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October 24-26, 2018 | Wichita, Kansas

<http://kslibassoc.org/2018conf/>

Ways to participate in the Conference fun!

-Spark Talks Session: On Thursday morning from 11-11:50 a.m. the MPLA/KLA Conference will host a Spark Talks session. Basically, eight librarians will be chosen to present a program, idea, or technology to the audience in 5 minutes or less. It is a fun and lively way to share innovation at your library and learn about other successes in the region. **If you would like to submit a proposal for a Spark Talk (again, 5-minute presentation with powerpoint slides if needed), please contact the host Librarian Shanna Smith at mulvane.library.director@gmail.com by August 15th.**

-Poster Session: Emporia State University will again host a Poster Session on Thursday afternoon from 1:30-2 p.m. **If you are interested in submitting a poster for this session, please contact ESU Program Director Kathie Buckman at kbuckman@emporia.edu.**

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-Show-and-Tell Showcase: In the vendor hall this year a booth (or two) will be reserved for librarians and vendors to showcase something innovative at their library or business. The showcase could even include book talks if you are familiar with a certain genre or collection. This is another great way for librarians to share and take away ideas while bringing attention to all of the amazing vendors participating in this year's conference. **If you are interested in our Show-and-Tell (program, idea, books, technology), please contact Librarian Shanna Smith at mulvane.library.director@gmail.com by August 15th with your topic and an estimated amount of time that you would need.** The vendor hall is open Wednesday evening and all-day Thursday

Arizona Colorado Kansas Montana Nebraska Nevada New Mexico
North Dakota Oklahoma South Dakota Utah Wyoming

Salina Public Library Simplifies & Unifies for Summer

Submitted by: Amy R Adams, Public Relations at Salina Public Library

After decades of running a traditional Summer Reading program, Salina Public Library staff decided to take a fresh look at what they were offering and what community needs they could fill. The result was a united effort to prioritize reading and learning.

It started with a bit of research. Melanie Hedgespeth, Head of Technology, was researching summer-learning loss — or the summer slide — and hearing news about cuts to education budgets. Being a busy mom herself, she knew that families would need resources and support to help keep their children's learning goals on track.

The result was Summer Learning, a program that offers a variety of ways for students in kindergarten through eighth grade to work on their reading and math skills over the summer. The initiative was first launched the summer of 2016.

"We wanted to create a program that had a variety of options for families," Hedgespeth said. "So if you can't make it to the library, you can log in to MobyMax from home. If you're coming by the library to check out books or attend programs, you can pick up worksheet packets. If your child is more focused in a classroom setting, we have Summer Learning classes."

During 2017, 2,752 learning packets were picked up and attendance for summer technology and learning classes was 1,499. This year, 1,331 summer learning packets were handed out during the first two weeks of summer.

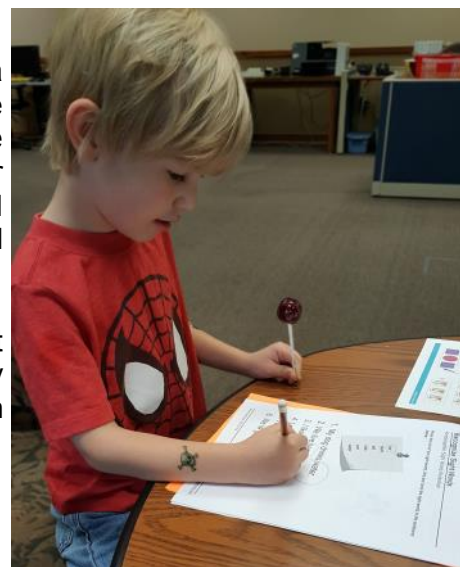
"We're continuing to see the program grow," Hedgespeth said. "We now have teachers asking us for packets, so they can share them with their students."

After the success of the first year of Summer Learning, the library sought ways to put more emphasis on the value of reading during the summer break and simplify its Summer Reading program. It dropped summer themes, weekly games, logins and passwords, and plastic prizes. Instead, it set a community-wide reading goal that allowed adults and children to come together to demonstrate the value of reading.

The first year, the community logged 20,599 books. This year's goal is 25,000. Community members of all ages can read, or listen to, the books of their choosing. Each book they log enters them into a weekly drawing.

