



# Mountain Plains Library Association

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# Newsletter

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## Welcome to 2017

*President Mickey Coalwell*



Librarians have never been more important to our democracy than they are now. MPLA and the library community in the twelve states that comprise our association are going to be busy, busier than ever before, doing the work that is at the core of our profession: cultivating and nurturing the examined life.

Socrates knew that the pursuit of wisdom is the highest calling of the human spirit. As librarians, there is nothing more important than this. In our school, university, private and public libraries, we have a monumental task—helping each seeker find their truth; and yet, we live in a time when the idea of truth itself is in question.

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Take heart. We in the profession have chosen the life of the mind because we have experienced the joy of seeking—and often finding—truth in our lives. Our challenge is to bring this joy—this unparalleled human experience—to others, guiding and encouraging, using the amazing tools at our disposal as information experts, organizing and curating expeditions into the known and unknown, using our special training and skills to shine a beacon light into unguessed caves and grottos of experience. What an extraordinary calling.

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**You are not alone.** MPLA is committed to helping you in your work. We stand with you, with these guiding principles:

**MPLA encourages** caring, respectful relationships among our members. We recognize the importance of mentoring, networking, collaborations, and learning in a fun and welcoming environment.

**MPLA will pursue** outreach opportunities in the 12-state MPLA region and beyond that will foster better relationships, increase professional sharing, and include more diverse communities.



**MPLA is dedicated** to realizing the potential of our multi-state collaboration through leadership development, professional growth opportunities for members, and engagement with the larger library community.

*I look forward to working with you in the coming year.*

*Mickey Coalwell*

# Unexpected Farewell

*President Mickey Coalwell*

I was heartbroken that one of my first duties as MPLA President was to bring you news of Dan Chaney's passing. Dan died on December 30, after a sudden hospitalization around Thanksgiving.



Dan was our MPLA Webmaster, and an Associate Professor and Social Sciences Librarian at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. He was also a treasured friend and someone who, in 20 years of MPLA membership, touched the lives of so many MPLA members.

[Daniel "Dan" W. Chaney](#)

Click his name for obituary

### [3 Questions with Dan from OState TV](#)

Dan's video profile from Oklahoma State University

Dan was witty, profane, probingly intelligent, creative, irascible, and deeply, deeply caring. Once you cracked his wise guy shell, he was as warm and helpful a person as you could ever hope to meet. His students loved him, and his colleagues adored him. He was a special person, and the world is poorer for his passing. We will all miss him terribly.



*Clockwise from top: Dan and his bike; Dan and crew at 2014 Leadership Institute; Dan, Mary Thompson, Annie Epperson, Jerry Hudson; Dan enjoying a drink; Rob Banks awarding Dan with the Carl Gaumer Library Champion Award in 2009 ; Mickey Coalwell, Nicole Sump-Crethar, and Dan; MPLA Board at CALCON 2016 ; Dan in WY*

## From the Editor's Desk

Melanie Argo



The months of love and leprechauns are upon us and I cannot but think about how I luckily landed in libraryland. I went off to college without a plan for my future, but shortly after starting to work at the campus library I knew I had a calling, and now 13 years later of being in the field in one form or another, I would not change a thing. I love going to work each day knowing that I have that chance to be a guide to someone searching. Seeing that shift in understanding brightens my day, just as being an MPLA member brightens my career through a wealth of opportunity, such as becoming your newsletter editor. Being involved means staying connected and I have gained connections (near and far), ideas, and a confidence in

the society's need for libraries.

*Do not delay; get involved today!*

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter email: [editor@mpla.us](mailto:editor@mpla.us)



**October 16th– 18th, 2017**  
**Stateline, NV**

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

**Deadlines for Grant Applications**

- March 29
- May 31
- July 26
- September 27
- November 29



**Deadline for State Association Pre/Post Conference Grant Apps:**

- June 1 – for fall conferences

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# Around the Region



## Arizona State University (ASU) delivers digital libraries to Tonga



Lorrie McAllister, Assistant University Librarian at ASU Libraries, partnered with Laura Hosman, assistant professor at ASU, and her students to prepare and deliver twenty-five portable, solar-powered, WiFi-ready digital library devices called SolarSPELL – the Solar Powered Educational Learning Library. These devices are helping to expand access to education and technology in remote places, such as Tonga, where electricity and the internet are unavailable. In preparation, ASU Libraries hosted a SolarSPELL Hackthon to improve the digital library experience.

