from south-central Kansas, and was so well received that the library is already planning for an expanded event in 2017. Read more [here](#).

## KANSAS, continued...



After nearly six years as director of the Hays Public Library, Eric Norris has moved on to a new job in the private sector, with Lang Diesel Inc., in Hays. Norris has been an MPLA member since 2006. He was a participant in the 2012 MPLA Leadership Institute, and served as a mentor for the 2014 Leadership Institute. The staff and patrons of the Hays Public Library, and his colleagues from MPLA, wish Eric well in his new endeavors.



Barnard Library, in La Crosse, was featured in the New England Historic Genealogical Society's [Weekly Genealogist](#) newsletter in June. The library's obituary index, which is available [here](#), offers access to obituaries published in Rush County newspapers between 1874 and 1938.





*Fergus County Courthouse, Lewiston Public Library, and other historic buildings in Lewiston, MT, circa 1920*

## MONTANA, continued...

The historic photo above captures Lewiston, MT, from the intersection of Janeaux Street and 7th Avenue South, looking towards the Fergus County Courthouse (built 1908-09). The image also includes Lewistown Public Library (originally called the Carnegie Library, built in 1905) across the street from the courthouse. Above the top of the Library you can see the stone Lehman bunkhouse at 108 8th Avenue North (built before 1901) which was later turned into the Art Center. Photo courtesy of Eileen Wright, Montana State University.

The Montana State University Library is part of a new system that will allow users from academic library users across the state to access the holdings of 16 libraries in Montana through a single online search. The Treasure State Academic Information and Library Services (TRAILS) consortium search is expected to go live in December 2016. Read more [here](#) and [here](#).



## MONTANA, continued...



Glendive Public Library recently offered a fun sensory storytime all about the sun. Yellow could be seen all around as they read stories about the sun, sang a sun song, made a sun themed snack, and created their own suncatchers!

## MONTANA, continued...



Miles City Public Library hosted some special guests this summer, when Boy Scout Troops 222 and 208 stopped by. They shared campfire stories, an outdoor raingutter regatta, and s'mores.

## NE NEBRASKA

The University of Nebraska at Omaha's Criss Library introduced a new archive documenting lesbian, gay, bisexual, and trans culture, with an opening reception in July. The library's special collections department partnered with the university's Gender and Sexuality Research Center to launch the project, which has already received several boxes of documents and other materials from members of the UNO community. Read more in the [Scottsbluff Star Herald](#).



## NCompass ▶ live

The Nebraska Library Commission's NCompass Live continuing education series offers free webinars for library staff every Wednesday. Recent topics have

## NEBRASKA, continued...

included the creation of local cataloging standards, and UNO's new Queer Omaha Archives. Upcoming topics will include Maker Camps, and Girls Who Code at Omaha Public Library. Look for details [here](#), and look for archived programs [here](#).



The Nebraska Library Association [annual convention](#), *Libraries Transform*, will be held in Omaha, October 19-21.

## NV NEVADA



The University of Nevada Las Vegas' Curriculum Materials Library is changing its name to the Teacher Development & Resources

Library, to better reflect the wealth of resources available to area Pre-K—12 teachers as well as students in UNLV's College of Education. Signage and other materials are being updated to reflect the change for the start of the 2016-17 academic year. Read more [here](#).



Washoe County Library's Spanish Springs branch hosted two and four-legged member's of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Mounted Posse for a community event in June.



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## NEVADA, continued...

Jeff Kintop has accepted an appointment as Administrator for the Nevada State Library, Archives, and Public Records Division. Kintop previously served as Interim Administrator and Deputy Administrator.



The Nevada Library Association annual conference will be held in Las Vegas, October 18-19.

## NM NEW MEXICO



Children's musician and songwriter Andy Mason visited Silver City Public Library in June as part of the library's summer reading program.

## NEW MEXICO, continued...



The New Mexico History Museum's Fray Angélico Chávez History Library has won a national award for its Historic New Mexico Maps project, headed by librarian Patricia Hewitt.

The American Association for State and Local History will pre-

sent its Award of Merit for Leadership to the New Mexico History Museum at its annual awards banquet on September 16. The NM Historic Maps project included the cataloging of more than 6,000 maps, along with a variety of public programs and a curriculum guide. Read more in the [Los Alamos Daily Post](#).

The New Mexico Library Association annual conference, *Ideas, Insights, Transform Innovation*, will be held in Albuquerque, November 2-4. Program proposals will be accepted through August 19, and conference information is available [here](#).



