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THE MOUNTAIN PLAINS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES FELLOWS FOR 2018 LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Over 40 fellow applications were received for 30 slots at the 2018 Institute. Fellows were selected based on commitment to libraries in the region, geographic diversity, and leadership potential and experience. Those joining the leadership team for the 2018 Institute are: from Wyoming - Sarah North, Kate Mutch, Ruth Troyanek, Cynthia Hughes; from Utah - Anna Zanarini, Greg Nelson, Karen Clark; from South Dakota - Roger (Craig) Johnson; from Oklahoma - Kathy Atchley, Ellen Cummings, Rebekah Lynam; from Nevada - Tamar Anderson, Maria Clara Duque-Rueda, Amanda Mongolo, Claudia Melton; from New Mexico - Kathleen Dull, Christopher Schipper; from Nebraska - Megan Klein; from North Dakota - Keli McDonald, Randi Monley; from Kansas - Michael McDonald, Katie Hill, Marissa Lamer; from Colorado - Anne Ledford, Allaina Wallace, Tammy Sayles; from Arizona - Joyce Abbott, Kim BeLair, Coreen Wagner, and Michelle Hjortling

They will be on site for an intense five-day workshop focused on library leadership facilitated by Maureen Sullivan. Congratulations fellows!

More information about the Leadership Institute is available at <http://mpla.us/quick-links/leadership-institute.html> and read full bios of the 2018 fellow cohort at <https://mpla.us/services/mpla-leadership-institute/2018-fellows.pdf>.

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Message from the President



On February 13, Wyoming Representative Brian Greene and I took "a personal point of order" at ALA Midwinter Council Session III, in Denver, CO. We stepped up to the microphone to speak to the tribute being recognized by the ALA Council honoring the Mountain Plains Library Association's 70th Anniversary. The tribute itself was expertly crafted by Brian and MPLA member Elena Rosenfeld through input from the MPLA Executive Board.

Suffice to say, it was a proud, fulfilling, and thrilling moment. I'm grateful to Brian and Elena for their careful work and excellent shepherding of this important piece of work.

Resolved, that the American Library Association, on behalf of its members:

1. recognizes the importance of the Mountain Plains Library Association's (MPLA's) work in supporting library services on a regional level;
2. congratulates and commends the Mountain Plains Library Association for its 70 years of supporting librarianship in its region and its ongoing support for furthering the goals set by the American Library Association; and
3. sends a letter acknowledging MPLA's formation on August 29, 1948, its 70th Anniversary on August 29, 2018, and its connection to the states it services to the MPLA office and the state Chapters in Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association Tuesday, February 13, 2018, in Denver, Colorado

See [A Tribute Resolution Honoring the 70th Anniversary of the Mountain Plains Library Association \(MPLA\)](#)

Annie Epperson
MPLA President



Do you like free money?

The Professional Development Committee loves to give MPLA members free money to support their professional development activities!

MPLA members who have been members for 3 consecutive years can qualify for a \$600 grant. Members who have been part of MPLA for 2 consecutive years can qualify for a \$150 mini-grant.

Visit the [MPLA PDC grants website](#) to access grant forms and to find additional information. The next due date for grant applications is May 30, 2018, so submit your application soon!

Please contact Ryan Buller, Chair of the MPLA PDC, with any questions at Ryan.Buller@du.edu

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OverDrive's Library + School Sharing Community Partnership

In this Sharing economy, organizations of all sizes seek new ways to work with others to optimize efficiency. Public Libraries and Schools have implemented creative programs for years to share resources. More recently, these community partnerships have involved eBook and audiobook collections, and they're yielding major benefits through the leading provider, OverDrive.

Extend your library's digital collection into schools

With the eBooks and audiobooks in the Public Library's collection, libraries and their local school districts can partner to get students reading, increase circulation and maximize budget. Schools can integrate quickly and easily – because most public libraries already offer the OverDrive platform – and at no additional cost!

BENEFITS FOR THE LIBRARY

Increase circulation!