## [Bad] Art Night



Prescott Valley Public Library asked adults to let their creative juices loose and design/make bad art for the fun of it! Once completed each participant was asked to vote on the worst art of the night. The result was two exciting ties. Numbers were randomly drawn to decide the winner.

## Pop-Culture: LIBCON West

Glendale Public Library held its first annual library pop-culture convention, LIBCON West, which was inspired by comic-cons that make appearances at libraries across the nation. The free event featured panels, vendors and artists, and a DJ and dance just for teens ages 12 to 18. Library Assistant Ray Ceo Jr said that it was “a great way for our teens to celebrate their inner geek in a fun, safe place.” [LIBCON West](#) was supported by the Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Records, a division of the office of Secretary of State, with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services as well as additional sponsorship from Rayners and Zinio.





**I Love My Librarian**

Tabatha “Tabby” Farney the Director of Web Services and Emerging Technologies at the University of Colorado Springs, Colorado was recognized and celebrated for her ability to engage with students and show them how to navigate both the physical library as well as the online resources. Her efforts have helped turned the library into a welcoming place where students feel comfortable asking for help and collaborating with each other and with staff and faculty. Students now view the library as a valuable partner in their academic success. Way to go, Tabby!



**Keeper of Government History**

The U.S. Government Publishing Office recently designated the University of Colorado Boulder’s Norlin Library as the nation’s first Preservation Steward library for government documents. The library’s collection stretches from the late 1800s to the present and includes military testimony from the Sand Creek Massacre to the 9/11 Commission hearings. Kate Tallman, CU University Libraries assistant professor and acting head of Norlin’s Government Information Library says many of the documents contain beautiful illustrations, particularly older reports like an 1893 ethnographic report. There are also interesting descriptions and correspondence, including a letter from President Theodore Roosevelt concerning food safety.

The collection is free and open to the public.

**Leading 2017 with Change!**



Pine & Plains Libraries of Elbert County leaders are working to attract new and benefit existing residents of the region as library users. First, they are implementing a new late-fee policy initiative of waiving daily overdue fines, which after the seven month test period could become permanent. Director Tim Miller said this initiative took root in response to a user survey and feedback from the Colorado State Library. They are also working on

fresh programming including a new group called “Writers of the Plains” at the Simla Branch, which came to fruition after a special event launching the Self-E service, which provides a potential national platform for up-and-coming writers. Lastly, the branch leadership has added more STEM-based programming and hopes to have a robot competition between the branches later in 2017.



**Weekly Genealogist Spotlight**

The Rossville Community Library recently received national recognition from the New England Historic Genealogical Society. The Society was established in 1845, and is the nation’s leading comprehensive resource for family history research and the largest Society of its kind in the world. Rossville partnered in a joint project with other Northeast Kansas libraries and the Northeast Kansas Library System, to create a special website that allows libraries to digitize their local, historical collections. Through this collaboration they were able to develop Rossville Kansas Genealogy, a site completely dedicated to obituaries; birth, wedding, engagement announcements; and family tree information. Other resources available include an obituaries directory and cemetery burial lists/indexes.

## **The Underwear Librarian**

Incorporating a variety of tools such as books, songs, and interactive iPad games into Preschool Storytime has increased attendance at the Derby Public Library and inspired young children to think, create, and explore.



How, you ask? Well, Librarian Hannah Adamson made it fun and covertly concealed the fact that the children were learning early literacy skills through none other than a giant pair of novelty underwear! Adamson had discovered numerous picture books with an underwear theme and decided to try it out. During the storytime, she read a book called “One Big Pair of Underwear” by Laura Gehl. To make it fun she had the children step into the underwear and found they could fit seven children. This is just one example of how it’s possible to use something silly to show children how much fun reading can be, building skills, and creating lasting memories.

## **Remembering Richard**

A newly released web documentary, “Richard J. Neuman: A Tribute,” commemorates the career of the late Director of Salina Kansas Public Library and Smoky Hill Museum, Richard Neuman. He was a long time MPLA member and is credited with being an influential leader during the “Golden Age” of Kansas library development in the mid-1960s. According to Steve Read, current Director of the McPherson Kansas Public Library, “The web documentary recognizes and honors Dick Neuman and his contributions to the library community.”