## ND NORTH DAKOTA

The North Dakota State Library has announced the topics for this year's Summer Summit training sessions, which are geared toward library directors. Topics will include personality profiling, state standards compliance, working with library boards, and an LSTA Plan focus group. Look for details [here](#) as they are finalized.

## NORTH DAKOTA, continued...



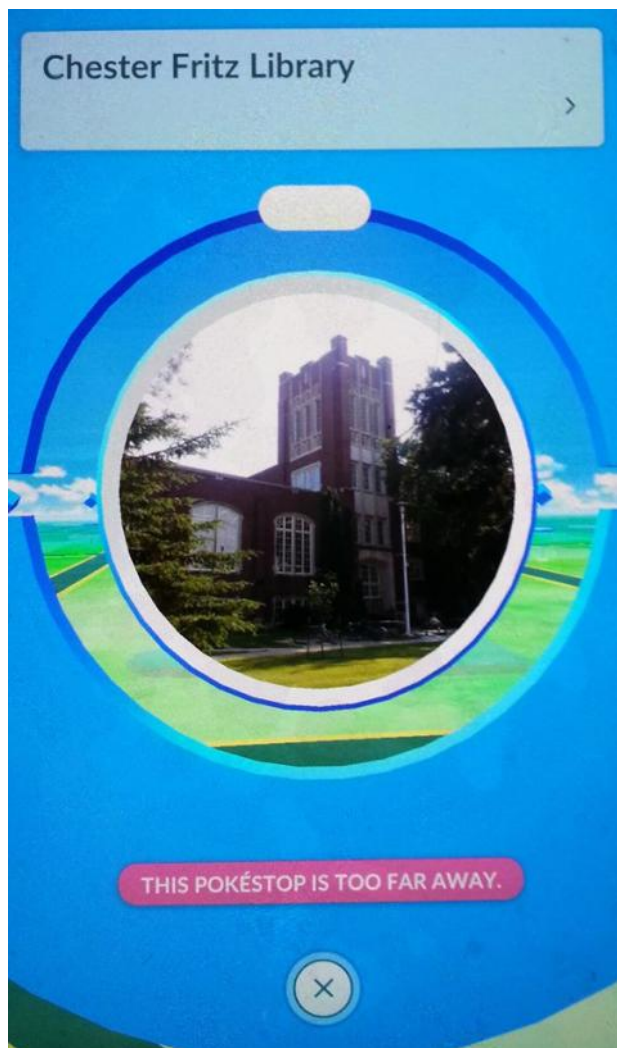
Storytime presenter Miss Sparkles and her puppet helpers had a rapt audience at their weekly puppet show at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library.



The ribbon cutting for the Story Board Walk in Minot's Oak Park took place on June 9. Many groups came together to make the Story Board Walk possible, and the celebration highlighted that community involvement. The Ward County and Minot Public Libraries kicked off their summer reading programs at the event, and a children's concert featuring Jack and Kitty rounded out the evening. Title One representatives were on hand to give away books to children and families in attendance.



## NORTH DAKOTA, continued...



The University of North Dakota's Chester Fritz Library is home to a world-class research collection, but this summer it is also a PokéStop for users of the new Pokémon Go app. A number of Pokémon have been spotted around the library.

On June 10, the North Dakota State Library and the North Dakota Heritage Center were filled with children gathered together for a Summer Reading Celebration. The Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library and the Morton Mandan Public Library worked with the North Dakota State Library to coordinate this exciting event, which encourages kids to participate in the summer reading programs at their local libraries. It was a day full of fun and activities for children in Bismarck, Mandan, and surrounding communities.

## NORTH DAKOTA, continued...



The Leach Public Library's children's library will benefit from a generous donation from the estate of Pauline "Polly" Groneman, of Wahpeton, who passed away earlier this year. Her family members donated \$50,000 to the library on her behalf, with proceeds to be used to update the children's library with new carpeting, shelving and furniture. Once the work is complete, the children's library will be dedicated and re-named as the Polly Benn Groneman Children's Library.



The 2016 winners of Minnesota State University Moorhead's (MSUM) Comstock-Gág Read Aloud Book Awards program were announced in May. While MSU Moorhead is located in Minnesota, many North Dakota schools and libraries participate in the annual award program.

The 2016 winner of the Wanda Gág Read Aloud Book Award for the preschool to eight year old category is "Please, Open This Book!" by Adam Lehrhaupt. The 2016 winner of the Comstock Read Aloud Book Award for the nine to twelve year old category is "Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear" written by Lindsay Mattick. For more information on this years winners, and a list of honors books, visit the [MSU Moorhead website](#).



Wizards and muggles of all ages enjoyed a Harry Potter Party at Minot Public Library in June.