"I'm really excited that we have refocused our energy on reading," Lisa Newman, Head of Youth Services, said. "If you take a look at what we are doing, the whole library is working together to create Summer at the Library. We have a tagline of Read. Learn. Explore. 'Read' is for our reading goal, 'learn' is about the programs and classes patrons can attend and 'explore' ties into collaborations in the community to create meaningful learning experiences outside the library."

With Summer Learning, Summer Reading and a slate of programs that focus on interactive learning experiences -- whether the topic is early literacy or coding -- Salina Public Library is taking a whole-library approach to summer.





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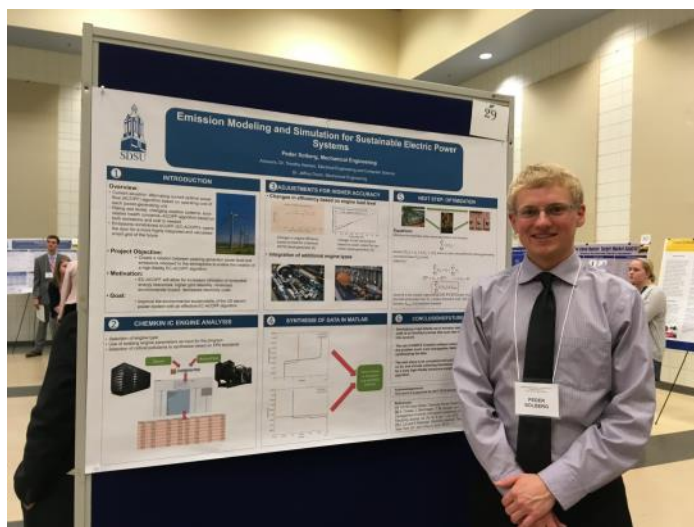
Stay in Touch

Little and Solberg Receive Library Research Awards

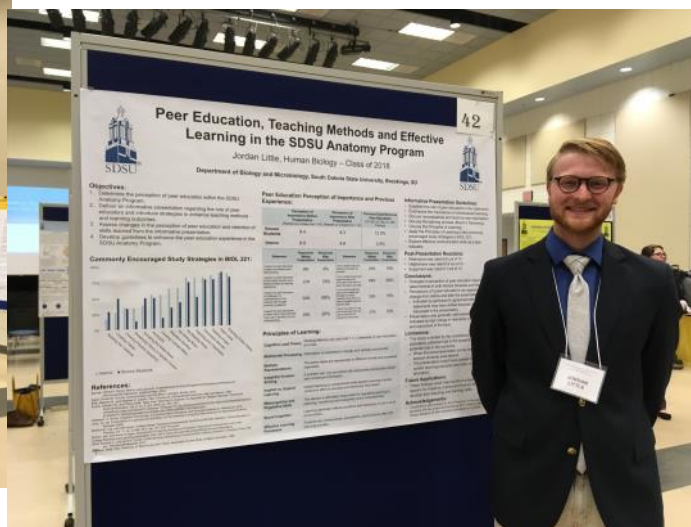
Submitted by: Emmeline Elliot, Library Operations Manager
South Dakota State University

Two students were selected for library research awards at SDSU's Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Day (URSCAD). Jordan Little's poster titled "Peer Education Teaching Methods and Effective Learning in the SDSU Anatomy Program" earned him the award for Outstanding Use of Library Resources in Humanities and Social Sciences.

Peder Solberg received the award for Outstanding Use of Library Resources in Science and Engineering with his poster "Emission Modeling and Simulation for Sustainable Electric Power Systems." URSCAD occurs each spring and celebrates undergraduate research at SDSU. Up to 100 students from all disciplines are selected to participate. The program includes a poster show, featured performances and awards.



Peder Solberg



Jordan Little

Seven librarians from Briggs Library judged the posters based on what library resources were used and how those materials were incorporated into the research. "The award winning students made excellent use of library resources in their research. They also clearly indicated their sources with citations on the poster," said Mary Caspers-Graper, Head of Technical Services. Some of the library resources used by the students included databases, manufacturer specifications and the online catalog to find books.

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.

MPLA Awards 2018

Nominations are now open for the 2018 MPLA Awards. The Awards Committee wants to see all six awards go to deserving individuals at the joint KLA-MPLA Conference in Wichita in October.

