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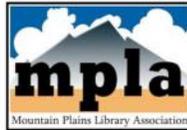
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## Leadership Institute

Prescott Arizona  
June 7-12, 2020



More Info:  
<https://www.mpla.us/services/mpla-leadership-institute/>

If you are still working on your Leadership Institute (LI) fellow application or contemplating whether or not this program is for you, this 2020 LI Q&A session is for you.

LI Coordinator, Aubrey Madler will host this informative session via Zoom web conferencing. Numbers are limited for the live event, so please register in advance. If seats fill, please email Aubrey at [coordinator@mpla.us](mailto:coordinator@mpla.us) to receive a recording and/or ask your questions directly.

**When: Dec 3, 2019 11:00 AM Mountain Time**

**Register** in advance for this meeting by 5:00 PM Monday, Dec 2nd:  
<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/v5MrfuCqpsj5iQbrJVtaYKSctQrMTpUvQ>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the session.

For more information about MPLA's Leadership Institute, go to <https://mpla.us/services/mpla-leadership-institute/>.

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## President's Message

Greetings from Denver! With almost a month of reflection, we had an exciting, collaborative conference jointly hosted by MPLA and the New Mexico Library Association. One of the most impactful sessions I attended was lead by our current Vice-President, Robin Newell, on the topic of Adaptive Leadership. The beginning of Adaptive Leadership is recognizing the interval between concerns for the present and aspirations for the future. According to Cambridge Leadership Associates, "Adaptive Leadership is the framework you need to diagnose, interrupt, and innovate to create the capabilities that match your organizations aspirations." The daily work of libraries, librarianship, and serving our various communities are critical, but we also need to take a step back and really think through the larger implications and chart a course for ourselves, our libraries, and (where appropriate) our parent institutions.



I want to take this opportunity to thank and appreciate the good work accomplished during Leslie Langley's term. We had a membership rally (congratulations Shanna and Kansas for winning the rally), we saw the first test of the Zoom webinar platform for offering professional development, and we had a year of planning the NMLA/MPLA conference. Now, we have the chance to look forward to building on our more than seventy-year history. We are in a busy time; Leadership Institute is coming up in June 2020 (there is still time to apply!), professional development opportunities abound, and it is committee assignment time. As President, I have the enjoyable task of matching members with committees, and to that end I had an email sent looking to discern your interest in serving on committees. With a due date of November 15, I am now working to compile committee membership. Work will begin shortly on planning our 2021 spring conference with the Utah Library Association.

I think back on the Kansas Leadership Center's Adaptive Leadership Framework, Wanda Brown's keynote, and collaboration/networking that happens at conference and am excited about where we are headed with MPLA!

**Stephen Sweeney**

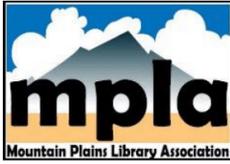
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# Press Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
November 1, 2019

## **THE MOUNTAIN PLAINS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES MENTORS FOR 2020 LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**

LAKESWOOD, CO, NOVEMBER 1, 2019:

The Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) announces mentors for the 2020 Leadership Institute to be held at the Yavapai College, Prescott, AZ June 7 – 12, 2020.

The MPLA Leadership Institute Committee selected three mentors from a pool of applicants based on diversity of skills and experiences and their dedication to MPLA. Those joining the leadership team for the 2020 Institute are: Mickey Coalwell, Executive Director of the Mid-America Library Alliance in Kansas City, MO; Annie Epperson, Professor, Natural Sciences Librarian, Coordinator of Engagement & Academic Programming at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, CO; and Eileen Wright, Reference Librarian/Archivist at Montana State University - Billings, MT. Aubrey Madler, Assistant Director at Mayville State University's Byrnes-Quanbeck Library in Mayville, ND and Coordinator of the Leadership Institute will also serve as a mentor.

They will be on site for an intense five-day institute focused on library leadership lending an ear, lessons learned, and recommendations to Institute fellows. They will also contribute mini-workshops that supplement content delivered by facilitator, Mark A. Puente, who is the Director of Diversity and Leadership Programs at the Association of Research Libraries (ARL). Congratulations mentors!

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

Founded in 1948, the Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) is a twelve state association of librarians, library paraprofessionals and friends of libraries in Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming. Its purpose is to promote the development of librarians and libraries by providing significant educational and networking opportunities.

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# Conference Highlights!