Add new readers for your library – and build pipelines of future loyal users

Easy to extend familiar app, tools and collection to other parts of the community

BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

More resources for all

Free to integrate – no additional cost

Good PR. The community sees you working together and as a responsible steward of taxpayer dollars

BENEFITS FOR THE SCHOOL

Better use of technology in the school and classroom

Improve school programs and curriculum with access to additional K-12 digital content, with option to add more

Save money with access to a larger collection than students could have on their own – and add additional titles /copies for instructional purposes based on needs

Motivate students to become lifelong learners & readers

WHY YOU NEED OVERDRIVE TO MAXIMIZE THE BENEFITS

Flexible authentication options with Student IDs or library cards

Leverage an existing model of digital book access already familiar and trusted in your community

Experienced assistance in marketing outreach and collection curation

Reliable support from a trusted partner to maximize success, including reports and best practices



Author Membership

Published authors, including those who write for children and young adults are eligible.

Author membership includes a credit which can be used toward an advertisement or combination of advertisements in the MPLA Newsletter.



**WE WANT
YOUR
PHOTOS!**

**MPLA TURNS
70
IN WICHITA, KS**

We are planning to celebrate and Mary Ann Thompson needs your help!

If you have photographs from past MPLA events/conferences/leadership institutes that she can include in a dazzling slideshow please send them to her at:

maryannthompson459@gmail.com

Also, she'd love your help planning the BIG birthday bash!



LIBRARY LEADERSHIP PODCAST

As the newsletter editor, I get to have the chance to hear about some pretty amazing ideas and people making a difference in the world of libraries. One such person is Adriane Herrick Juarez, who happens to be the Park City Library Director in Park City, Utah. Juarez, a long-time MPLA member and former co-chair of the Leadership Institute, has embarked on the a journey of podcasting about libraries and leadership. Recently, she took a few moments out of her schedule to answer a few questions in regards to the “Library Leadership Podcast.” Check out her responses and take a listen to all of the podcasts, as well as tune in for new ones, at LibraryLeadershipPodcast.com

Melanie Argo
Newsletter Editor



**Adriane Herrick
Juarez**

1) *What sparked the idea for a Library Leadership Podcast?*

Library Leadership Podcast was born from an observation that whenever I was attending conferences, visiting other libraries, or following online discussions, some of the most inspiring ideas and insights came from conversations with those making innovative contributions in the field. Conference sessions offer great opportunities for learning, but sometimes, for me, the 'conversations in the hallway' were what stuck in my mind upon returning home. Library Leadership Podcast makes ideas and discussions with top library leaders accessible to everyone. The leaders I interview are generous with their ideas, methods, and innovative actions from which we can all learn as we look for solutions in our own libraries.

2) *What do you hope comes from the sharing of these ideas?*

Sharing these ideas provides valuable insights into the minds of leaders who have made impressive impacts. Our profession changes and challenges us on a daily basis. Tuning in to conversations with top leaders as we navigate the fast-paced information world gives us a competitive advantage. The communities we serve benefit from engaged minds, those who are willing to be a part of continuous improvement. On Library Leadership Podcast, you will hear from people like Jim Neal, current ALA President, as he shares his vision for ways in which libraries can gain support through demonstrating the positive difference they make in the communities they serve and documenting their impact, and Geetha Murali, new CEO of Room to Read, an organization that has had developed 20,000 libraries around the world, positively affecting the lives of over 11.6 million children. Or, you can find inspiration from Jami Munk Carter, a public library director who describes herself as an "accidental librarian" and makes positive impacts everyday by listening to people, including one young girl who, thanks to Jami, has set new life-goals that include being the first girl in her family to graduate from high school without being a mom.

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3) *Did Leadership Institute help you in stepping out in this endeavor and if so, in what ways?*

After having the great privilege of attending the Mountain Plains Library Association Leadership Institute as a participant, I came away fortified and ready to take on new roles as a library leader. I had the opportunity, later, to give back by becoming a mentor at the Institute, as well as serving as Institute Co-Chair for 6 years. The MPLA Leadership Institute is an excellent way to develop as a leader and make positive impacts. Library Leadership Podcast is a direct result of realizing the importance of developing in this area, and providing a way for all of us to tune into conversations with top library leaders on a regular basis right from our computers or phones.

