



Mountain Plains Library Association

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# Newsletter

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## Conference is coming...



**October 16-18, 2017**  
**Hard Rock Hotel & Casino,**  
**Stateline, Nevada at Lake Tahoe**

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See a full schedule with descriptions here and register today!

[nevadalibraries.org/conference](http://nevadalibraries.org/conference)

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#### Preconference Workshops

**Monday, October 16**

**1:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

Attend a preconference workshop and come away with new tools for the toolkit. Learn from experts, best practices, and real world experience in the areas of Strategic Planning, Early Literacy, and Maker Services. Preconference workshops are from 1 to 5 p.m. on Monday, October 16 at Harvey's, next door to the Hard Rock Hotel, and registration is \$25 per person.

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Arizona

Colorado  
North Dakota

Kansas  
Oklahoma

Montana  
South Dakota

Nebraska

Utah

Nevada

Wyoming

New Mexico

## President's Message: FEARLESS LIBRARIANSHIP

We live in fearful times. Americans are afraid. We fear for ourselves, for our loved ones, for our way of life, for our country.

We fear for the world, with its degradations, miseries, wars, injustices, poverty, and cruelty. We are afraid. Fear surrounds us.

Yet, as librarians, we rise each day, enter the world and do our work. What else can we do? When we work, we create meaning and purpose.

The work that we do in libraries is good work. At its best, it's helpful, creative, enriching and life affirming. But do we work while avoiding fear, running from fear, rather than by confronting it, grappling with it, and ultimately conquering it?

Our profession is experiencing an identity crisis. No other profession requiring advanced and specialized education pays so poorly. No other profession conflates degreed and non-degreed professional staff with a single term, "librarian." Librarians rarely have a seat at the table in local, state and federal government. No other profession constantly questions its worth, its role in society, and its very survival into the future.

And yet...

Our profession has high standing in the community. Our profession provides a consistently high level of caring customer service. And our profession provides crucial support to our democratic society. We are one of the few professions that are genuinely trusted by the public at large.

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*Mickey Coalwell*

**Support MPLA!**  
**GROCERY CARD PROGRAM**  
**KING SOOPERS/KROGERS**

Buying and reloading a grocery gift card purchased through MPLA raises funds for MPLA's professional development, leadership, and educational programs.

MPLA will receive an amount equal to 5% of your grocery purchases. There is no additional cost to you!

<http://www.mpla.us/forms/grocery-card-program.html>

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- Pay-less Cala-Bell
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- Loaf and Jug

The advertisement features a yellow background with faint watermarks of watermelon slices and shopping carts. At the bottom, there is a row of ten blue shopping cart icons.

Our challenge as librarians, then, is to be fearless. We must embrace fearless librarianship for the good of our profession and those we serve. Fearless librarianship is visible in both actions and attitudes, in policies, practices, and beliefs. Fearless librarianship looks like this:

- ◆ I will make the library a safe and welcoming place for everyone.
- ◆ I will make the library a place for study, quiet reading, and reflection.
- ◆ I will ensure the library is a place for community conversations and open meetings.
- ◆ I will make the library an exciting place for research, self-improvement, and renewal.
- ◆ I will welcome children and young people of all ages into the library.
- ◆ I believe the library can be a place for amusement, recreation, and fun activities.
- ◆ I believe the library is a place where people can look for a job or start their own businesses.
- ◆ I support the library as a community platform for civil political discussions.
- ◆ I acknowledge that the library is a refuge and haven for disadvantaged people.
- ◆ I will help people in my library connect with others and make new friends.
- ◆ I understand that the library is a vital link to government services and support.
- ◆ I believe the library can help people get back on their feet after a rough spell.
- ◆ I will make the library a pleasant meeting place for individuals and groups in my community.
- ◆ I see the library as a place of lifelong learning.
- ◆ I will better myself as a knowledge professional and improve my skills whenever possible.
- ◆ I believe the library is a place where truth, learning and knowledge are revered.
- ◆ I understand that the library is a home away from home for some people.
- ◆ I will make the library a fun place to find out about what's happening in the world.
- ◆ I will help people connect to resources that can save them money and improve their quality of life.
- ◆ I believe the library should have something for everyone.
- ◆ I know the library is an important part of our community.