Here are the possibilities –

If you know an MPLA member who has consistently worked behind the scenes to create, administer, or support a library-related organization or project, nominate that person for the ***Dan Chaney Unsung Hero Award***.

If you know an MPLA member librarian or media specialist who has made a positive impact on the quality and role of library service in the first 5 years post-degree, nominate that person for the ***MPLA Beginning Professional Award***.

If you know an individual(s) or group(s) that's done a creative, inventive, trail-blazing project in their community, nominate them for the ***MPLA Innovator Award***.

If you know an MPLA member who's done great work for a long time, nominate that person for the ***MPLA Distinguished Service Award***.

If you know a vendor that's made a difference to libraries in the MPLA region, please nominate that person or company for the ***Carl Gaumer Library Champion Award***.

If you know an author whose published work has created a deeper appreciation of the MPLA region, nominate that person for the ***MPLA Literary Contribution Award***.

More details and the nomination form are available at <https://mpla.us/services/awards/>. Nominations are accepted until August 31st.



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

Want to know more? Jake Rundle Membership, Chair
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The Great American Read

@ The Mesa County Public Libraries in Colorado

Let the great debate begin! There can only be one winner. How do you choose the one book to rule them all? The Mesa County Public Libraries is sponsoring events this summer that invite participation, discussion and advocacy for readers' favorite novels alongside the PBS project, The Great American Read. "It's about talking about books and what they mean," said Shana Wade, the library's associate director. "It just creates a conversation about something we can connect with." The list of 100 books is diverse and includes fictional novels from international authors, lighter reads and heavier classics, children's books and some books that have been banned in the past.

The library will hold two book discussion groups, and will also have events at which readers can record short video testimonials to advocate for their favorite book, which will be shared on social media. Participants can explain why the book they've selected is their favorite and what memories they had of reading it the first time. The library is also sponsoring a local literary experts panel discussion. The campaign includes the installation of four Little Free Libraries in Colorado. One of those in Grand Junction will be at Las Colonias Park next to the Western Colorado Botanical Gardens. It should be completed soon and will contain copies of books from the list.

The PBS project finale will be in October, when the winning book will be selected. Viewers can see a list of the books and vote online at pbs.org/greatamericanread. Results are scheduled to be announced on Oct. 23 during "The Great American Read's" final episode.

Other MPLA Libraries chosen are: Sedona Public Library, AZ; Missoula Public Library, MT; Griggs County Public Library, ND; Rio Rancho Public Libraries, NM; Brookings Public Library, SD; Orem Library, UT; Albany County Public Library, WY



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Around the Region



ARIZONA

Free Comic Book Day

The Velma Teague Branch of the Glendale Public Library system in Glendale, AZ teamed up with a local store, Drawn to Comics, to offer a brand-new Free Comic Book Day experience. The event featured local artists, community family activities, cosplay, pop culture musicians (including the Driftwood Quintet, Minibosses and Dratini on the Rocks) and free comics.



COLORADO

Mesa County Public Libraries Plug Ahead

Most people head to the library to power their minds, not their cars. But a collaboration between Atlasta Solar, Mesa County Public Libraries, and Electrify America is bringing the first publicly available electric car charging station to Mesa County.

Locating the charging station at the main library was a bit of a fluke, yet totally consistent with the library system's growing reputation as a cutting-edge organization. Name another municipal library in America that has a charging station, a digital multimedia recording studio and has created an mobile app that catalogs Colorado wildlife!

The library only had to provide space near an existing transformer for the charging station. Atlasta is providing the labor and some materials and other costs are provided through Electrify America, which is doling out part of a \$2 billion settlement from Volkswagen to boost the number of charging stations across the country.

So, while the charging station doesn't add to the library's educational mission, it reflects the organization's desire to serve the community and add to the quality of life in Mesa County.



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National
Library
Partnership

The ASRT National Library Partnership offers grants of up to \$2,000 to public library systems to purchase selected books about medical imaging and radiation therapy.

With 153,000 members, the American Society of Radiologic Technologists is the premier professional association for individuals working in medical imaging and radiation therapy. Radiologic technologists are the medical personnel who perform diagnostic imaging examinations and administer radiation therapy treatments.