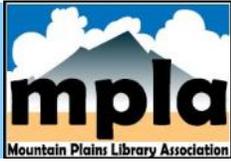


Clockwise from top: President Leslie Langley introducing ALA President Wanda Brown; Librarians from 12 states gather for the NMLA/MPLA awards reception; Past President Langley passing the gavels to President Sweeney; All smiles at the MPLA reception from Mary Ann Thompson, Eileen Wright, and Ellen Fockler; more smiles from Mary Ann , Roy Degler, Annie Epperson, and Eileen; Rubber duckies!!; even more smiles Eileen, Mary Ann, Annie, and Judy Zelenski; Past



President Langley with the membership rally winner Shanna Smith from KS. ; Finally, Langley and Delger show the board a Dan Chaney collection poster.





# Mountain Plains Library Association Award Winners!



Annie Epperson, recipient of the 2019 MPLA Distinguished Service Award. Annie is the Natural Sciences Librarian, Professor, Coordinator of Engagement & Academic Programming, and Associate Director for UNC Community & Civic Engagement at the University of Northern Colorado.

Also pictured: Diane Weaver and Past President Leslie Langley

“Tonya Palmer from Grand Forks Public Library's Information Services Department received the Mountain Plains Library Associations' 2019 Innovator Award, for creating and developing the library's Haunted Stacks Event. The Innovator Award recognizes an "up-and-coming individual or group in the MPLA region for a creative, inventive, trail-blazing project that has significance to the library community." We at GFP\_ are so proud of you Tonya!

- From Grand Forks Public Library FB Page

Also pictured: Past President Leslie Langley



Dawn Hite, recipient of the 2019 MPLA Dan Chaney Unsung Hero Award. Dawn is the Technical Services Manager for the Rio Rancho Public Libraries (RRPL) in New Mexico.

Also pictured: Past President Leslie Langley



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## Big Read Dickinson

Paul Amberg, Outreach Librarian at Dickinson Public Library

On June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) awarded a grant to Dickinson State University (DSU) to be used to help fund a Big Read in Dickinson. The NEA Big Read is a program designed to broaden our understanding of our world, our communities, and ourselves through the joy of sharing a good book. DSU is one of 78 not-for-profit organizations to receive a grant to host an NEA Big Read project and DSU's will be held between October 22nd and December 5th. The NEA Big Read is presented in partnership with Arts Midwest.

To truly make this the community event that the NEA Big Read is meant to be, DSU is partnering with Belouga, the Bowman Public Library, the Dickinson Area Public Library (DAPL) and Medora Branch, Dickinson High School, Dickinson Trinity High School, the Dickinson Museum Center, the DSU Heritage Foundation, Edgewood Hawks Point, Joe Frenzel, Mandan-Hidatsa-Arikara (MHA) Nation Veterans, Prairie Public Broadcasting, Precision Line and the Ramada Grand Dakota Lodge. The NEA Big Read would not be possible without these and potentially other sponsors.

The book being featured for the NEA Big Read in Dickinson will be *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien. Tim O'Brien is a Vietnam vet and his book is a highly acclaimed, fictionalized version of his and others' experiences in Vietnam. The author will be in Dickinson on November 13th as part of the NEA Big Read. While Tim O'Brien will be delivering the Keynote on November 13<sup>th</sup>, it will neither be the only event nor the 1st event for the public in Dickinson. The Kick-off event, "Veterans Giving Voice," is slated for 7 pm on Tuesday, October 22nd at the DAPL. This opening event will feature Vietnam Veteran and author Anthony Bukoski, Vietnam Veteran and former DSU President Rich Brauhn, and another panelist to be named later. DAPL Outreach Librarian Paul Amberg, himself a veteran, will moderate and ask questions of the panel that will be submitted by the public prior to the event.

Films will be a significant part of the NEA Big Read here in Dickinson. Join us on Saturday, October 26th for a viewing of *Good Morning Vietnam* with discussion to follow. Then starting Saturday November 2nd and continuing each Saturday through November 30th, DSU will be presenting 2 episodes each Saturday of *The Vietnam War: A Film by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick* in Beck Auditorium. Viewer discretion is advised for these 6 events with footage or dramatization from the Vietnam War. Additionally, Prairie Public Broadcasting, Inc. will be presenting *Basketball, Water and the Lost City of Elbowoods*. A panel discussion featuring Prairie Public's Matt Olien (the producer, writer and narrator), state senator Merrill Piepkorn and others will follow the film.