Participants made wands and potions, and tested their magical knowledge with Harry Potter trivia.

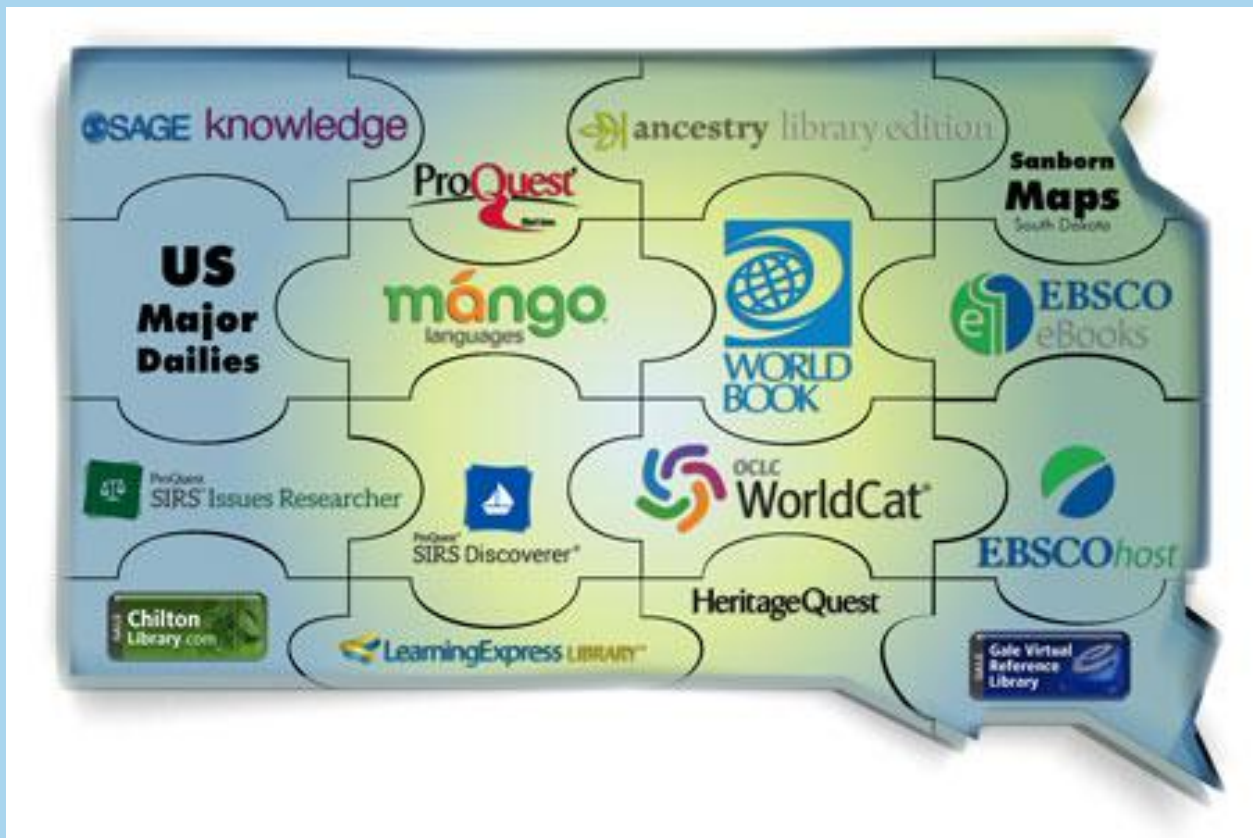
## NORTH DAKOTA, continued...



The annual North Dakota Library Association conference will be held September 21-23, in Dickinson. The theme is *North Dakota Librarians: Rebels with a Cause*. The program will feature keynote speakers Jim Gill, a children's musician, and author Taylor Brorby. In addition, the conference will feature an adult spelling bee! Look for conference details and registration on the [NDLA website](#) as they become available.



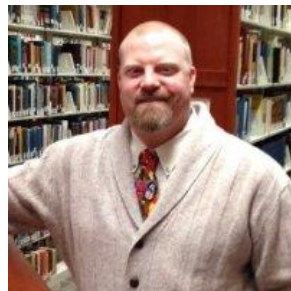
Pawnee Public Library, in north-central Oklahoma, suffered about \$10,000 worth of damage when heavy rains swept through the area in late June. Library materials were unharmed, but flooring and other parts of the building were damaged by standing water, according to Oklahoma's [KOTV 6](#).



South Dakota Share-It is a new service from the South Dakota State Library, which provides libraries and patrons all over the state with a combined catalog search, and one-stop access to all statewide e-resources. Read more starting on [page 9](#).