4) *Do you have any advice for new up and comers in the library world?*

We are all leaders, in any position we serve within our organizations. Whether or not you hold a top position, you have important contributions to make that enhance library services. Staying up-to-date puts you in a good position to take advantage of times when speaking out or implementing a change will lead your library to a higher level of performance. Be ready and willing to share your insights, based on what you know is going on in the field. Whether or not you have the time or funding to attend conferences, you can engage with resources that keep you on the cutting-edge. Listening to Library Leadership Podcast gives you first-hand access to top leaders in the library world, and keeps you prepared to move your organization into the future.

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

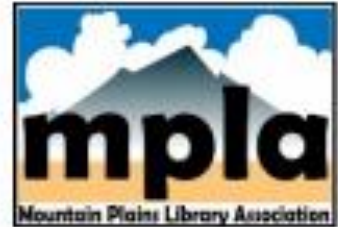
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Guiding Principles



1. Pursue outreach opportunities

- Foster relationships
- Increase professional sharing
- Include diverse communities



2. Encourage caring, respectful relationships

- Mentoring
- Networking
- Collaborations
- Learning



3. Realize our potential

- Leadership development
- Professional growth opportunities
- Engagement with library community

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Around the Region



Silver Apple Award

Veronica Soria, librarian at CJ Jorgensen School in Phoenix, AZ, was awarded local news 3TV's Silver Apple Award. The award typically goes to teachers, but third-grader Mariah Raitter nominated her librarian for February's award, sponsored by the Dairy Council of Arizona. The award comes with a \$500 prize which Veronica plans on using for more books.



Behind the Counter



On Thursday, April 5, 2018, Arizona Library Association is hosting its first-ever virtual conference. The conference is open to all, but focuses on professional development for front-line and paraprofessional library staff. Its offerings stretch from programming to customer service, and from getting along with people to getting by with technology (as well as what to do when things go horribly wrong).



Want to know more?

Jake Rundle Membership, Chair

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New High Plains Library District Executive Director

The High Plains Library District Board has appointed Dr. Matthew Hortt as the new Executive Director. “Dr. Hortt brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience. His aptitude for public libraries will strengthen the High Plains Library District and enhance service to our community,” said Ken Poncelow, Chairman of the HPLD Board.

Hortt will be leaving his position as the City Librarian for the City of Santa Clarita Public Libraries in California. He has over sixteen years of progressive experience in public libraries, working at all levels in both Nevada and California. He holds a Master’s Degree in Library Science from the University of North Texas and a Doctorate of Philosophy in Public Affairs from The University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

“I am honored to have been selected as the next Executive Director of the High Plains Library District,” said Dr. Hortt. “My goal is to continue to build upon the wonderful services the District already offers and to work to ensure that everyone continues to see the HPLD as the first and best resource for learning. I am looking forward to helping make the District an even more vital community asset and leading HPLD into the future.”

Hortt was previous an MPLA member when he was in Nevada and a participant in the 2010 Leadership Institute.



Tailored for Tigers

Fort Hays State University and Master Cleaners in Hays, KS partnered up to launch a professional clothing closet for all FHSU students. The closet provides professional clothing appropriate for interviews, business presentations, career fairs, or other professional activities. An inventory of both men's and women's professional attire is available for check out, free of charge, is available to FHSU students. The Tailored for Tigers clothing closet is located in the Forsyth Library.



Welcome Shanna!

What made you want to get involved with MPLA?

I am a native Kansan and currently the Mulvane Public Library Director, but I have moved around within the state, region, and country working in public libraries. Every library and community has provided me with valuable, new professional experiences.