What would a community event involving a book be without a book club? Actually there will be several. Several private book clubs have committed to reading and discussing *The Things They Carried* during October and November. There will be public book clubs as well. The DAPL will be hosting 2 book clubs. Books & Brew will meet at DePorres House of Barbering & Lounge on Thursday, November 7th at 7pm, while the DAPL's Adult Book Club will discuss the book on Monday, November 25th at 6pm at the DAPL. The DAPL will also have 2 book club kits to check out in case you want to host your own book club, and we hope you do.

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DSU will be presenting *Reentry: A Staged Reading of a Play* by Emily Ackerman and K.J. Sanchez on October 25th & 26th at 7:30pm in Beck Auditorium. The play is a docudrama based on interviews with real Marines and their families. DSU's Global Table series, which is hosted at the Stoxen Library, will take on themes related to the NEA Big Read beginning with Author Anthony Bukoski on October 23rd. Professor Bukoski will read some of his work and talk about his experiences. Global tables are held at the Stoxen Library every other Wednesday at noon. The closing event of the NEA Big Read in Dickinson will be held on Thursday, December 5th at 5pm. This final event will deal with war and trauma and its effects on both soldiers and civilians.

The highlight of the NEA Big Read here in Dickinson will be a visit from the author of *The Things They Carried*, Tim O'Brien. Mr. O'Brien will hold a writing talk at Dickinson High School for students of DHS and of Trinity and another for students from DSU and New Town. At 7pm on Wednesday, November 13th, Mr. O'Brien will deliver the keynote for the NEA Big Read in Dickinson at the Dorothy Stickney Auditorium in May Hall. Seating will be on a first come, first serve basis but there will be an overflow area where the keynote will be streamed. The keynote will also be streamed to the Bowman Public Library and the Dakota Women's Correctional and Rehabilitation Center.

These and other events will create numerous opportunities for the communities of Dickinson and SW North Dakota to have a conversation about a good book and its topic. We hope to see you at one or more events.



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# Professional Development Grants

*Grants are awarded to support the following:*

- 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.

## *Value of Grants*

Annual budget equals the funding for grants approved but not yet awarded from the previous year plus the funding awarded for grants in the coming year. Funding for grants that have been approved but are not awarded is returned to the MPLA general fund.

*MPLA sponsors the two categories of grants:*

### **Mini-grant**

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

### **Regular grant**

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

## *Grant Funding*

- Reimbursement of actual expenses incurred during a project.
- Transportation reimbursement for the lowest possible fare or for personal vehicles, mileage for the shortest route at the amount per mile allowed for deduction for federal income tax deductions.
- Grant funding for course work limited to tuition, fees and books.
- Funding approved but not needed to reimburse expenses is returned to the MPLA general fund.
- Expenses in excess of the grant funding approved are not reimbursed.

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## Peer Research Consultant Program

Starting in February 2019, the Chester Fritz Library (CFL) rewrote Karlene Clark's position as Coordinator, Peer Research Consultants Reference Service Librarian. With this change, Dean Stephanie Walker tasked her with creating a new Peer Research Consultant (PRC) program. Based on literature stating that the best outcomes had three core team members (one from Access and two Information Literacy Librarians) Karlene (coming from Access) chose Holly Gabriel and Kristen Borysewicz to assist her.

After an extensive literature review, the team created the background documents which included a statement of purpose, job descriptions, and evaluation forms. As this is a new program, one job requirement was asking applicants to consider a two-year appointment, which would allow for carry-over while team members could be built up.

In May, the first two PRCs were hired. Over the summer, the training program was developed as the first of the students worked through the assignments. LibGuides was used to house the projects and assignments for the students. This fall, CFL has one PRC in training and one not only staffing the desk, but assisting in teaching the English 130 courses alongside a librarian.

Assistant Director Sally Dockter has also been involved in the project from the beginning, aiding in the creation of a Knowledge Commons which will be implemented in the fall of 2020 when a remodel of the library will be complete. The new area will include the PRCs, as well as student mentors from Academic Support, Career Services, and the Writing Center.

CFL is the main campus library for the University of North Dakota, and the hope is to have a full team of eight PRCs within the next three years.