This is far from a comprehensive list, and to each of us working in libraries, fearlessness will mean something different. Nevertheless, fearlessness starts with each of us individually. The only way to confront and conquer fear is to say "I will."

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as president of the Mountain Plains Library Association. I look forward to seeing you at the Nevada joint conference, and urge you to remain fearless in your work.

*Mickey*



# Election Results



***President Elect / Vice President***  
Leslie Langley  
Branch Manager, Wister Public Library  
Northern Regional Coordinator  
Southeastern Public Library  
System of Oklahoma

***Recording Secretary***  
Kris Johnson  
Head, Learning and Research  
Services Department,  
MSU Bozeman Library



## SPREAD THE WORD

### NEW MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

#### Authors

Published authors, including those who write for children and young adults, are eligible. Author membership includes a credit which can be used toward any advertisement or combination of advertisements in the MPLA newsletter.

# NLA/MPLA 2017 Conference

## Tuesday Opening Keynote Speaker

Greg Harris, President and CEO of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, OH will be our opening keynote speaker on Tuesday, October 17. Greg Harris is in his fifth year as President and CEO of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The Museum is 22 years old and has welcomed 12 million visitors and had an economic impact of \$2 billion to the region. Harris joined the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2008, and oversaw development, special events, membership, board relations and government affairs. As CEO, Harris has guided the organization through an era of unprecedented transformation with a focus on innovation and customer engagement. Under his leadership the Museum has grown attendance and revenue by double digits by executing on a strong strategic plan and focusing on the mission to engage, teach and inspire through the power of rock and roll.



[http://www.cleveland.com/popmusic/index.ssf/2013/01/rock\\_halls\\_new\\_president\\_and\\_c.html](http://www.cleveland.com/popmusic/index.ssf/2013/01/rock_halls_new_president_and_c.html)

Join us this fall for the NLA-MPLA Joint Conference—

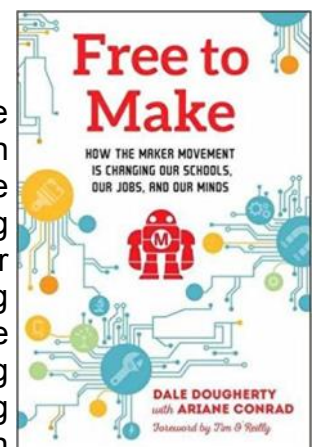


## Wednesday Keynote Speaker

Dale Dougherty, founder and CEO of Make Media and publisher of Make Magazine, is the keynote speaker on Wednesday, October 18. He has been called the “godfather of the Maker movement”, having founded both the magazine and the first Maker Faire in 2006. Dale was instrumental in launching the Maker movement which is reshaping science and technology education and creating unprecedented economic opportunity for young people and a renaissance in urban manufacturing.



<http://makezine.com/author/dalepd/>





## ***And the Winners are...***

***MPLA Dan Chaney Unsung Hero Award***  
*Mary Ann Thompson (Kansas)*

***MPLA Innovator Award***  
*Traci Juhala (North Dakota)*

***Carl Gaumer Library Champion Award***  
*Michael Dellello (New Mexico)*

***MPLA Literary Contribution Award***  
*David Quammen (Montana)*

***Distinguished Service Award***  
*Mike Mullin*

***Distinguished Service Award***  
*Sharon Osenga*

## **MPLA Leadership Institute**

**April 29 – May 4, 2018**

YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, Colorado

### **Apply now!**

**DEADLINE:** Monday, October 30, 2017

- ✓ Employed in a library organization in MPLA's 12-state region
- ✓ Current member of one of MPLA's 12 state library associations
- ✓ Minimum of 5 years in a library-related job
- ✓ Record of experience that demonstrates leadership potential
- ✓ Expected continued contribution to the profession
- ✓ A thoughtfully completed application
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation



More information at: <http://mpla.us/quick-links/leadership-institute.html>

# Reflecting on the 2016 MPLA Leadership Institute

*Matthew Harp, Research Data Librarian, Arizona State University Library*

I learned about the MPLA Leadership Institute from the members of the Arizona Library Association and colleagues who had been previous fellows. Everyone who attended the institute talked about their life-changing experience and how much it focused their career paths. I was at a transitional point in my career as a new academic librarian at the Arizona State University Library when the call to apply opened, so the leadership institute looked to be the exact shot in the arm I needed.