Read produced the tribute with another former Salina Kansas Public Library staff member, Paul Hawkins, who is the now the Director of the South Central Kansas Library System, South Hutchinson.

[The 35 minute video](#) can be viewed free of charge.

# MT MONTANA

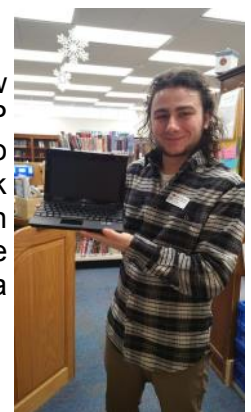
## **Bedtime Fun**

The Billings Public Library held a storytime filled with bedtime stories and lullabies for over forty-five children and their stuffed animal friends! Afterwards, their stuffed animals were tucked in for a “quiet” night at the library— but wait, was it? ([Sleepover 2016 Video](#)) The following morning the kids returned to pick up their friends and join in the 30th annual Good Bear Day! During the celebration, children enjoyed bear stories and songs, crafts and a visit from Bearemy from the local Build-A-Bear Workshop.



## **HP Mini Netbooks—Now Available!**

North Valley Public Library is now offering donated refurbished HP Mini Netbooks to their patrons to utilize for internet access to check email, stay connected through social media, or browse the internet. All that is needed is a WiFi connection.



**All Under One Roof Campaign Success**

Missoula Public Library is a step closer in their efforts to build an expanded facility to continue meeting the critical needs of the community after a \$30 million bond was approved. The “All Under One Roof” project began in 2010 and through careful and thoughtful research lead to a capital campaign that has so far raised \$3 million in charitable gifts. An expanded, up-to-date Missoula Public Library will triple the capacity for computers and Wi-Fi, expand digital collections, and provide access to video production, 3D printing and more – all critical tools for our community’s future, according to supporters. Construction is set to commence mid-2017 with a slated opening of 2019. For more information: <http://www.missoulapubliclibrary.org/grow/>



**NE NEBRASKA**

**University of Nebraska—Lincoln’s Don L. Love Memorial Library Celebrates 75 years**

Lincoln historian Jim McKee spoke to an audience of about forty librarians, students, faculty, and community members to celebrate 75 years and its benefactor, Don L. Love. Originally, UNL Library was a faculty focused center, but with time and a philanthropic donation by Don L. Love the library has become a student resource. Community Engagement Librarian Joanie Barnes said, “The library has adapted to advancements in technology and the changing needs of students, and seeing it grow as an institution has been a privilege... [and that] the juxtaposition of the brand new Adele Hall Learning Commons makes the celebration of the library’s 75-year-old history even more poignant. We’ve got a 75-year-old anniversary, and we have a one-year anniversary. It’s like we’re looking back at a legacy and looking forward to a future.”

**“Thinking Money” - Educational Exhibit**

Lincoln City Libraries held a series of programs to benefit young adults as well as their parents in achieving financial success. Topics ranged from budgeting to identify theft. Teens practiced their skills through hands-on activities as they strived to see who could stretch their budget furthest and achieve the perfect meal. The program was developed by the ALA Public Programs Office in collaboration with the FINRA Investor Education



**Renovation 10 years in the Making Set to Begin...**

The Broken Bow City Library received the green light from city officials to begin their \$2 million renovation and expansion project. The plans include adding 4,000 square feet and redesigning the layout to better serve the community through technology and program space. Broken Bow City put up the initial \$500,000 but the rest of the funding (\$1.7 million) has come entirely from a fundraising campaign that began in 2014. Chairman for the donor’s committee, Bill Steffens, said “We saw what [Broken Bow Library] did for them in school and beyond, and having witnessed that myself, I’m just anxious to bring that same advantage to other young people in the community.” “It’s so important, we feel, that young people have a place to get excited about reading and learning, said Steffens. Construction is set to begin in March and engineers say the project should take about a year to



# NV NEVADA

## **An Artist's Take: Historic Nevada**

Dayton Valley Branch Library became the home to a display of artwork by a pen and ink artist, Bill Migan. Migan and his wife Judy moved to Nevada in 1998 and eventually settled in the Dayton area. Over the years, the pair traveled over 75,000 miles of Nevada visiting ghost towns, mining camps, and other historical places, which are Migan's favorite subject material. For each sale of artwork, the Friends of the Library group received a 25% donation.