The program is part of ASRT's ongoing commitment to educate the public about the radiologic technologist's role on the health care team and the science behind radiological procedures.

Our easy, one-page application form takes just minutes to complete.



Learn more at
asrt.org/WeLoveLibraries
or follow the hashtag
[#asrtloveslibraries](https://twitter.com/asrtloveslibraries).

Book Brigade

The Wichita Public Library held a ceremonial “Books & More Brigade” on June 16 as part of the grand opening festivities for the new Advanced Learning Library.

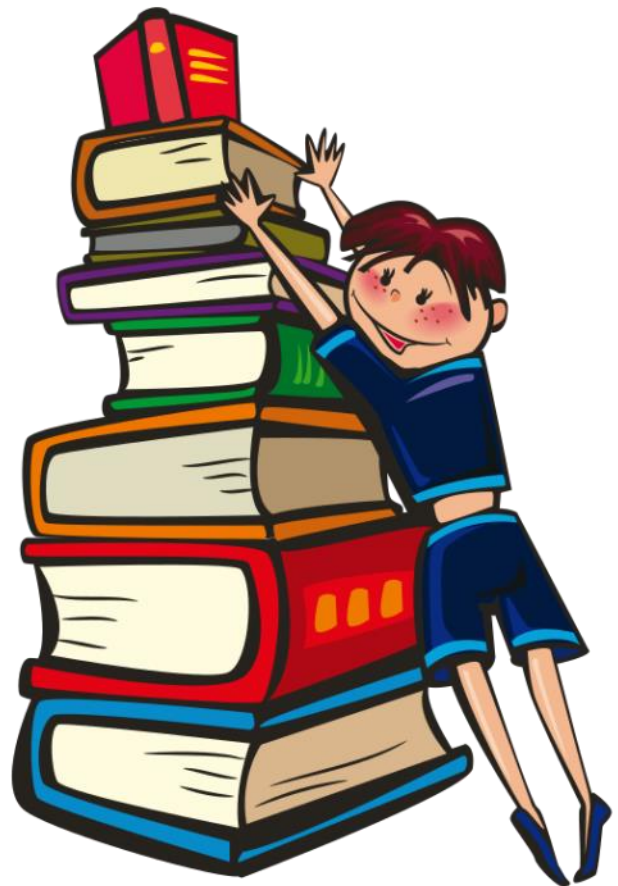


To cover the distance from the Central Library, 223 South Main, to the Advanced Learning Library, 711 West 2nd Street, officials put a call out for at least 500 volunteers and had more than 1400 volunteers cart the last 100 items to the Advanced Learning Library. As the last item passed along the brigade, participants were encouraged to go to the Advanced Learning Library for a brief ribbon cutting ceremony held on the west plaza of the new building.

Check out there YouTube video made of the fun!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RTgttSmo5sY&t=5s>

In 1967, Wichita junior and senior high school students were recruited to form a brigade that passed books hand to hand from the former Carnegie library children’s department to the children’s room in the new Central Library. The event proved so popular that Wichita’s library wants to recreate the experience as part of the opening of the Advanced Learning Library.

“As our staff members have shared information about the Advanced Learning Library with the community over the course of the past two years, almost every presentation has included a question or comment about the 1967 Book Brigade,” said Cynthia Berner, Director of Libraries. “Creating this special memory for a new generation of Wichitans has been something we have looked forward to for a very long time.”





MONTANA

MLA Honors Helena Women

At its annual conference in Bozeman, the Montana Library Association — a statewide organization dedicated to promoting outstanding librarianship and library services — celebrated individuals who create the kind of libraries that do lead their communities and their residents to better lives.

The award for Montana Library Association Champion was given to Sara Groves, marketing and community relations manager at the Helena Community Credit Union. Through cutting edge collaborations, creative problem solving, and extensive fundraising, Groves pioneered early literacy and lifelong learning in Montana.

The award for Outstanding Support Staff of the Year was given to Marlys Stark, administrative assistant at the Montana State Library. Stark was honored for her hard work, commitment, and excellence in her service to the Montana State Library Commission.