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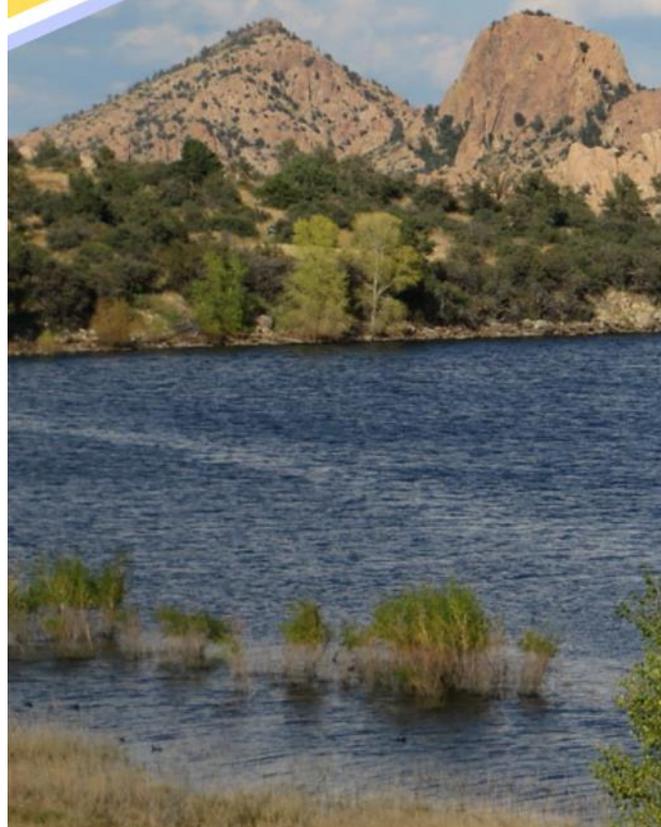
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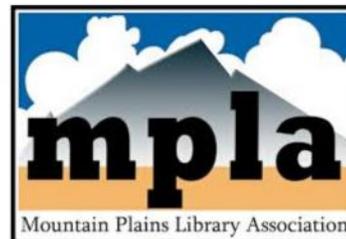
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# Around the Region



## Arizona Conference

The Arizona Library Association annual conference was held in Tucson, November 7-8. AzLA also offered an E-Resources Forum on November 6, and a post-conference day for school librarians and library staff serving youth, on Saturday, November 9.



Amadee at the MPLA booth

## Early Literacy Summit

The Arizona Library Association and the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records will present the state's first-ever Early Literacy Summit, January 8-10, in Chandler. The Summit will be a rich professional development and networking opportunity for library staff serving young children and families, and will feature keynote speakers Dr. Blake Brandes, Dr. Dipesh Navsaria, and Dr. Megan McClelland. Program details and registration are available [online](#).



Yavapai County Librarian Corey Christians took office as the new President of AzLA. Corey's priorities for his presidential year are building partnerships, adding value for AzLA members, and helping Arizona libraries work together effectively.

## 2019 National Medal for Museum and Library Service Finalist

Tempe Public Library is one of 30 finalists for the 2019 National Medal for Museum and Library Service. Tempe Public Library is the only institution in Arizona to be selected as a finalist. Finalists are chosen because of their significant and exceptional contributions to their communities. Tempe Public Library stands out for programs such as the Tempe Book Bike, Dementia Friendly Tempe - Memory Café, FanCon, and wide range of programs that promote literacy and family engagement. Read more at <https://www.tempe.gov/Home/Components/News/News/13396>.

## Virtual Conference

The 2019 Arizona Library Association Virtual Conference, "What You Don't Learn in Library School," was held on April 4, with an estimated 200 participants. Sessions were recorded and are available on the AzLA Youtube channel: [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKBiZiRSmSncGtlK8\\_4IBX6XnF3D8gXnu](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKBiZiRSmSncGtlK8_4IBX6XnF3D8gXnu).





## October is Conflict Resolution Month in Colorado

Each year, Conflict Resolution Month in Colorado recommends a book for the community at large with the goal of spreading information and encouraging conversation on ways to manage conflicts of all types and in a variety of situations. This year's title is a picture book appealing to all ages - *The Rabbit Listened* by Cori Doerrfeld.

In this year's selection the protagonist, Taylor, experiences a disappointing event. Readers are invited to process through the experience with Taylor as a variety of animal companions attempt to help make the situation better.

Conflict is a natural part of daily life and can include disappointment, grief, and loss. Through conflict we have the opportunity to grow personally as well as through our relationships. In this book, Taylor experiences loss and a parade of well-meaning characters try to soothe Taylor with mixed results. It is the simplest approach that allows Taylor to heal.