## **Decorate, Create, Support!**

The Churchill County Library and the Churchill Library Association held a holiday celebration with a purpose! Community members were asked to create a holiday wreath or centerpiece to be donated towards a silent auction that was held December 7th to benefit the community through future library programs and events. The evening included a holiday sing-along featuring Byron Sorenson, the auction itself, and a free book for each child.



## **Building Dreams : Lego Style!**

Douglas County Public Library held its annual Winter Lego Building Challenge, inviting children, teens, and adults to build an original structure around the theme, "Building Dreams." With a total of six categories based on the builder's age, or a Family Build, the structures showed creativity and thoughtfulness. Each 16" x 16" structure was on display through the end of January, and winners were announced on January 18th with 1st and 2nd place winners receiving Lego product prizes. The challenge was sponsored by the Friends of the Douglas County Library.

# NM NEW MEXICO

## **10 Years Strong!**

On December 8th 2016, the Loma Colorado Main Library in Rio Rancho, New Mexico held a celebration marking their 10th anniversary. Throughout the day visitors were invited to peruse memory boards and take part in fun activities to observe the special day in the library's history. Later that evening a special program was held for past and present staff and the community, including board members and city officials. The three Library Directors Lynette Schurdevin, Bill Cicola, and Toni Beatty (pictured right) came together to showcased memories of the library's presence and strength within the community.



## **"I Have A Dream"**

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. and to inspire hope in bigger dreams, Sundland Park Community Library hosted a Dream Big reading event. Those in attendance were regaled with storytime by author Paul Garcia, who read from his new book, "Super Zander" in an effort to instill the importance of reading, especially together as a family. Children (0-12) were given a free book and challenged to read 1,000 books in 2017. Sponsors of the event included City of Sunland Park, NM, Books are Gems, and Ardonvions Desert Crossing. Fun was had by all!



# NORTH DAKOTA

## Celebrating our Future....



Bismarck Veterans Memorial Library held a grand opening for the new Teen Center which provides a place for local teens to read, study, socialize, and create to their hearts content. The Bismarck Library Foundation spearheaded fundraising for the space and raised more than \$400,000 for construction, equipment, and furniture as well as needed technology and software.



Children busy working on trees at the December STEM event at the Williston Community Library.



These kids (left) were having fun munching on popcorn and watching a movie in their homemade cars! Children made the cars at the Bowman Regional Public Library!



The Morton Mandan Public Library held an author meet and greet with children’s author Doreen Cronin (pictured above). She read her book, “Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type” and took time to sign autographs and encourage her fans who had a great time meeting her. While in North Dakota, Cronin also visited three Mandan schools to share her love of reading and writing.

## North Dakota Librarians: Rebels with a Cause

The first-ever NDLA spelling bee was held at the 2016 conference. Five teams competed in the contest, showing their stuff and having a lot fun! The top three teams advanced to the finals, where bragging rights and paper crowns were given to the winning team (Laurie Robertsdahl, Sandra Hannahs and MPLA members Wendy Wendt, Mary Soucie, and Jerry Kaup).

**New Branch Library Opens**

The Metropolitan Library System opened a new 3,000 square foot library in Jones. Over the past ten years, Jones’ population and library usage has steadily increased, leading to the new facility to better serve and connect with the community. The facility has a meeting room, study room, and six computer stations for adults, and two computer stations for children. A dedication ceremony was held with refreshments, face painting, door prizes, pictures with library mascot Spoticus and a holiday photo booth.



**Au Revoir Anne**

During a career that began in 1969 as a school librarian and came to a close as the executive director of one of Oklahoma’s largest multi-county library systems in 2017, former MPLA member Anne Masters has seen libraries adapt to a world of ever-changing technology and evolving readers’ needs.

Regarding transitioning to Pioneer Library Systems in 2001 as Associate Director for System Services and Training, Masters said, “It was a great opportunity for me. In the school system we had worked closely with Pioneer, but I had never expected to have the opportunity to go to work for Pioneer and certainly never expected the chance to be the Executive Director [since 2007]. It’s been a great second act in my career.”