I came with three goals in mind. First, build my self confidence and address my ability to "sell" myself. Second, learn to deal with conflicts effectively and programmatically turning negative situations into positive experiences. Third, be an agent of change, successfully implementing new service concepts, but also improving my skills in listening and to accepting change for myself. Fairly specific goals, which I think I met.

My service area is the emerging field of research data management, but my background was in media arts. Naturally, I lacked confidence. At the institute, we reflected on confidence and dealing with self-criticism. I learned I have the power to control self perception by actively recognizing and adjusting to my strengths and weaknesses. In turn my imposter's syndrome took a backseat to my self-worth and continued experience.

Dealing with difficult situations and people also got some serious attention, and indeed I think of it differently now. I take into consideration how people respond to challenges and their points of view. Someone I thought was difficult is likely someone with a different perspective. That framing begins the process of constructing bridges instead of walls. We all have different ways of dealing with or avoiding conflict and we all have unique ideas, but there are steps to developing teams and a process to problem solving. Now I Invite dialogue and try to remove emotion.

My goal of being an agent for change is quite relevant. There is an incredible amount of internal and external change at the ASU Library with new business models, relationships, and services, but as we learned, keeping the big picture in mind helps me understand that the hurdles we face are small and a part of an ongoing learning process. Leadership means having a vision and using tools and the power we have to influence (not stop) inevitable change.

I truly recommend applying to become an MPLA Leadership Institute fellow. I met my goals and gained a new support network of friends from all over our twelve state region. I am beyond thankful for them, and we keep in touch sharing stories, advice, and opportunities. The spirit of the leadership institute aligns with ASU's philosophy that "success is measured not by whom it excludes but by whom it includes and how they succeed." The leadership institute is a beginning. It is a launchpad for success and a foundation for self confidence, respect, and turning vision into reality. I could say more about our amazing mentors and Maureen Sullivan's insightful instruction, but you should experience it yourself spoiler free, and hopefully I will someday learn from you.

**APPLY NOW!**

*Deadline Monday, October 30th*

<http://mpla.us/quick-links/leadership-institute.html>



# MPLA PRESENTS...

## WHAT IS IT?

A new initiative that utilizes the zoom meeting technology to discuss topics of interest

## WHO'S INVITED?

EVERYONE! It's an opportunity to build your network.

## WHAT'S COVERED?

It'll be new each time!

Meet ups could be presentations that were received well at Conferences, or guest speakers on a variety of topics such as:

- Solo Librarians
- Library Directors
- Librarians serving less than 10,000 population
- Professional Development
- and more

**INAUGURAL MEETING  
TO BE DETERMINED**

**Want to know more about these initiatives?**

Jake Rundle

Membership, Chair

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**I'M NEW! NOW WHAT?**  
**A BI-YEARLY MEETING OF THE MINDS!**

**WHO'S INVITED?**  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME BUT OUR FOCUS IS NEW/POTENTIAL MEMBERS!

**WHAT'S COVERED?**

- MPLA HISTORY
- WAYS TO MAKE YOUR MARK
- COMMITTEES; OFFICERS; PRESENTING
- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
- GET YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED HERE!

**WHEN'S IT HAPPENING?**  
EARLY SUMMER/LATE FALL  
UTILIZING ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING

**I'M NEW! NOW WHAT?**  
Inaugural meeting (July 6th Recording) will be up on [mpla.us](http://mpla.us) soon!



# Planning for the Future of the Library

*Minda Stockdale, Bruce Erickson, AICP and Angela Arreche, MLIS*

In an effort to continue to enhance the Park City community by encouraging literacy and strengthening collaboration among City Departments and citizens, the directors of the Planning and Library Departments came together in 2016 to offer the Planning Department library through the Park City Library as an extension collection. This would facilitate public access to the same information as professional planners, and allows for confidence in the public process and shared tools to frame conversations on issues facing the town.