The library profession has always been about sharing ideas and building each other up, so I naturally desire to give back to my fellow librarians by sharing those experiences as well. My instinct and inclination to "give back" to the library community has been present since I was in graduate school at Emporia State when I served as Vice President of their Student Chapter of the American Library Association. Since then I have served on multiple book committees through the Young Adult Library Services Association and boards of the Colorado Public Library Association and Wichita Area Library Association, as well as presenting at multiple conferences.

So why MPLA specifically? After moving back to Kansas from the East Coast, I was seeking opportunities to become professionally involved again and the Kansas Library Association needed an MPLA Rep. I happily submitted my name as a nominee because I still have active ties to libraries in the MPLA region outside of Kansas. After the election in my favor, I am excited to report that I am now an active board member in both MPLA and the Kansas Library Association. Together, we are hard at work planning the October 2018 Joint MPLA/KLA Conference. I think it will be a great conference, and I look forward to meeting more of my MPLA colleagues in the Fall!



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- FORMAL COURSE WORK LEADING TO AN ADVANCED DEGREE IN LIBRARY SCIENCE OR A RELATED DISCIPLINE.
- FORMAL COURSE WORK NOT LEADING TO AN ADVANCED DEGREE BUT DIRECTLY RELATED TO AN INDIVIDUAL'S LIBRARY POSITION.
- ATTENDANCE AS A PARTICIPANT OR A PRESENTER AT A LIBRARY OR SCHOLARLY WORKSHOP, SEMINAR, OR CONFERENCE, INCLUDING THE MPLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.
- VISITS TO ANOTHER LIBRARY TO RECEIVE OR PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT ADVANCED TRAINING IN LIBRARY SERVICES OR PROCEDURES.
- LIBRARY RELATED RESEARCH PROJECTS.

DEADLINE FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS

May 30	July 25	September 26
		November 28



MONTANA

Armchair Traveler Passport

The Alberton Library tried something a little different as a fundraiser. The “Armchair Traveler Passport” offered participants the opportunity to raise a glass of wine with their neighbors and friends. On Saturday, January 27, over 50 people crowded into the Alberton Community Center and tasted wine paired with different nuts, cheese and various other hors d’oeuvres.



Librarian Connie Acker said putting the event together was a lot of fun and they received great support from local wineries, Hidden Legend in Victor; Montana Winery and 10 Spoon in Missoula. They donated, or gave steep discounts, for the purchase of the wine served that evening. They also donated items for a silent auction held in the library which is located in the Community Center building. Overall the event made \$1,900, according to Acker, with \$785 from the silent auction, ticket sales and miscellaneous donations.

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

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Want to know more?

Jake Rundle Membership, Chair

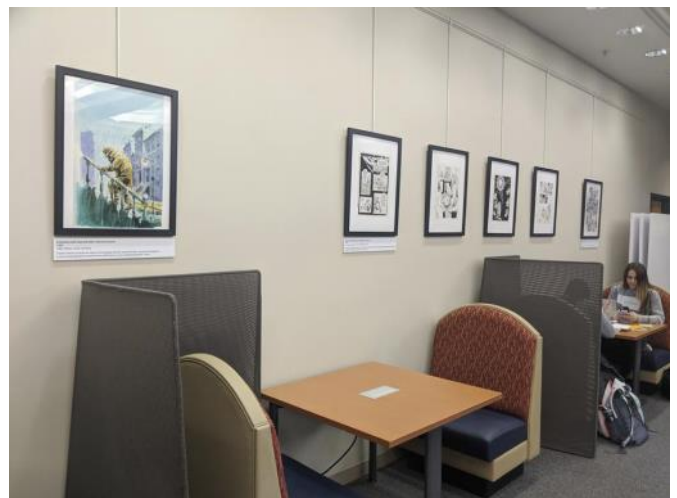
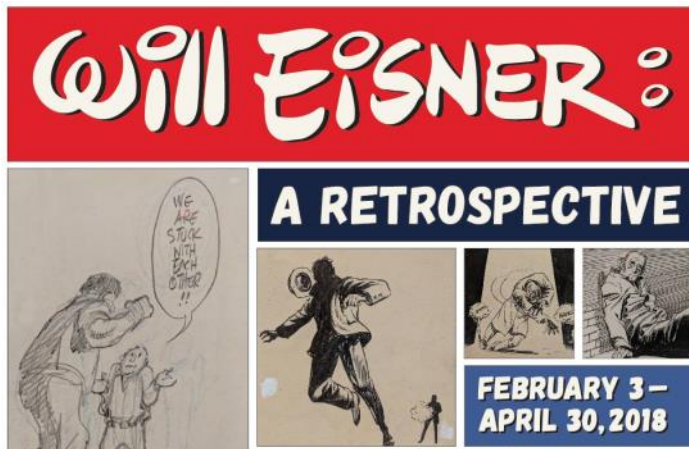
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Stan Bunman Bird and Wildlife