Would you like to start the conversation with your community? Consider hosting a book club event and give *The Rabbit Listened* a try.

## Japanese American Community History Project

An article printed on October 2, 2019 in CU BOULDER TODAY (<https://www.colorado.edu/today/>) highlighted the launching of a Japanese American Community History Project that started in August.

During this project, CU Boulder's Japanese and Korean Studies librarian Adam Lisbon and head of archives Megan Friedel are conducting interviews, digitizing records, and collecting new archival material in time for the 75th anniversary of President Franklin D. Roosevelt suspending Japanese incarceration in the United States.

Read more about this project by following this link to Sam Linnerooth's article "75 Years After Internment, Librarians Give Voice To Japanese and Japanese American History." (<https://www.colorado.edu/today/2019/10/02/75-years-after-internment-librarians-give-voice-japanese-and-japanese-american-history>)



## Groundbreaking in Canton, KS

In this Kansas township of 900 citizens, the last-built Carnegie Library that is on both the state and federal historic registries resides. The Canton Public Library will be remodeled this year. Starting in 2014, a group of concerned citizens participated in a campaign to improve the library. Following five years of planning and three years of fundraising, construction will begin in October. The project will address the needs of the library due to the age and original inaccessible features of the building.



“Now it can become a facility that can provide learning and enjoyment for all ages,” said Sandra Dresher, President of the Canton Township Carnegie Library Board. An addition on the ground level will allow access to persons with disabilities and provide entrance/exits that comply with fire code regulations. Currently, there is only one door to the library. An upgrade to central heating and air conditioning and waterproofing the basement is also planned. A 100 year celebration is in the planning stages for October 2021.

## “Hidden Gems”

Emporia State University's Special Collections and Archives are helping to uncover some of the "Hidden Gems" which help make ESU a great place to be. The Hidden Gems exhibit featured an in-depth look at numerous programs, locations and resources which may be lesser known on the ESU campus. Special Collections and Archives

spokesperson Rebekkah Curry says the mission of special collections is the collection and preservation of ESU history.



## Library hosting teen poetry program with Montana Repertory Theatre

Billings Public Library hosted a teen program called "On Your Feet Poetry" with Montana Repertory Theatre in September. Teens joined actors from the Montana Repertory Theatre, Montana's only full-season professional equity theater in its 52nd season, and learned how to create poetry on the fly. The teens then teamed up and created poetry in a fun and fast call-and-response fashion.

## Self-Help Video Project from the State Law Library

By: Sarah McClain, Director State Law Library of Montana

The State Law Library is excited to share an update on the Self-Help Video Project, comprised of members from the State Law Library, Court-Help Program, and Law Clerk for the Montana Supreme Court. We recently completed and posted 17 short videos on Montana legal topics and specific forms, intended to assist self-represented litigants with specific legal topics and forms. Access all 17 videos through the [Montana Courts YouTube channel](#), or find them on the State Law Library and Court Help Program webpages, including:

The topics of [Legal Resources in Montana, Best Practices for Filing Documents in Montana Courts, and Methods of Service in Montana](#) on the Court Help page; and

Form-specific videos providing step-by-step guidance, located on the Forms section of the Judicial Branch website (<https://courts.mt.gov/>). For example, link to the [Dissolution with Children forms page](#) to access four instructional videos for specific forms.

Many thanks to former MT Supreme Court Law Clerk Hannah Wilson, and former AmeriCorps Members Anisa Ricci and Michael Turpie, who dedicated significant time and talent to this project!

## Wilson Public Library Art Garden

Past and present Cozad Library Foundation members recently met to admire the completion of phases 1 and 2 of a planned four-phase Art Garden south of the Wilson Public Library. The vision of the garden has been five years in the making, with fundraising and purchase of the inaugural sculptures completed in 2017, in time for the library's centennial as a designated Carnegie Library. Knowledge and Understanding, by Utah artist Gary Lee Price, are the keystone pieces to the garden. The Foundation is continuing to raise funds for Wisdom, the third sculpture of the original bronze trio.

In the meantime, the Cozad Library Foundation is moving forward with fundraising for phases 3 and 4 of the landscaping and hopes to have funds secured by summer 2020. Additionally, memorial bricks are being sold again at the library. \$100 each, these bricks may be personalized up to three lines and will be on display in the library until laid in the concrete of phase 4, similar to what is already in phase 1 of the garden.