## OKLAHOMA, continued...

Gavin Woltjer, dean of library services at Oklahoma Wesleyan University, in Bartlesville, has accepted a position as director of Billings Public Library, in Montana.



## SD SOUTH DAKOTA

Ethelle Bean, longtime library director at Dakota State University in Madison, retired in June.



The Oklahoma Department of Libraries has launched a new website at [libraries.ok.gov](http://libraries.ok.gov), featuring new resources and a crisp, modern look.



Jane A. Larson has retired, after 32 years as the director of the Edith B. Siegrist Vermillion Public Library, in Vermillion.

SOUTH DAKOTA, continued...



## Siouxland Libraries

Siouxland Libraries staff have been hosting a trivia night at Monk's House of Ale Repute in Sioux Falls since March 2014. It has been one of their most successful adult programs, and has turned an otherwise quiet Tuesday night at Monk's into one of their busiest nights of the month.

At the May program, staff was enlisted to help one of the regular trivia couples, Tim and Lisa, embark on a whole new adventure. Tim contacted Kimberly Koblank at Siouxland to ask if staff would help him propose to Lisa, a regular library patron. The big question became part of the final category of the night, "surprises."

SOUTH DAKOTA, continued...

The rest of the crowd was thoroughly confused when the first question, "Lisa, will you marry Tim?" was read, but by the third iteration of the question, everyone got excited and cheered. Lisa and Tim are now happily engaged.



Over the last three years, the elementary schools in the Huron School District have been renovated, reorganized, and expanded. That has meant packing and unpacking thousands of library materials.

Students and staff are now settled into their new spaces at Buchanan, Madison and Washington Elementary Schools, and the libraries are ready and waiting for the 2016-2017 academic year.

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## SOUTH DAKOTA, continued...



Five librarians graduated from the 2016 South Dakota Public Library Training Institute, which took place in June at Dakota State University in Madison. The institute, sponsored by the South Dakota State Library, is a four-year program of continuing education for librarian practitioners, support staff, and trustees of small to medium-sized public libraries who do not have library degrees.

The South Dakota State Library has announced that 12 schools have been awarded 21st Century School Library award for 2016-2019. For a full list of winning school libraries, and their award levels, visit the [South Dakota State Library website](#).

Steven Buras is the new Assistant State Librarian at the South Dakota State Library. Before moving to South Dakota, Buras was a librarian at Ascension Parish Library in Gonzales, LA. Read more [here](#).

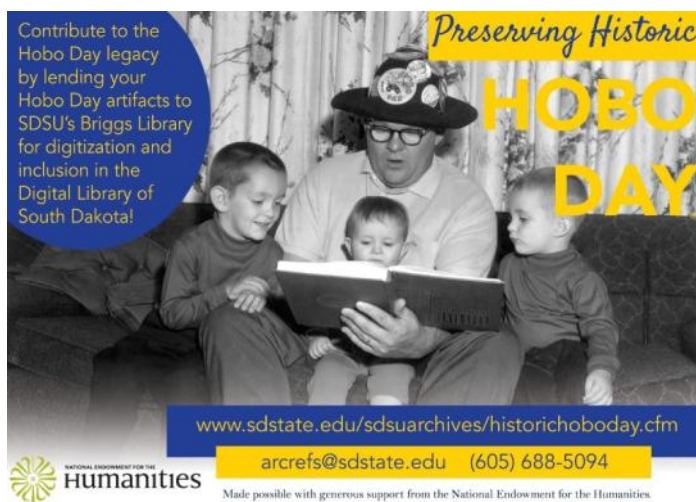


The Newell Public Library has completed a major upgrade including new carpet, and reconfigured shelving.

## SOUTH DAKOTA, continued...



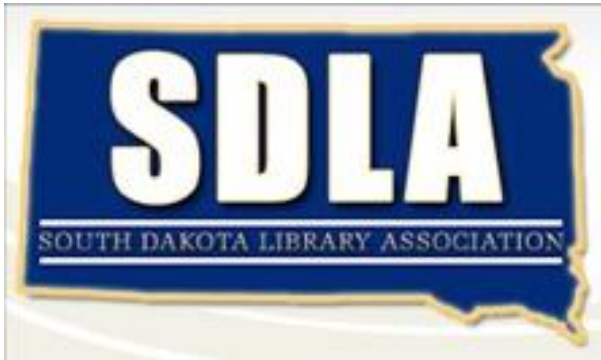
South Dakota State University introduced the state's first institutional repository in September of 2015. Open PRAIRIE (Public Research Access Institutional Repository and Information Exchange) collects, preserves, and disseminates the university's scholarly output. Explore this unique resource [here](#), and check out the map on the home page to see what resources have been accessed by users from all over the world.