At Hooper Public Library, bird-watchers and layman alike got a chance to take in “Fenceline Photos,” an exhibit showcasing 36 bird and wildlife photos taken by birdwatcher and photographer Stanley Buman of Carroll, Iowa. “They’re beautiful,” Cherie Anderson, library director, said of the photos. “They look so nice in here.” Visitors to the exhibit saw photos of birds including the piping plover, bufflehead (duck), dowitcher, dickcissel and sedge wren along with more familiar species of hawks, owls, sparrows, swallows and geese. Most photos were taken in Iowa, but a few are from pastures farther west including Winnetoon in Nebraska and the ocean coasts.

“Will Eisner: A Retrospective”

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s Love Library is holding an exhibition featuring the work of comic-book artist Will Eisner. Eisner, who was born in 1917 and died 13 years ago, was a pioneer in the comic-book industry. He also taught at New York’s School of Visual Arts for 20 years. He created characters such as Blackhawk and Sheena, Queen of the Jungle. He also produced a newspaper series, The Spirit. As part of the exhibition, Denis Kitchen, a cartoonist and author, gave a lecture on Eisner. Richard Graham, an associate professor and digital media librarian, will talk about comics and graphic novels at 5:30 p.m. April 6.



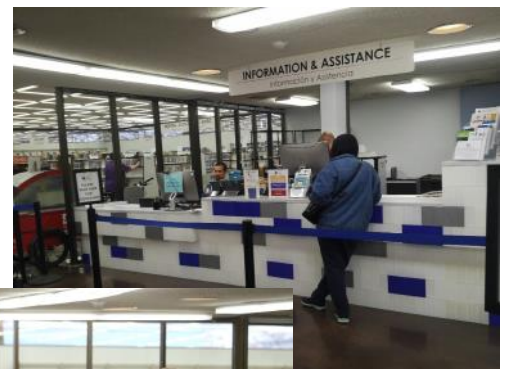
Carson City Refreshes Library

The 20 year old carpeting desperately needed to be replaced. That's what started the Carson City Library's quest to refresh its facility. Financial support from Carson City (Nevada) paid for painting the exterior and interior of the building as well as redoing the floors. In conjunction with the Carson City Public Works department, the decision was made to have a finished concrete floor instead of carpeting. The catch – 80,000 items and 20,000 linear feet of shelving had to be packed and stored.

Library staff was heavily involved with the entire process: analyzing patron traffic patterns and arrangements of collections; finding ways to better utilize natural lighting; planning and organizing the packing and storage of materials; physically packing and unpacking materials; disassembling and reassembling shelving; rearranging floor plans; providing pop-up services during part of the 8-week closure; updating their community with a weekly video on Facebook showing the progress made. In short, they made things happen, and did it without the benefit of a moving company.

A number of community partners and other city offices supported the project as well. The library received donations and very discounted pricing for materials needed for the packing and storing, including the storage containers that allowed everything to be kept onsite. City work crews moved boxes, shelving and furnishings into the containers and then back into the library.