Photo: L-R: Jill Albrecht, Brynn Young, Claire Bazata, Julie Linn, Val Geiger, Barbara Fink, and past Foundation member Patti Neill. Not pictured: Larry Harvill, Dr. Jim Acker, Patty Wolfe, and past Foundation member Barbara Boos.



**Newest Branch in Las Vegas-Clark County Library District**

The East Las Vegas Library is located in the heart of the Latino community. Surrounded by 14 elementary schools, two middle schools, and three high schools, the East Las Vegas library will benefit thousands of young people by furthering their education. This library offers all of the amenities of a modern 21st-century urban public library. Customers enjoy free WiFi, a Teen Sphere, Built From Scratch Tech Lab (including music production and video editing workstations, along with industry-standard DJ equipment and isolated sound booth for recording), and other hands-on tech opportunities; a Homework Help Center with free tutoring; a Toy Lending Library; and an outdoor play area. There will be over 1,000 programs per year in early childhood and parenting education; media production and makerspace labs; culinary and nutrition programs in our first-ever demonstration kitchen; STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, math) projects; plus English language, high school diploma, and citizenship instruction; and so much more. The multipurpose room is a large space available to enjoy educational lectures, personal and cultural enrichment, and social events. The public can rent this room for meetings, live performances, private parties, and any special occasion.



Career services are offered at the [One-Stop Career Center](#), including computer labs, skills training, and employment programs. The One-Stop mission is to move people into good-paying jobs and help small businesses with start-ups and expansions.

The East Las Vegas Library will also emphasize books and other popular materials in [Spanish](#), including magazines and newspapers, plus bilingual resources for children.

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Be prepared to be amazed at the East Las Vegas Library, where you will enjoy a welcoming environment, memorable experiences, and excellent customer service interactions with staff. Stop by the newest library of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District to experience for yourself all the discoveries that await you.

**Tammy Westergard Named Nevada State Librarian**

Named Nevada's Deputy State Librarian in 2016 and State Librarian in October 2019, Tammy Westergard is focused on the library as an "onramp" for working-age citizens to reframe or gain marketable skills. She's helped arrange opportunities for training in advanced manufacturing - with ability to earn industry recognized credentials - at the library. She says focus on strategic partnerships through shared and complementary workforce development policy has been key to success and sustainability. In 2016, Library Journal named Tammy as an Agent of Change Mover and Shaker. Tammy received her bachelor's degree in Speech Communications from the University of Nevada, Reno. She has a Graduate Academic Certificate in Advanced Management, a Master of Library Science from the University of North Texas and is a member of Beta Phi Mu, the international library and information studies honor society. See: Westergard, T. (2016). The Library Movement as the Real Mentor and How Stories Recognizing Good Work Influence Us. OLA Quarterly, 21(3), 23-29. <http://dx.doi.org/10.7710/1093-7374.1824>



## Grocery Rewards—King Soopers/Kroger

There are no longer grocery gift cards linked to MPLA. Instead, you can link your loyalty card to our MPLA Community Awards Program account.

To do so: Go to <http://www.kingsoopers.com>

**Once logged into your King Soopers/Kroger account, search for Mountain Plains Library Association by name or our account: KK820.** Then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a loyalty card. If you previously purchased grocery cards they may still be used and reloaded but they will no longer provide rebates for MPLA. Instead, there is a quarterly designated funding amount which is shared by all Community Rewards organizations. Amounts are determined by the percentage of purchases by each organization.

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**The Freedom to Read Week Celebration — “No Voice Should Be Silenced”**

In honor of Banned Books Week, the Belen Public Library and Belen Harvey House Museum planned a week of events to highlight the struggles and triumphs of women in areas of art, literature, bodily autonomy and suffrage. Events included Belen Women’s Suffrage in New Mexico with guest speaker, Naomi Sandwiess and the New Mexico Territorial Ladies League appearing in costume. A community discussion on Banned Books by Women was moderated by Laura Sanchez with the Friends of the Belen Public Library. Programs included *The Social Censorships of Women*, a presentation and discussion with Dr. Julia So, associate professor of sociology, UNM-Valencia and the screening of films *Iron Jawed Angels* and *Women’s Art, Women’s Bodies*. Additionally, a Censorship Public discussion was led by Dr. Paula Castillo, acclaimed contemporary artist and art historian. Amanda Romero, experimental arts and musicians, co-director 1415 Gallery and Belen Art League special exhibit, “Art By and About Women” also participated.