Community defines life in Park City, and has guided the town through the mining era to as it has become a current thriving community of 8,000 residents and over 1.5 million annual visitors. "Keeping Park City, Park City" remains a core value of the City Council, and informs the work of city departments including the Planning Department, which balances these values with residential and commercial growth. Evidence of this balance lies in our very own Park City Library, which underwent a major restoration of the 1928 former high school to a state-of-the-art 21st century library, which qualified in 2015 to be on the National Register of Historic Places. One of the key tools of the Planning Department is to effectively implement council goals and objectives through professional literature that covers topics such as recent thoughts on housing, architecture, cultural diversity, opportunities for seniors and workforce housing. Because the community guides the Council's visioning, it only made sense that this information be available to all citizens. In this way, the public has access to a specialized and up-to-date collection of information pertaining to community issues.

The project, like its implementation, will remain collaborative. In order to catalog approximately 200 items, a temporary cataloging and processing area was set up in the Planning Conference Room in City Hall. There, library staff cataloged, labeled, tagged and covered items, which never "set a page" in the Library. The Planning Department will continue to house the collection in City Hall and handle purchasing. In addition to being easily accessible to Planning staff, patrons of the Library may request items through the main Library catalog, and receive them within 24-48 hours. Since all Park City Municipal Employees are eligible for a free Library card, an honor system is in place to encourage employees to check out Planning Collection material as well. Employees simply call the Library with their information and the requested item. This system piggybacks off of a system that the Library used during a renovation project, which made Library materials available at City Hall.

Rarely do opportunities come along which allow a Library to expand past its doors into other City Departments, to hopefully reach unexpected audiences. Park City Municipal is excited to offer the community access to pertinent and technical information that informs the future of the town, and hopes it is the first step towards a wide variety of collaborations to come.



## Congratulations, Dana Braccia!



MPLA Past President Dana Braccia has been appointed as the new Executive Director of the Texas Library Association. “I am thrilled to have the opportunity to serve and support the amazing library community in Texas” says Braccia. “TLA is an outstanding organization that provides exciting professional leadership opportunities, ongoing education, and dynamic resources to members throughout the state. Libraries are vital institutions and TLA has been a pillar for the library community since 1902. It is an honor to follow in the footsteps of outgoing Executive Director Patricia Smith, and I look forward to continuing to build on the tradition of association excellence.” Braccia, who has been an active leader in the library community since becoming a librarian in 2005, also served as a Leadership Institute mentor as well as a former American Library Association councilor. We here at MPLA wish you well in your new career pursuit.



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# Around the Region



## ARIZONA

### **“Footprints on the Desert: Frank Lloyd Wright in Arizona”**

In celebration of Frank Lloyd Wright’s 150th birthday, Scottsdale Public Library, Scottsdale Public Art, The Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation and other Arizona entities are collaborating on an exhibition and lecture series coined “Footprints on the Desert: Frank Lloyd Wright in Arizona.”

The city of Scottsdale has accepted a \$36,000 grant from the Library Services and Technology Act, which will be used for an upcoming program about beloved Arizona architect, Frank Lloyd Wright. The exhibition will show how Mr. Wright came to Arizona and created a new approach on the built environment, designing new models for living in the Southwest desert.

The exhibit and programs will travel among three venues — Scottsdale’s Civic Center Library, Tempe History Museum, and Arizona Heritage Center at Papago Park — providing an educational experience throughout the communities of Scottsdale and Tempe.

### **Over One Thousand Participate in Annual Summer Reads at Prescott Public Library**

Parents, grandparents and children came to celebrate the end of the Summer Reading program, “Build a Better World” by showcasing their creativity. Over six hundred children ages five to eleven participated in the program and as they read books, each child earned a handful of Legos to build onto a city created by other kids in the program. In addition, kids received free books for reaching their goal. Meanwhile, younger kids, teens and adults each participated as well with the teens and adults earning the chance for gift cards. In all, 1,096 people were registered in the program. “It was a culmination of the whole summer of building a better world,” Prescott Public Library Lead Librarian Youth Services Jennifer Kendall said. “They all expressed it very differently.... you could see the different things from flowers to the animals to accepting diversity.”



## Total Solar Eclipse Party!

The Colorado Springs Astronomical Society hosted a solar observation at the Pikes Peak Library District - Rockrimmon Library to talk about the total solar eclipse. Those in attendance learned about the Great American Eclipse, safe viewing techniques, safely took a look at the sun through a solar telescope and left prepared with a free pair of eclipse viewing glasses.