Adulting 101

North Lake County Public Library District in Polson, MT held a three-part series teaching the basics of home life including basics about laundry, cooking, sewing, and vehicle maintenance, and much more. These programs are geared toward young adults and teens, but anyone who would like to learn was welcome to attend.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MINI GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Funding for projects requiring minimal financial support.
Member for 2 consecutive years
(Maximum amount: \$150)

REGULAR GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Funding for projects requiring substantial financial support, and for occasional funding of professional development opportunities requiring travel outside the United States.
Member for 3 consecutive years
(Maximum amount: \$600)

DEADLINES FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS

September 26
November 28

QUESTIONS?

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

“Storyland” at Kimball Public Library

Scottsbluff student actors and actresses performed "Storyland" at the Kimball Public Library. "I really love being involved in this group because I like meeting new people," Eric, a performer from Mitchell, said. Eric participates in the Scottsbluff reading program this summer and is excited to be a part of the adventures planned, and for the children who await them.



The production was based on a child who didn't want to read in the library, but when he started, he got to see all the great adventures that reading books offers. It taught the kids what books do, and how to check them out of the library so they can take the fun home with them.

Following the performance, youngsters stayed to decorate their new sunglasses with gems, stars and markers, provided by the library. They gathered in their grades as they decorated, sharing fun poses, laughs and stories.

Kimball children seemed to enjoy the group, the show and their new sunglasses which rocked with their new shirts that they had tie-dyed previously. The Scottsbluff reading program is traveling from one library to another to perform during summer reading programs.

Drums jump start Family Music Fest

Ashland Public Library staff embraced summer reading by coming up with a big program to go along with this year's theme, "Libraries Rock!" While they could have gone the geology route, they opted for music and developed an eight-week Family Music Fest. Each concert, featuring an area artist, is held in the area north of the library. The performances begin at 6 p.m., but the audience is encouraged to arrive at 5:45 p.m. to set up their lawn chairs and blankets. The Omaha Street Percussion started the concert series off right with an upbeat, high energy performance that had the audience dancing, clapping and drumming along. Some of the other performers include a Chinese lion dancing troupe, Jing Mo Tonga, a blues program by C.A. Waller of Lincoln, and "Music From Around the World" during which musician David Marsh will play multiple instruments and tell stories about world music, highlighting the influence immigrants from around the world have had on American culture. The Family Music Fest concert series was made possible by funds from the Ashland Public Library Foundation and grants from Humanities Nebraska. St.Clair said proceeds from the recent book sale at the library were also used and local businesses also donated funds to help support the program.



Rare Books at ALA

Su Kim Chung (Libraries) recently presented a poster at the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section of the Academic College Research Libraries – American Library Association conference in New Orleans. The poster presentation, “Advancing in Retreat: Librarians and Faculty Converge to Develop Student Assignments,” was developed with humanities librarian Priscilla Finley based on experiences working with UNLV faculty and Special Collections & Archives materials.

Volunteer Recognition



Henderson Libraries recognized our volunteers with an appreciation luncheon on May 9th. With about 133 volunteers and staff in attendance, we showed our gratitude to our volunteers with lunch, a library staff performance (of We Love Volunteers - to the tune of I Love Rock 'n Roll), and raffle prizes. It is amazing to see so much support from our volunteers and we couldn't do what we do without their help! We were so glad to be able to share our gratitude with our volunteers. Library volunteers really do rock!

Henderson Libraries Board Members (and volunteers) rocking out at our "Volunteers Rock" appreciation luncheon.

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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- Foodsco
- Hilander
- Pay-less Cala-Bell
- Bakers
- Jayc
- Fred Meyer jewelers
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- Loaf and Jug





NEW MEXICO

Rio Rancho Librarians Connect at Local Hospitals

by Deanne Deakle

In Rio Rancho, the local medical centers are treated to visits from a couple of experienced and knowledgeable librarians on a regular basis. Dawn Hite and Kathy Campbell showcase the resources of the Rio Rancho Public Library to the staff and visitors at the two Rio Rancho hospitals. They go once a month, from 11:30-1:00, during the cafeteria's busiest time. Their major goal is to let the public know about the resources and services the library has to offer, in particular the eProducts that people can utilize from home. Within their portable trolley they carry their RRPL tablecloth, a laptop to issue library cards, program calendars for adults and children, paperback books to give away, and SWAG such as water bottles, pens, and bookmarks. They keep their outreach supplies stocked and can be ready to go at the drop of a hat. Once at the site they can set up their table within minutes.