Library related honors include: Urban Libraries Council Joey Rodger Leadership Award; Oklahoma Library Association “Oklahoma Library Legend”; Oklahoma Technology Administrators Outstanding Director of Technology ;Public Libraries Association Trainer Cadre; OU School of Library and Information Studies Outstanding Alumni. ; In 2011 she was named a finalist for the Journal Record’s Most Beloved CEO for a non-profit with more than \$10 million in annual revenue.

In retirement, Masters is keeping her options open. “During the first year, I said I wouldn’t make any long-term commitments,” she said, although she does plan to visit the small Italian hometown of her grandfather, and spend plenty of time with a new grandbaby due in May.

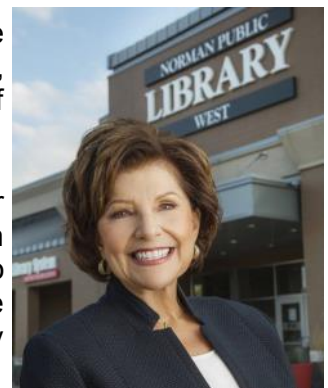


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**Bill of Rights 225th Anniversary Celebration**

December 15th, 1791 was ratification day for the Bill of Rights and on this day 225 years later the Oklahoma Humanities with the assistance of the National Archives helped 63 libraries across the state celebrate through programming and exhibits designed to explore the history, content, and importance today.

At the Muskogee Public Library, the day was commemorated through inviting the community into the Genealogy and Local History Department to learn about available online resources, tour the printed collection, and provide and showcase the large microfilm collection.



It was concluded with speaker, Eugene Earsom, retired Secondary Education Social Studies teacher and 2010 inductee of the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma Alumni Hall of Fame engaging in a

healthy discussion of the Bill of Rights continued value in today’s society.



# SOUTH DAKOTA

## **New Faces at Great Places!**

*Tonya Olson, Yankton Community Library Director*

"The library is for everyone. I absolutely love that. When you stop to think of the library as a concept, really think about what it is and what we do between collections and programming and services, it really kind of floors me with how cool it is. I love being able to share that with people."



*Jodi Fick, Siouxland Libraries Library Director*



"I am thrilled to have the opportunity to lead Siouxland Libraries! I've been a part of this organization for more than 20 years, and I'm proud to continue the legacy. My goals include improving efficiencies across the department and focusing on the entire customer experience to increase hospitality in all 13 of our branches."



*David Bradford Digital Resources Coordinator at the SD State Library*

David has team experience in reference services, especially online resources and educational copyright issues. He has instructional experience, having worked in an academic environment, and brings a solid knowledge of technology and technical issues facing libraries today.

## **Small Libraries Create Smart Places**

[Madison Public Library](#) is one of three libraries within the MPLA region that have been selected to participate in the Small Libraries Create Smart Spaces project led by OCLC in partnership with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL). Over an 18-month period, participants will be introduced to the principles of placemaking, community engagement and human-centered space design. After conducting community input, action planning and prototype activities, the libraries will implement a learning space using a starter set of materials.

Other selected libraries include:  
[Ignacio Community Library](#),  
Ignacio, Colorado  
[Ronan Library District](#),  
Ronan, Montana



## **Twelve School Libraries Recognized**

The South Dakota State Library recognized 21st Century School Library Award winners for 2016:

### **Enhanced Award recipients:**

Creekside Elementary, Spearfish  
Lennox Middle/High School, Lennox  
Pierre Georgia Morse Middle School, Pierre  
Sturgis Williams Middle School, Sturgis  
Sturgis Brown High School, Sturgis

### **Exemplary Award recipients:**

Aberdeen Central High School, Aberdeen  
Edison Middle School, Sioux Falls  
Flandreau Middle/High School, Flandreau  
Harrisburg High School, Harrisburg  
Gettysburg K-12 Library, Gettysburg  
St. Thomas More Middle School, Rapid City  
Watertown High School, Watertown

Rena Lehman, librarian at Georgia Morse Middle School in Pierre, accepted an award for enhanced service.

**“Infamy: December 7, 1941”**

In November and December, the Provo City Library commemorated the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor with a special photographic memorial collected by the National World War II Museum in New Orleans. Special presentation of collected stories and experiences from soldiers at Pearl Harbor was held on December 7th, 2016.