The finished project provides a lighter and airier feel to the library and has been well received by the community. A patron commented, "I love the open feel - I didn't know you had all these windows." Collections are rearranged to better suit patron usage and accessibility. The Information Desk was reimaged with oversized Lego-style blocks, the new Makerspace was opened and a directional stripe was added to lead patrons to the corner elevator to take them to the @Two Digital Learning Center on the second floor. At the library's grand reopening, Mayor Robert Crowell remarked, "Carson City has every reason to be proud of what you've done here. We've got people here who understand what libraries can really be in the future and what it can be now. This library is just the epitome of what Carson City should be."



Libraries as Launchpads, An Economic Initiative

The New Mexico State Library; Creative Startups, a growing international business accelerator; Fab Lab Hub, a technology product prototyping provider; and the newly-formed New Mexico State Library Foundation have joined together in an innovative partnership to utilize public libraries as economic development centers for entrepreneurial and business training. Libraries as Launchpads will fast-track potential entrepreneurs from idea and concept to action and business formation.



Focused on underserved and rural populations throughout New Mexico, the program will help budding entrepreneurs go from idea to action with their businesses. The program team is working with libraries to identify regional entrepreneurship educators, community partners, and maker spaces that can support the project. Creative Startups designed a 4-week intensive pre-accelerator workshop to help budding entrepreneurs go from idea to action with their businesses. Founded in 2007, Creative Startups is based in the highly creative city of Santa Fe. Fab Lab Hub helps entrepreneurs design and test their product concepts. Fab Lab Santa Fe is a part of the international digital FABrication LABoratory network based at MIT's Center for Bits and Atoms in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Ryanne Cooper, New Mexico Assistant State Librarian, explains, "Creating sustainable expertise and collection resources in libraries statewide to assist entrepreneurs will have direct positive economic results across New Mexico."

San Juan College offers white noise machines, wifi hotspots

San Juan College Library circulates 6 white noise machines to help manage sound, noise, and disruption in the library. Since 2015 the College library has been circulating wifi hotspots to students who lack home internet. They circulate 22 hotspots with loan periods of one week. There's always a waiting list. They are also circulating seven tablets, because many of the students don't have computers at home-- to do their school work many had to use their phones with the hotspots.





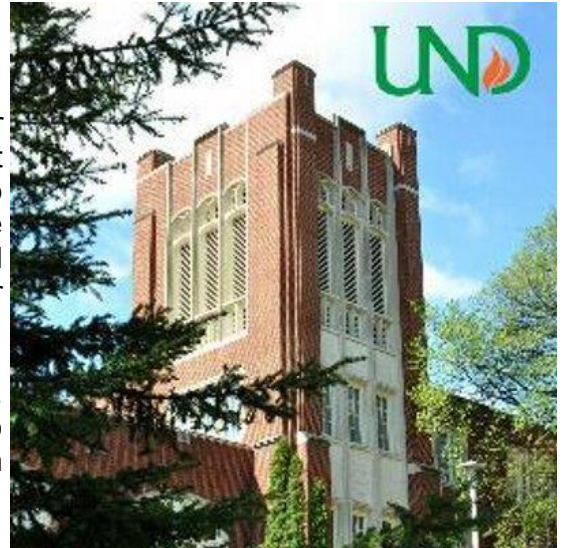
NORTH DAKOTA

No More “Magic Aprons”

The Chester Fritz Library, at the University of North Dakota, recently published in *The Journal of Access Services*. Coordinator of Circulation Services Karlene Clark has been working the past several years to implement Learning Outcomes that would develop soft skills needed by student employees after graduation. The article discusses the path it took to develop the process and considerations for other libraries as they look to implement their own process.

Dean of Libraries Stephanie Walker assisted in writing the article. To further aid the consistency of training across all hours, she also created a new Night Building Supervisor position. This position started February 1st.

The article, “No More “Magic Aprons”: Longitudinal Assessment and Continuous Improvement of Customer Service at the University of North Dakota Libraries” may be located at <https://commons.und.edu/cfl-lp/1> or <http://www.tandfonline.com/eprint/Zv586pRn2uyIQtyitvvp/full>



Learn the Harp



A special Harp Class was given at the Grand Forks Public Library.