## Origami Travel Series

The John C. Fremont Library hosted Jennifer Gerring's origami series Origami Travels. Gerring, a resident of Cotopaxi, became fascinated with Origami at a young age. Over the years her love for the art has grown. She has attended multiple classes, learning under some of the best living paper-folders of our generation. She is a member of the Origami-USA organization, British Origami Society, and the Origami Houston Study Group.



## Learn about Henna

The Ruby Sisson Memorial Library held a program for their Tweens and teens. Those attending had the opportunity to explore the traditional art form of henna body art and then to create and draw their own temporary henna tattoo.



# KS KANSAS

## 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Libraries are useful resources to people of all ages, and the Newton Public Library added to its services with a new initiative for some of the youngest members of the community. *1,000 Books Before Kindergarten* is a call to action for parents and caregivers to read to children from birth in an effort to prepare them for school. Librarian, Amy Bayes, says, “Personally, I like not only just the educational part, but... children and their families being together,” Bayes said. “I think that’s a good thing. I did that with my kids when they were little.”



## Banned Book Trading Cards



The Lawrence Public Library held its 5th annual Banned Book Trading Card Competition. Lawrence artists of all ages were encouraged to create a 5-by-7-inch work based on their favorite banned or challenged book. Of the designs, seven winners were chosen, but all Submissions were displayed during Banned Book Week (September 24th-30th). Pictured here are the 2016 winners.

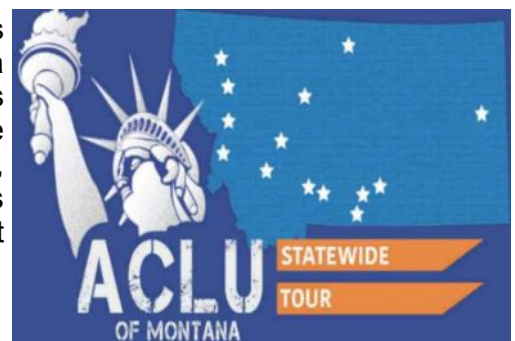
# MT MONTANA

## Lemonade on the Lawn

Lincoln County Public library - Libby Library got creative in their programming, with Lemonade on the Lawn, held every other Wednesday throughout the summer. Those in attendance were treated to free lemonade and a cookie, and were entertained with a variety of programs including a Montana Trivia Game, Montana Conversations program “Home, Home on the Ranch” with William Rossiter, and zany skits from the Montana City Old Town Players.

## ACLU Forum

Civil liberties have been front, center, and under threat in 2017. This fall, the ACLU of Montana is hitting the road to meet with Montana communities. Join Caitlin Borgmann, Executive Director, as she shares details about the ACLU’s strategies to protect civil liberties across the state and nation. Recently, she was at Great Falls Public Library, where more than two dozen people learned about several initiatives and lawsuits being carried out by the organization to protect Montanans’ civil liberties across the state.



## Zooootastic!

Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo visited the Schuyler Public Library where those in attendance met the degu, a South American rodent; a crocodile lizard from Vietnam; and a Malagasy blonde hognose snake from Madagascar. Henry Doorly outreach coordinator Peter Brunette and instructor Holly Arndt also taught kids about ways they can help animals in Nebraska and around the world.



## Teamwork Recognition



The Hastings Museum was honored with the Leadership & Innovation Award from the Mountain-Plains Museums Association of the American Alliance of Museums (MPMA). The winning institution demonstrates innovation in audience and community building, educational programs, outreach initiatives, public programs, and visitor experience.



The Museum was awarded this recognition because of its collaboration with the Hastings Public Library. The library officially opened in its temporary home in the museum in March 2016, and has operated there for that time while the library's permanent home in downtown Hastings has undergone a major renovation. "We've been happy to have them, and so grateful to the community for supporting both institutions through this transitional phase," Director Rebecca Matticks said. "We are alike in many ways. We both offer cultural enrichment and educational services. We wanted the library to maintain as many services as possible while it was waiting for its new home."



# NV NEVADA

## The University of Nevada Libraries - 50 Treasures For 50 Years Exhibit

Fifty years after its founding, Special Collections and Archives celebrates this milestone with an exhibit displaying a selection of 50 items pulled from our collections — treasures of our region. These historical documents and artifacts, well-known and not-so-well known, represent themes, topics, and individuals that illustrate the depth and scope of our collections today. It is the fascination of Las Vegas, in all its varied aspects, that drives Special Collections and Archives to document the region, not just for its glitz and glamour but for a better understanding of the city's rapid growth, pioneers and change-makers, communities, and how this desert metropolis has survived, changed, adapted, and become home for so many diverse people.