Dawn and Kathy regularly hear such positive comments as, "I have a library card with you guys and I use it all the time," "I love the programs at the library," and "You guys do such a good job." Occasionally they also get suggestions as to how the library could be improved, and those comments are valuable too. Recently a Farmington resident stopped by to chat and to pick up a free paperback. She shared that her mother had been brought in by helicopter and she didn't know how long she might be there. In the course of the conversation Dawn was able to sign her up for a Rio Rancho library card and show her how to download books using OverDrive's Libby. She was very grateful that she would now be able to download and read books while her mother was in the hospital.

NEH grant supports Santa Fe Opera at Public Libraries

Things will get rowdy this summer at public libraries across the state, with Libraries Rock!, this year's summer reading theme that will get kids into the rhythm of reading when school is out. As part of summer reading, the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) is pleased to announce The Power of Story in Communities, a summer reading project that will bring high-caliber explorations into our culture, through stories, books, and sharing at libraries. The project, a partnership between DCA, the New Mexico State Library, the Santa Fe Opera, and the Embudo Valley Library, will be carried out over the next three years with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities.



Kicking off this summer, there will be events at three pilot sites: The Public Library Albuquerque and Bernalillo County Library, the Silver City Public Library, and the Embudo Valley Library in Dixon. At the library events, teens will interact with Santa Fe Opera educators, who will transform the library into a playground to unlock each participant's cultural experience, merging individual stories into one community story through the Hero's Journey. Participants will interact, developing characters, costumes, story elements, and a plot, culminating in a final performance finale at each 90-minute event. Inspired by the theme of this year's summer reading program, Libraries Rock!, vocal artists will also join the workshop, resulting in a musical, artistic infusion into the performance. The events will invite exploration, ignite creativity, and encourage all to think critically. Through the interactive storytelling process, teens and kids will reason and ask questions with the goal of bringing participants to new insights into their community, their culture, and the world around them.

ND NORTH DAKOTA

A Family Board Game Creation and Play

The Minot Public Library held a Viking Chess (Hnefatafl) event. The program was a two tier in that participants were invited to create their own board in the MakerSpace and design a 3-D board piece. The second part of the program was playing the game. Those not wanting to design a board were invited to join in the fun and play the game!



NDSCS-Mildred Johnson Library Holds Scan Day

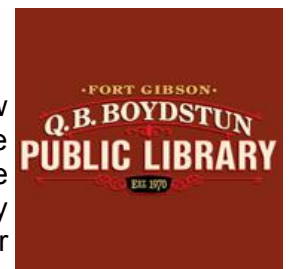
ScanDay Success! Many thanks to the 7 participants of our 1st annual ScanDay event where over 130 items were scanned to be considered for display on Digital Horizons, North Dakota's online treasure house of thousands of images, documents, videos, and oral histories depicting life on the Northern Plains from the late 1800s to today. Special thanks to Trevor Martinson and Breanne Meier of the North Dakota State Library and Emily Ergen of the State Historical Society of North Dakota for their scanning and archival expertise; and special thanks to Melissa Bakken of the Leach Public Library for her collaboration in co-hosting the ScanDay event.



OK OKLAHOMA

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Q.B. Boydston Library used the children's book, "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" to show why it's better to eat the right foods. Youngsters were later treated to some things the caterpillar ate — apples, watermelon, cheese and a leafy vegetable. The goodies were funded through a Health Literacy Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Oklahoma Department of Libraries, said Q.B. Boydston Branch Manager Rhonda Lee. This is the library's second year to receive the grant.



SOUTH DAKOTA

Digital Library of South Dakota

The Digital Library of South Dakota has partnered with the Digital Public Library of America to bring more than 50,000 items held by South Dakota universities to national audiences. As a result, specialized collections, including the papers of political leaders Tom Daschle, Karl Mundt, and George McGovern and oral histories of National Guard soldiers dating back to the 1800s, will be more accessible to the general public.

A collaboration of the libraries at the six South Dakota Board of Regents' universities and other partner institutions in the state, the Digital Library of South Dakota provides digital access to unique resources on regional history and the lives and experiences of generations of South Dakotans. More can be learned about the Digital Library of South Dakota and the Digital Public Library of America at their respective websites, explore.digitalsd.org and dp.la.