**Utah American Graduate Champion**



April Townsend, Director of Finance and Operations at the Salt Lake County Library, was recognized as one of Utah’s 2016 American Graduate Champions for mentorship efforts. Townsend knows from firsthand experience that having a mentor can help women grow and thrive even through challenging times. She has since paid mentorship forward by founding The Women’s Leadership Forum where more than 250 women in Salt Lake County have gained opportunities to grow and learn from influential leaders. Townsend says, “Mentoring is a philosophy—how you help others along the way.” The Utah Education Network’s message is that there are many pathways to success—and they want to help learners of all ages find their right-fit education. It is part of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting’s national project, American Graduate, which partners public television and radio stations with at-risk schools to improve high school graduation rates.

**Roots of Knowledge**



Ira A. Fulton

As part of a 75th anniversary celebration at Utah Valley University, the library was renamed after philanthropist Ira A. Fulton and his late wife, Mary Lou. The announcement was made during the University’s culminating 75th anniversary event in November — the unveiling of the “Roots of Knowledge” stained glass windows at the facility. The Fulton Library is now home to the bold and large-scale public art project that showcases the ancient storytelling art form of stained glass. The Marc C. & Deborah Bingham Roots of Knowledge Gallery is a panorama of history and human drama composed of 80 individual panes totaling 10 feet in height and 200 feet in length. The intricate details represent years of research about the events and people that shaped humankind from the days of wooly mammoths and cavemen to the iPhone. This world-class work of art was created by Tom Holdman and Cameron Oscarson.



**Water/Ways @ Laramie County Library**

The Smithsonian's Water/Ways exhibition is currently being hosted by the Laramie County Library. Through the complementary programs such as *Water History* from the Wyoming State Engineer's Office, and *Water Treatment: Photographic Interpretations* from South High School photography students.



Water is an essential component of life on our planet environmentally, culturally, and historically. Water/Ways is part of the Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institute and Wyoming Humanities, and was adapted from an exhibition organized by the American Museum of Natural History in New York.

According to Laramie County Library, the Smithsonian's Water/Ways exhibit is being hosted in five other Wyoming venues, including the Sheridan College Library in late February.



**Congratulations Ashley!**

MPLA member Ashley Will recently earned her Masters of Library Science degree with a concentration in leadership and administration from the Emporia State University School of Library and Information Management. She has accepted a full-time Information Services Librarian position at Salina Public Library in Kansas. "Ashley is an outstanding librarian always giving her best to the library and to [the] patrons," said Jason Grubb, Sweetwater County Library System Director. "She will be missed by all. We wish her well as she begins this new adventure in her career."

**Frances Keppel Award**

The Institute of Museum and Library Services recently presented their annual Francis Keppel Award which recognizes State library agencies that excelled in the completeness, promptness, and high quality of the local public library data that they collect, edit, and submit annually.



Wyoming librarians recognized were WSL Research & Statistics Librarian Thomas Ivie (left) and State Librarian Jamie Markus (right). You can find Wyoming library stats at

<http://library.wyo.gov/services/ldo/stats>

# Build a stronger



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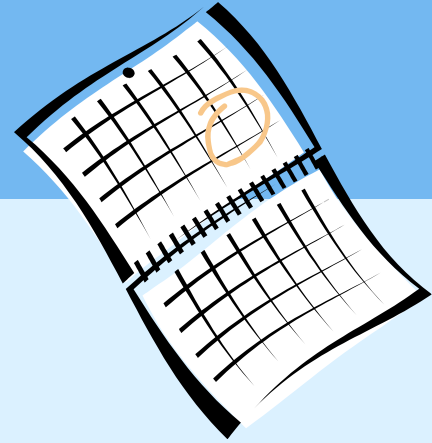
**Richard Saunders**

Director  
Southern Utah University Sherratt Library  
Cedar City UT





# 2017 Calendar



## Montana Library Association Conference

March 29—April 1; Billings, MT

## Oklahoma Library Association Conference

April 24-26; Norman, OK

## Utah Library Association Conference

May 17-19; Sandy, UT

## American Library Association Annual Conference

June 22-27; Chicago, IL

## South Dakota Library Association Conference

September 27-29; Oacoma, SD

## North Dakota Library Association Conference

October 4-6; Grand Forks, ND

## Nebraska Library Association Conference

October 11-13; Kearney, NE

## MPLA / Nevada Library Association Conference

October 16-18; Stateline, NV

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