## Books for Babies in Carson City

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**Tribal Libraries’ Summer Reading Program at Museum of Indian Arts and Culture**



Children from eight tribal libraries visited the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture (MIAC) as part of the Summer Reading Program “Build a Better World.” They learned about traditional Native American architecture, how to make adobe bricks, and how to build adobe buildings. Each day the groups built on what the previous day’s groups had done, and by the end of the week they had created a complete village! MIAC partnered with the Indigenous Design and Planning Institute of the University of New Mexico School of



Architecture with extraordinary results. UNM professors Dr. Ted Jojola and Francisco Uvina mentored young indigenous architecture students to be the workshop’s instructors.

**Historypin collaborates with New Mexico libraries to promote and preserve cultural resources**

*Historypin* is a service that works to connect communities with local history. It provides a place for people to share their photos and stories, relating the histories of their local communities. They recently partnered with New Mexico State Library’s Tribal Library Program to promote digital community memory in Tribal Libraries. The Historypin team examines community engagement of these libraries (Laguna Public Library, Santa Clara Pueblo Community Library, Santo Domingo Public Library, Jemez Community Library and Mescalero Community Library). Historypin members learned just how much rural libraries accomplish with very small budgets, owing to the creativity, ingenuity and hard work of the librarians that lead them. These rural librarians often found themselves acting as a bridge in their community in regards to digital initiatives, with tribal and elder councils on one hand and the youth in their community on the other.

Please visit <https://www.historypin.org/en/> for details on the New Mexico projects.

**#ClovisStrong**

The Mountain Plains Library Association Board and Association members extend our deepest sympathies to those involved in the shooting incident that took place at the Clovis-Carver Public Library on August 28. To the families of those killed in the shooting, and to those who were injured, we offer our condolences. MPLA members throughout the 12 -state association stand with our colleagues in the New Mexico library community during this painful time.



**Wanda Walters, 61, and Kristina Carter, 48**

If you’d like to donate please consider making a donation to the Clovis-Carver Library which will be forwarded to the Clovis-Carver Library on behalf of donors via the New Mexico Library Association. Online donations can be made by clicking here: <http://www.nmlastore.org/shopsite/page9.html> Checks can be mailed to our P.O. Box with a memo “Clovis-Carver Library”

New Mexico Library Association P.O. Box 26074 Albuquerque, NM 87125





# NORTH DAKOTA

## Child ID Program

With more than 800,000 children in America missing each year - one child every 40 seconds--the Grand Forks Public Library partnered with the Grand Forks Police Department to help parents make ID Cards for their children. The ID card is a tool that provides parents and guardians with vital information, including physical characteristics and fingerprints, to help protect their children in case of an emergency.



## Brick Building Bonanza!

Williston Community Library hosted its first “Brick Building Bonanza” as the capstone to the “Build a Better World” summer reading program. The Bonanza was a resounding success and the judges had their work cut out for them. All told, there were 193 entries built from Lego bricks supplied by the library. Grant funds from the Robert E. Herman Family Foundation made it possible for the library to purchase two hundred and fifty 500-piece Lego sets that kids could use for their creations and keep.



## What’s Inside: Technology!

Underwood Public Library held a program that allowed kids to take apart a printer, television, computer monitor, and other old technology to figure out what is inside.



# OKLAHOMA

## For the Love of Trains

In an annual end-of-summer favorite at the Norman Public Library, the South Canadian Model Railroad Club, Oklahoma N-Rail, the Arbuckle Model Railroaders and For the Love of Trains set up their model trains where train enthusiasts could learn more about model railroads on from representatives of each organization.



## NASA @ My Library

Armed with a grant from NASA, the Guthrie Public Library was chosen as one of 75 libraries to provide new learning opportunities for children through the NASA @ My Library initiative to increase STEM (science, technology, engineering and math). “This is a very exciting opportunity,” said Kris Kutay, director of children's programs. “We are the only library in Oklahoma that received this grant, so it was huge.” Participating libraries receive two STEM facilitation kits, valued at \$750, and a \$500 programming grant. Participants also receive a tablet computer and an \$800 stipend to attend a NASA workshop next year in Denver. The program continues through October 2018. Participating libraries will have a chance to participate in a second phase of the program, which will be held from November 2018 through December 2020.