Amariah Pearlstein & Arioso Music Academy brought their harps and gave a special lesson to all attendees. Children and adults alike were given simple exercises and taught to play a simple tune! What a wonderful time!

MPLA Membership Advantages

1. Professional Development Grants for course work, institutes and workshops.
2. Continuing education opportunities including conferences, workshops and special seminars.
3. Information exchange and educational programs about technological developments and innovative library programming undertaken by MPLA libraries.



Harry Potter Yule Ball

The Northern Region of the Southeastern Public Library System of Oklahoma came together in February 2017 and made the decision to host and present a non-traditional, family friendly library program based on the year of the Harry Potter Yule Ball from the Harry Potter books by J.K. Rowling.

Employees of the Arkoma, Heavener, Patrick Lynch (Poteau), Spiro, Stigler and Wister libraries wanted to offer an authentic Harry Potter experience so they began wand making, creating dragon eggs, making Marauder's maps, spell books and handbooks and countless other things from the world of Harry Potter. Authenticity was the key and staff worked for months to ensure that this would be an amazing event.

On the night of the Yule Ball, people were lined up at the door three deep waiting for the magical hour of 7 pm. When they stepped inside, they stepped into the magical world of Harry Potter and walked through Platform 9 ¾ into Diagon Alley where they were readily supplied with wands, books, maps, owls, dragon eggs and so many more wonderful items – all of them free. Attendees participated in a Sorting Hat ceremony, Harry Potter Trivia, walk around magic, costume contests for all ages and, of course, the main event, the Yule Ball where an evening of dancing commenced.

After nearly a year of planning the Northern Region libraries were very pleased to have had over 400 people attend the program and it appeared that a great time was had by all. Follow this link to view the photos: <http://bit.ly/2nODVX0>



The Fun of Motivation

Mary Francis, associate professor of library science and reference and instruction librarian at Dakota State University, has written a new book, *The Fun of Motivation*. The book is intended to help adult learners move past the edge or a threshold of experience, the point at which learning becomes uncomfortable because the material is difficult or beyond their understanding. Her book addresses concepts provided in the Association of College and Research Libraries' Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education; also included are sample lesson plans which use humor, games, fun ideas for group work, and assessment tools. The book has been published by the American Library Association.



Twelve Libraries Honored

Twelve South Dakota public libraries have been accredited by the State Library in 2018. They were honored in front of lawmakers, library colleagues and community members at the Capitol rotunda Feb. 13. This event was held in conjunction with the annual South Dakota Library Association Library Legislative Day.




WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS!

MPLA TURNS 70 IN WICHITA, KS

We are planning to celebrate and Mary Ann Thompson needs your help!

If you have photographs from past MPLA events/conferences/leadership institutes that she can include in a dazzling slideshow please send them to her at:

maryannthompson459@gmail.com

Also, she'd love your help planning the BIG birthday bash!

Citizenship Corner

Eagle Mountain Library would like to publicly acknowledge one of our staff members, Sandra Cannon. She received her Certificate of Naturalization in January of this year! She has been with Eagle Mountain Library for 6 years. She studied for her exam here at the library, using our Citizenship Corner and the Toolkit we have here for public use. She waited almost 10 months after submitting her application to receive her appointment for her test and she passed with flying colors. Sandra Cannon will be teaching classes in the very near future for those in our community who wish to study prior to their exams.



So long Year of the Rooster, hello Year of the Dog.

Students, families and others rang in the Chinese New Year with celebrations at the Salt Lake County Library's Viridian Event Center in West Jordan. Featured events included a dragon dance, tai chi show, and folk music, as well as a pet adoption promotion by Salt Lake County Animal Services. Patrons also could try their hand at origami, calligraphy and lantern making. The Chinese New Year started Friday, February 16th as it follows a lunar calendar. The celebration kicks off one of the world's most celebrated festivals.

Converse County Library Director Announced

Cindy Moore has been named the new director of Converse County Library. She has been the Assistant Director since June of 2017. Outgoing Director Kirk Hissam is retiring, effective February 15, with Cindy moving into her new position the following day. "He left big shoes to fill," she said.