Staff Retirement



Redfield Carnegie Library's Assistant Librarian, Betty Baloun, has retired after 36 years of serving the Redfield community.

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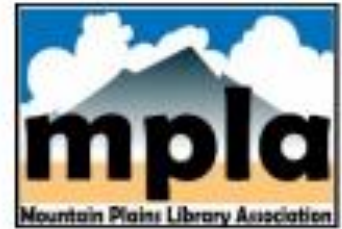
Utah Digital Newspapers Addition

The University of Utah's J. Willard Marriott Library is celebrating a new addition to Utah Digital Newspapers — the complete run of Hill Air Force Base's Hilltop Times. Hill Air Force Base, which was founded shortly before the U.S. entry into World War II, went on to serve a critical maintenance and supply role during the war. The bombers that defeated the Axis powers in World War II — the B-29, B-25, B-24 and B-17 — were repaired, modified or maintained in some way at Hill Air Force Base.

More than 61,000 pages of the Hill Air Force Base newspapers, covering the period 1943 to 2006, have been digitized and are now available to the public. The first issue of the official base newspaper was published on Jan. 1, 1943. "Every page of every issue is available in the base's archive, which also houses some 50,000 original photographs covering the building of the base and the history of aviation in Utah," Tina Kirkham, digital library project manager, said in a statement. For more information about the Utah Digital Newspapers program and online access to the Hilltop Times, contact Kirkham at tina.kirkham@utah.edu.



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

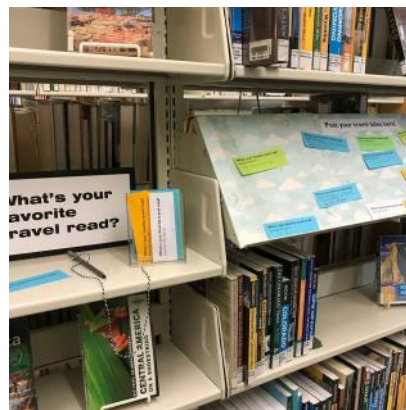
- Leadership development
- Professional growth opportunities
- Engagement with library community

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Travels Galore!

The Teton County Library engaged their patrons through a fun display of their travel collection. Patrons could browse travel guides, put a pin on the map to show where they're travelling, and or leave a travel book recommendation.



Welcome Jessica to the Wyoming State Library

Jessica Dawkins has joined the Wyoming State Library crew as the new Services Collection Technician in the Information Services office. She will oversee the maintenance of the Wyoming State Libraries physical collections and work on book processing and repair, as well as metadata in the digital collection suite. She'll also help out with marketing and publications.

"Jessica brings a lot of skills and talent to our team," said Abby Beaver, Information Services Manager. "I'm thrilled to add someone to our staff who's at the beginning of her library career and is eager to learn about what we can provide to libraries across the state."

Jessica has lived all over the country — Alabama, Alaska, South Carolina, and now, Wyoming. "The one thing consistent in all of these places was the comfort and power of the local library," she said. "I'm incredibly excited to join the Wyoming State Library — it's living my dream! I'm hoping to soak up as much knowledge and information as I possibly can in the upcoming weeks as I find my place here."

Some fun facts about Jessica: She's obsessed with Shakespeare and 18th Century Romantic Literature, and her favorite book is *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson. In her spare time, she writes poetry, essays, and short stories and hopes to be able to finish a full-length novel someday.

Her favorite hobby, other than writing, is photography, particularly abstract and nature-based photography. "For as long as I can remember, I've always had a camera by my side, documenting everyday life and special occasions throughout the years."





Welcome, New Members!

**Lee Ann Barnes**

Director
Okeene Public Library
Okeene OK

Emily Bullough

Reference/Instruction Librarian
Utah Valley University Fulton Library
Orem UT

Dan Compton

Director
Summit County Library
Park City UT

Terri Crawford

Director
Wagonta Public Library
Watonga OK

Leslie Durham

Director, Elgin Community Library
Elgin OK

Emily Eresuma

Senior Medical Librarian
Primary Childrens Hospital/
Intermountain Health Care
Salt Lake City UT

Kim Griffiths

Director
Tremonton City Library
Tremonton UT

Teresia Harrison

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