## Leaving a Legacy

The late Everett and Francis Terca estate donated \$300,000 to the city of Presho. The city is planning a major addition to the current city library. The addition will include a community center attached to the library and the library media center, and all equipment will be updated.

In Webster, a piano teacher left her legacy by donating \$4.2 million for high school scholarships, youth programs, the library and a local church.

## Oglala Lakota College's Woksape Tipi

Oglala Lakota College's Woksape Tipi is a decentralized educational and library system which operates thirteen libraries that support the district communities of Pine Ridge Reservation and the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation. When school is out for the summer, children have limited access to books in their communities, so the Build Your Own Library Program was introduced to provide outreach by giving away new and gently used books for all ages in communities across the reservation. The program has benefited from IMLS support and has provided the communities of Pine Ridge access to the fabulous mobile book delivery van for the past five years. Short of calling it a bookmobile, the outreach technician travels to all the college centers to maintain the branch libraries and provide personal assistance to patrons.

## Daschle Dialogues

Tom Brokaw, best known as the anchor and managing editor of "NBC Nightly News" from 1982-2004, will visit South Dakota State University Oct. 19 to participate in the third Daschle Dialogues. The event brings nationally relevant figures to campus for an appearance with alumnus Tom Daschle, a 1969 graduate and former U.S. Senate Majority Leader who represented South Dakota in Congress for 26 years.



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# WY WYOMING

## Welcome Cindy!



When asked, “What made you want to get involved with MPLA?” Newly appointed WY representative Cindy Moore said, “Dan Chaney treated me so well when anything was happening in MPLA, I was drawn in by him. We all lost a great man. MPLA gave me money when I was working on my library degree, I attended the leadership institute with Maureen Sullivan and got a ton out of it and used that information to progress in my career. I feel like I owe MPLA and it was time to give back and learn more about our organization.”

## Interesting Collections

The Gillette College has just added a set of rocks and a set of minerals as part of their textbook reserves.

Weston County Library circulates cake pans at both of its libraries. Newcastle has 145 items including cake pans, Jell-O molds, candy molds, and confection stencils. Dubois Branch Library has a two-hour loan period for their colored pencils, Crayola pens, and gel pens.

The Makerspace in the Powell Library offers children and adults the opportunity to take classes ranging from 3D printing to robotics to digitized embroidery.

The Sublette County Library - Pinedale circulates American Girl Dolls, cake pans, and a magnifying floor lamp for crafts and sewing. The Big Piney Branch also has the dolls. Additionally, they have a sewing machine that circulates. The Upton Branch Library offers an Orion Star Blast EZ Finder #2 telescope.

# UT UTAH

The Salt Lake Public Library in conjunction with the Salt Lake County Health Department held a food drive with a twist. Teams from six Salt Lake City-area health care businesses, including SelectHealth, University of Utah Health Care and Exodus Healthcare Network, designed six edible art sculptures made of bagged, canned and boxed food. The sculptures were on display at the Salt Lake City Public Library and were then donated to those in need at the Utah Food Bank. Members of the public cast votes for their favorite design at the library and donated their own items as well.





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October 4-6; Grand Forks, ND

## Nebraska Library Association Conference

October 11-13; Kearney, NE

## MPLA / Nevada Library Association Conference

October 16-18; South Lake Tahoe, NV

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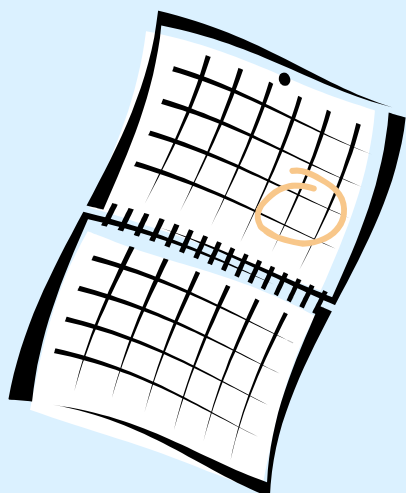
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