In October 2016, Converse County Library celebrated the opening of its incredible new main library in Douglas. "With this momentum we'll be working on a remodel of the Glenrock Library building, bringing in more functionality and increasing the size with new construction in the basement. We'll also continue the work of director Kirk Hissam and the board who started re-imagining our mission and service model."



She added, "We have everything we need to work with: a positive staff, a supportive board and an awesome building." She sees the library moving forward with "stellar services, innovative programming, terrific collections, ethical library practices, and sound fiscal management."

Moore is Wyoming's MPLA representative and attended the 2010 Leadership Institute.





Welcome, New Members!



Tammy Jueal Alexander
Director
Hill City Public Library
Hill City SD

Patricia Caldwell
Director
North Dakota State College of
Science Mildred Johnson Library
Wahpeton ND

Maria Clara Duque-Rueda
Library Operations Manager-Library
Tech II
University of Nevada Reno UNR
DeLaMare Science and Engineering
Library
Reno NV

Wendy Sue Frogget
Student
University of Nevada Reno Douglas
County Public Library
Gardnerville NV

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Assistant Director
Baright Public Library
Ralston NE

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Youth and School
Services Consultant
South Central Kansas Library
System
South Hutchinson KS

Britten Kuckelman
Director of Academic Support and
Information Services
Wichita Area Technical College
Wichita KS

Carol Kunnerup
Director
Mott Public Library
Mott ND

Rebekah Lynam
Branch Manager
Pioneer Library System Purcell
Public Library
Purcell, OK

Diane Matson
Cataloging Supervisor
Church History Library
Salt Lake City UT

Marie Pyko
Director of Public Services
Topeka and Shawnee County
Public Library
Topeka KS

Alyssa Grace Rozendaal
Student
Arvada CO

Glory Anne Taylor
Library Specialist
University of Wyoming Coe
Library
Laramie WY

Harriet Wintermute
Catalog / Metadata Librarian
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
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Lincoln NE



2018 Conference Calendar

Montana Library Association

April 11-14; Bozeman, MT

Oklahoma Library Association

April 23-25; Tulsa, OK

Utah Library Association

May 16-18; Provo, UT

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June 21-26; New Orleans, LA

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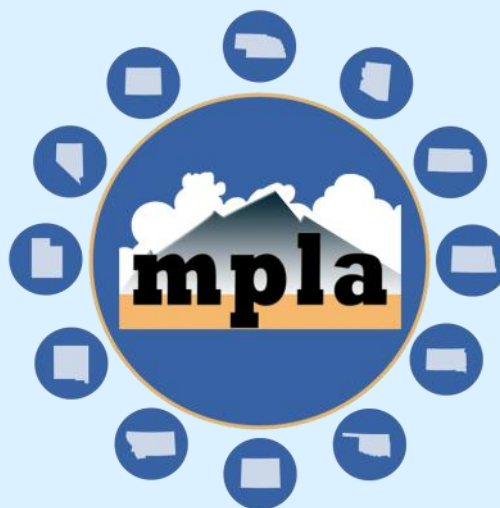
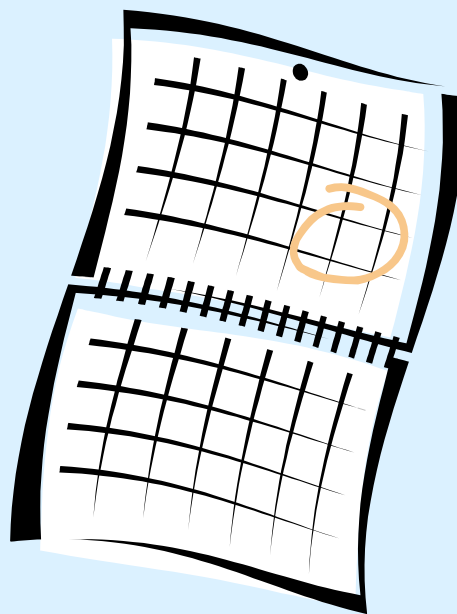
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