Also at SDSU, Hilton M. Briggs Library was awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities Common Heritage grant to collect and digitize artifacts related to Hobo Day, the university's unique homecoming tradition. The public is invited to contribute to the 104-year-old Hobo Day legacy by lending all manner of personal memorabilia—clothing, banners, buttons, newspaper clippings, photographs, artwork, home movie footage, oral histories, etc.—to be digitized and made available in the [Digital Library of South Dakota](#) and [Historypin](#).

Those interested in participating may bring their artifacts to the library during Hobo Day on October 22, or contact Jessica English (605-688-5094, [jessica.english@sdstate.edu](mailto:jessica.english@sdstate.edu)). For more information visit [www.sdstate.edu/sdsuarchives/historichoboday.cfm](http://www.sdstate.edu/sdsuarchives/historichoboday.cfm).

## SOUTH DAKOTA, continued...



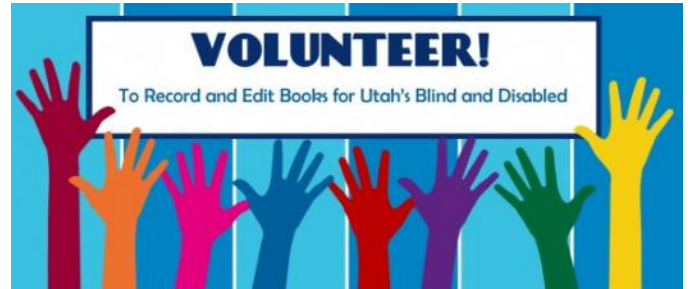
The South Dakota Library Association annual conference will be held in Watertown, September 28—30. MPLA President Eric Stroshane will be among the keynote speakers. Look for details and registration on the [SDLA website](#).



Gail Morris, coordinator for the Southwest Monarch Study, visited Salt Lake City Public Library System's Marmalade Branch in July to host a workshop on monarch butterfly conservation, and encourage area residents to get involved in tracking monarchs. Read more in the [Davis Clipper](#).

MPLA President Eric Stroshane visited the Utah Library Association annual conference in May, to help promote MPLA and meet with Utah librarians.

## UTAH, continued...



The Utah State Library is seeking volunteers to reord and edit talking books for blind and print disabled Utah residents. If you would like to help, look for details on the [Utah State Library website](#).



Lander Library and Teton County Library have been thinking outside the library this summer with Book Bikes, which promote library programs and services, and carry library materials to community events. Above, Anna Smedts pedals the Lander Library Book Bike. Read more about the Book Bike programs at [Wyoming Libraries](#).



With the decline in oil and gas revenues, Wyoming libraries are facing tight budgets this year. As a result, the Wyoming Library Association has made the difficult decision not to hold a conference in 2016.



# Melissa Clark, Vice-President / President Elect

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**Professional activities, especially those in MPLA or relevant to this position**

I served as MPLA’s Recording Secretary from September 2013 to November 2014 and have also served on the Membership and Communications Committees.

**What ability, talent, interest, or strength would you bring to this position?**

I was introduced to MPLA by Mike Mullin and Dana Braccia at South Dakota Library Association’s 2011 Conference, attended the 2012 MPLA Conference in LaVista, and have been hooked ever since.

I have met so many wonderful people through MPLA and feel lucky to be a member. I would be thrilled to serve as MPLA’s Vice- President.

In addition to enthusiasm for the organization, I learned a great deal about the history, structure, and operating procedures of the Executive Board and Administration Committee during my time as Recording Secretary, which is not an easy job! I am not afraid of hard work and am no stranger to writing agendas and facilitating meetings.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you in Loveland! #MPLAisAwesome

**What would you like to accomplish during your term of office?**

If elected, my primary objective would be assisting the new President, Mickey Coalwell, with finalizing (if necessary) and implementing the new strategic plan.

Our new goals and priorities will determine which projects I would focus my energies on.



# Kris Johnson, Recording Secretary

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**Professional activities,  
especially those in MPLA  
or relevant to this position**

- Member, Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA), 2006 – current  
Parliamentarian, Colorado Association of Libraries (CAL), December 2012 – November 2014  
California Academic & Research Libraries (CARL):
- Northern Interest Group Coordinator (member of CARL Board), Jan 2005 – June 2006
  - Poster Session Coordinator, 2006 Conference Committee, January 2005 – June 2006
  - Campus Liaison, Fall 2002 – June 2006
  - Vice-Chair, California Academic Reference Librarians Discussion Interest Group (CARLDIG) North, December 2003 – June 2006
  - Membership Committee, Fall 2002 – December 2004
- Member, American Library Association (ALA), 1991 – current

**What ability, talent,  
interest, or strength  
would you bring to this  
position?**

My years spent as a parliamentarian for the Colorado Association of Libraries highlighted my eye for detail, and my personal viewpoint that the records of an association should serve not only those currently involved with the organization, but future members.