Belen Public Library Director Kathleen Pickering is pictured with a timeline of the women’s suffrage movement at the Belen Harvey House Museum. The display, created by museum coordinator Frances Zeller, is just one part of the week long Freedom to Read Celebration — “No Voice Should Be Silenced” — program presented by the library for Banned Books Week, Sept. 22-28.  
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**Music & Learning!**

The Williston Community Library received a grant from the Robert E. Herman Family Foundation to bring child development specialist, author and musician Jim Gill to North Dakota for the second time. Jim engages children, parents and grandparents in joyful, energizing play in order to inspire them to continue to play at home. In total, over 400 of our patrons enjoyed clapping, dancing and singing along to Jim and his banjo. ([https://www.willistonherald.com/news/education/children-s-musician-and-author-jim-gill-to-visit-williston/article\\_58884aca-f1f0-11e9-a53d-cb7574ba3e2a.html](https://www.willistonherald.com/news/education/children-s-musician-and-author-jim-gill-to-visit-williston/article_58884aca-f1f0-11e9-a53d-cb7574ba3e2a.html))



**Happenings @ Bismarck Veteran Memorial Public Library**

During September, Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library celebrated National Library Card Sign Up month with two different contests. The first was a Facebook contest asking visitors to their page how they used their library card. At the end of the month, a randomly picked commenter won a gift card. Secondly, first-time cardholders could register for a chance to win a gift card. The library also had a photo-booth area where cardholders were encouraged to take selfies with their library cards.



The Friends of the Bismarck Public Library fall book sale’s three-day event raised a new record of \$25,500! It might be hard to fathom the volume of books it would take to raise that amount of money at \$1 per pound, but our amazing FOL volunteers could tell you all about it. In fact, volunteers are already hard at work sorting books that patrons have donated for the spring sale scheduled for March 5-7, 2020.

## Promoting Health in Bartlesville

The Bartlesville Public Library applied for and received \$9,000 in funding for health programs in Washington County through the Institute for Museum and Library Literacy and the Oklahoma Department of Libraries.

Courses taking place at the Bartlesville Public Library fall line-up will include Tuesday Yoga, Tai Chi, Dieting Trends (when Josh Wright will present insight on various dieting trends), Kickboxing, Healthy Cooking, and Essential Oils.



## Halloween in Ardmore, OK

In October, the Champion Public Library of the Southern Oklahoma Library System offered some free fun to kids and young adults, featuring a trick-or-treat bag decorating class and a Family Movie Day featuring a family-friendly Halloween flick. Other special events, geared more for the older kids, included a tea towel decorating class and a pumpkin decorating class as well as an Escape Room, “Mix Up at the Morgue,” for people wanting a creepy challenge, and a Young Adult Movie Night featuring a horror movie for patrons 17-years-old and up.



All this horror-ific fun was offered to patrons for free, thanks to grants awarded to the library system and employees teaching classes that interested them personally.



### 2019 SDLA Conference

The SDLA Conference was held September 25th-27th in Spearfish, SD. Kari Chapin was Wednesday’s opening keynote speaker and offered advice on actively learning from the conference and making connections. The Thursday morning keynote was ALA President Wanda Brown. She is also speaking at the NMLA/MPLA joint conference. Children’s book author, Jessie Taken Alive Rencountre, was keynote at the Thursday lunch. She spoke about what inspired her to write her first children’s book. The final keynote was Jennifer LaGarde (aka Library Girl!). American Association of School Librarians President, Mary Keeling, also attended and did sessions on AASL and School Library Standards. The Thursday night Dessert Reception was held at the High Plains Western Heritage Center. Friday morning President Maria Gruener passed on the presidential gravel to Ashia Gustafson. The 2020 SDLA Conference will be in Aberdeen, SD September 30th – October 2nd.

### GameDay

For the first time ever, ESPN’s College GameDay came to South Dakota. GameDay filmed on the South Dakota State University campus in Brookings before the Jacks vs Bison Dakota Marker



game on October 26th. The whole town got involved with Jackrabbet spirit, including the Brookings Public Library. Staff all wore their SDSU Jackrabbet shirts and created a jackrabbet out of blue books.