Meeting minutes are a particularly important record of the events and decisions made by an organization. My attention to the important details and ability to project what future generations of MLPA members may be interested in knowing will make me a good secretary for the organization.

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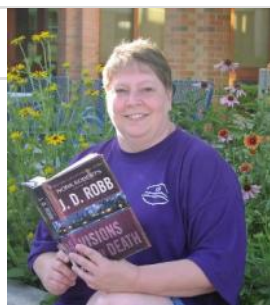


## Kris Johnson, Recording Secretary

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**What would you like to accomplish during your term of office?**

I would like to help the MPLA board keep accurate records of meetings and important decision for future generations of MPLA members. I would like to help MPLA streamline recording keeping and organization, with an eye towards better utilization of electronic record keeping for the entire MPLA organization.



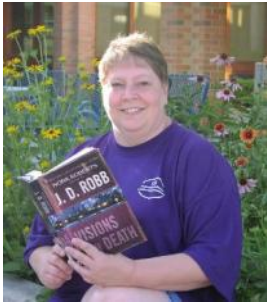
## Gayle Roberts, Recording Secretary

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**Professional activities, especially those in MPLA or relevant to this position**

Blair Public Library  
 Livewise40, member, 2008 – present; previous co-secretary  
 YCAT, member 2008-2011  
 Merit Badge Counselor, 2009-present  
 Kiwanis, 2014-present; currently President; will be Past President and Treasurer in 2017  
 Friends of the Library, 2011-present  
 University of Nebraska at Omaha  
 Chair, Promotions and Marketing Team, UNO Criss Library  
 Chair, Display Committee, UNO Criss Library  
 Chair, 2006 Dedication Committee, UNO Criss Library  
 Chair, One Book, One State Committee, UNO Criss Library

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**Professional activities,  
especially those in MPLA  
or relevant to this position**

Chair, UNO Women's Pepsi Walk, Library Bookworms Team

Current member, UNO Spirit Committee; President, 2005

Current member, UNO Wellness Committee

Member, UNO Staff Advisory Council, 2002-2005;

Served as President-Elect in 2003 and President in 2003-2004

Member, UNO Strategic Planning Steering Committee, 2005

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Member, American Library Association, 2008-present

Eastern Library System

- Board Member, 2008-2015
- Fundraising Committee Chair 2013-2015
- Advocacy Committee Chair, 2011-2012
- Secretary, 2009-2011
- Technology Committee Member, 2008 – 2010
- Advocacy Committee – 2010 - 2015
- Mentoring Committee, 2009-2015

MPLA

- Member, 2012 - present

Nebraska Library Association

- Member, 2001-present
- Currently serving as Past President and Conference Chair
- Conference committee, 2012-13; Partners and Donors
- Committee chair for Tri-Conference (multi associations)

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# Gayle Roberts, Recording Secretary

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## **Professional activities, especially those in MPLA or relevant to this position**

- Member, 2001-2008
- NLA ITART Roundtable
- Poster Session coordinator, TSRT/C&U Spring Conference, 2007
- Secretary/Treasurer 2004-2006
- Chair and coordinator of 2005 and 2006 Spring Conferences
- Coordinator of Ask A Geek project
- NLA YART Roundtable
- Member 2008-2013
- Continuing Education Representative, 2008-2009
- NLA Paraprofessional Section
- Member, 2005-present
- Chair 2006-2007; As chair, sit on NLA Board.
- Served as vice chair 2005-2006.
- NLA Public Library Section, Member 2008-Present
- NLA SCYP Section
- Member, 2008-Present
- Elected Vice-Chair in 2009 (three year term)
- Vice Chair – coordinator of spring meeting
- Chair, 2010

## **What ability, talent, interest, or strength would you bring to this position?**

My past, present and future have been successful due to my ability to organize, multi-task and prioritize. But even more so, the blood that runs through my veins is nothing but creativity! That alone allows me to problem solve, work well with others, move forward, and energize whatever task group I work with. I would be honored to put those qualities to work for MPLA!

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# Gayle Roberts, Recording Secretary

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**What would you like to accomplish during your term of office?**

The first item at task is always to gain a better understanding of how the board works, the vision and mission of MPLA, and learn the current goals and structure of the organization. Secondly, MPLA's "purpose is to promote the development of librarians and libraries by providing significant educational and networking opportunities." I am a huge advocate for continuing education and promoting collaboration between libraries and librarians to further their experience and job satisfaction, which in turns creates a better environment for their patrons. I would hope to further advance library collaborations!

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## What this means for libraries:

### In-house use:

If your library/patrons access electronic resources via SD Share-It **OR** the SDSL web page – no changes are necessary by your library. Access will be by ip authentication, same as it is now.

If your library/patrons access electronic resources via links on your library web page copied from the SDSL web page – you will need to change these links to new links provided on the SDSL web page (new links will be available on July 1, 2016). Access will be by ip authentication, same as it is now.

If your library/patrons access electronic resources via links on your library web page using your own authentication (i.e. EZproxy) – no changes are necessary by your library

### Remote access (out of library or off-campus):

If your library/patrons access electronic resources via SD Share-It **OR** the SDSL web page – no changes are necessary by your library. Access will be by barcode/password, same as it is now.

(The login window will look slightly different but login will remain the same)

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Please contact Jane Healy [Jane.Healy@state.sd.us](mailto:Jane.Healy@state.sd.us) or Nina Mentzel [Nina.Mentzel@state.sd.us](mailto:Nina.Mentzel@state.sd.us) with any questions regarding authentication.

## Interlibrary Loan

In addition to changing authentication, interlibrary loan procedures will change:

If you request interlibrary loan materials through the South Dakota State Library using WorldCat, you will no longer do so.

You will request those materials via SD Share-It.

If your library is participating in SD Share-It, your library will process interlibrary loan requests directly in SD Share-It

New instructions for logging in and placing requests will be available on the SDSL web page on July 1, 2016.

Please contact Brenda Hemmelman [Brenda.Hemmelman@state.sd.us](mailto:Brenda.Hemmelman@state.sd.us) with any questions regarding interlibrary loan.

# Welcome, New Members!

**Allison Jean Badger**

Cataloging Librarian  
Nebraska Library Commission  
Lincoln, NE



**Kelly Baker**

Teen/Children's Librarian  
Tonkawa Public Library  
Tonkawa, OK



**Jaylene Blair**

Library Technical Assistant  
Logan Library  
Logan, UT



**Kristen Burkholder**

Access Services Librarian  
Oklahoma City University  
Oklahoma City, OK

**Rikki Carter**

Reference Librarian  
Provo Library  
Pleasant Grove, UT

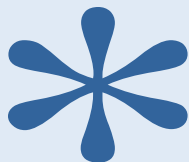


**Rebecca Cruz**

Creative Computer Commons Manager  
Pikes Peak Library District Library 21c  
Colorado Springs, CO

**Hollie Dabb**

Page  
Logan Public Library  
Logan, UT



**Meledie Denhalter**

Reference Supervisor  
Davis County Library  
Layton, UT



**Michele Hollnagel**

Associate Librarian  
Davis County Library  
Kaysville, UT



**Brandon Holst**

Librarian  
Broadview University  
West Jordan, UT



**Joanne Huff**

Library Technical Assistant  
Western Oklahoma State College  
Altus, OK

**Rita F. Kadavy**

Outreach Manager  
High Plains Library District  
Greeley, CO



**Rhonda Lee**

Branch Manager  
Eastern Oklahoma District Library System Q.B.  
Boydston Library Ft. Gibson  
Fort Gibson, OK



**Brad Matthies**

Library Director  
Casper College Goodstein Foundation Library  
Casper, WY



**Maggie Mills**

Library Manager  
Salt Lake County Library Taylorsville Library  
Taylorsville, UT



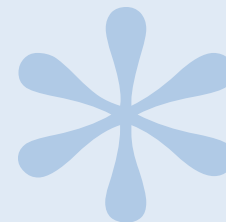
**Lisa Mount**

Access Services Associate  
University of Nebraska Kearney Calvin T. Ryan Library  
Heartwell, NE



**Elizabeth Murray**

Children's Librarian  
Stillwater Public Library  
Stillwater, OK



**Laura Nelson**

Librarian  
Logan Library  
Logan, UT



# Welcome, New Members!

**Sarah E. North**

Assistant Library Director  
Casper College Goodstein Foundation Library  
Casper, WY



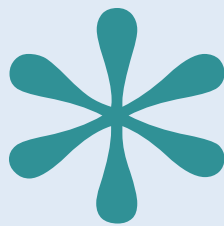
**Melody Palmer**

Youth Librarian  
Tulsa City County Library  
Sapulpa, OK



**Jenny Regier**

Children's Librarian  
Enid Public Library  
Enid, OK



**Ann Richins**

Assistant Director of Content Services  
Markosian Library  
Salt Lake City, UT



**Debbie E. Robertus**

Assistant Library Manager  
Metro Library System  
Midwest City, OK

**Sara Rose**

Chief Operating Officer  
Pueblo City County Library District  
Pueblo, CO



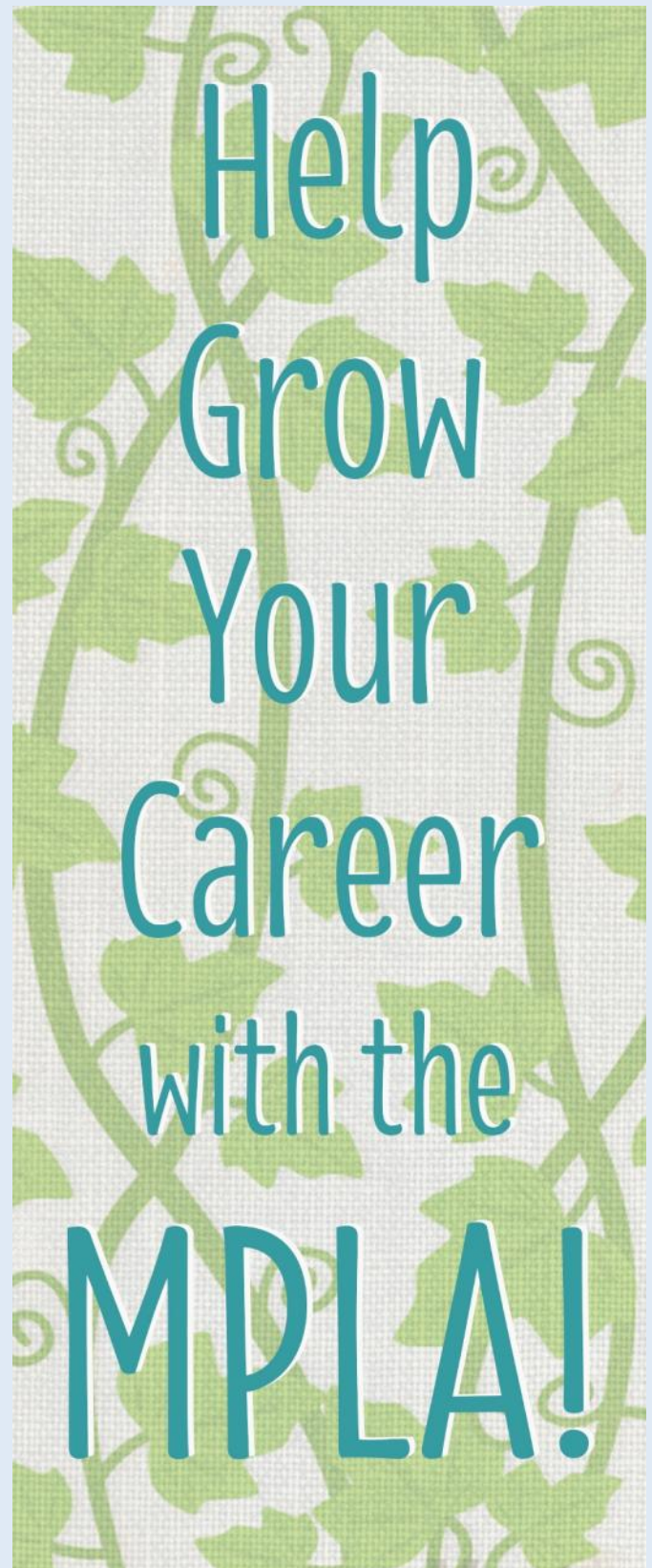
**Rebecca Sims**

Director  
Sump Memorial Library  
Papillion, NE



**Dana R. Taylor**

Library Assistant  
Pioneer Library System  
Tecumseh Public Library  
Tecumseh, OK



# 2016 Calendar



**North Dakota Library Association  
Conference**

September 21—23; Dickinson, ND

**South Dakota Library Association  
Conference**

September 28-30; Watertown, SD

**Nevada Library Association Conference**

October 18—19; Las Vegas, NV

**Kansas Library Association Conference**

October 19—21; Wichita, KS

**Nebraska Library Association Conference**

October 19—21; Omaha, NE

**Mountain Plains Library Association /  
Colorado Association of Libraries Joint  
Conference**

October 20—22; Loveland, CO



**Arizona Library Association Conference**

November 2—4; Tucson, AZ

**New Mexico Library Association Conference**

November 2—4; Albuquerque, NM





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