### Grow with Google

Google was in Sioux Falls, SD October 28th with their Grow with Google program at the downtown Siouxland Library. Google reps hosted workshops for Sioux Falls residents on how Google services can help them find jobs and grow their businesses.



### Storybook Pumpkin Patch

The Garland Public Library in Garland UT held a Pumpkin painting and decorating workshop. Pumpkins were provided on a first come first served basis until they ran out, or patrons could bring their own to turn favorite books and other great ideas into really cool storybook pumpkins! Once completed, the pumpkins were displayed, and patrons were able to vote for their favorites.



**Wyoming SHRAB Awards Historical Records Grants**

The Wyoming State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) has awarded grant funds to five Wyoming organizations that are promoting preservation of and access to Wyoming’s historical records. The University of Wyoming Coe Library will use their \$2,400 award to convert over 700 stereograph photos of Yellowstone (digitized under a SHRAB grant this year) to 3-D images. This process will allow online viewers to see the images in the lifelike way in which they were first made available. Other grant recipients were the Eastern Shoshone Tribe Archives, Hoofprints of the Past Museum in Kaycee, the Hot Springs County Museum and Cultural Center in Thermopolis, and the Professional Land Surveyors of Wyoming.

**New Library Director**

The Albany County Public Library has a new director, Rachel Crocker. First hired in January 2018 as the assistant director at ACPL, Crocker has been serving as interim director since May. The board’s Tuesday news release noted Crocker’s “ample strategic planning and visioning experience” as well as her “financial and organizational management skillset” as two key reasons behind its decision.



Before her time with ACPL, Crocker worked with the nongovernmental agency IREX, coordinating and planning to assist public libraries in eight countries, including in Nigeria and the Philippines. Crocker also worked for the Kansas State University library, teaching library instruction classes and doing community outreach, among other duties.

“I am thrilled to take on this new role at the ACPL,” Crocker said in the news release. “I look forward to working with the staff, board and community to continue the ACPL’s great work and to create a vision for how the library can best serve and adapt to the growth and changes in Albany County.”





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<b>Brittany Aldayel</b>	Programming Assistant		West Fargo Public Library	West Fargo	ND
<b>Ruben F. Aragon</b>	Library Director		New Mexico Highlands University	Las Vegas	NM
<b>Megan Baird</b>	Branch Manager	Yuma County Library	San Luis Library	San Luis	AZ
<b>Melissa Bakken</b>	Director Interim		Leach Public Library	Wahpeton	ND
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<b>Alyssa Brillante</b>	Student	University of Denver		Las Cruces	NM
<b>Stacey Brown</b>	Research Desk Apprentice	University of Colorado Boulder	University Libraries	Boulder	CO
<b>Carla Bywaters</b>	Student Library	University of Nevada, Reno		Reno	NV
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<b>Centi Clogston</b>			Lawrence Public Library		KS



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<b>Bruce Douglass</b>	Librarian III Consultant		Nevada State Library, Archives, & Public Record	Carson City	NV
<b>Arnessa Dowell</b>	Information Services Director		Grand Forks Public Library	Grand Forks	ND
<b>Zachary Drechsel</b>	Reserves Supervisor	North Dakota State University	University Library	Fargo	ND
<b>Kelly Easton</b>			Southwest Kansas Library System		KS
<b>Nicole Eckroth</b>	Instructional Services	University of Mary	Welder Library	Bismarck	ND
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<b>Linde Furman</b>					AZ
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<b>Stacie Harter</b>	Librarian		Edgemont Public Library	Edgemont	SD



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Jeremy Hixson	Library Assistant - Circulation		Humboldt County Library	Winnemucca	NV
Jeff Howick	Young Adult Librarian	public library	Prescott Valley Public Library	Prescott Valley	AZ
Monica K. Hyde	Interlibrary Loan Assistant Librarian		West Fargo Public Library	Fargo	ND
Noel Z. Jones	Librarian	Las Vegas-Clark County Library District	Sunrise Library	Las Vegas	NV
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<b>Kara Mills</b>	Librarian	Pima County Public Library	Joyner Green Valley	Green Valley	AZ
<b>Liana Morales</b>	Library Manager		New Mexico State Library	Los Lunas	NM
<b>Zhaina Moya</b>	Adult Services Librarian		Minot Public Library	Minot	ND
<b>Sarah Moyer</b>	Teen Services Librarian		Liberal Memorial Library	Liberal	KS
<b>Rachel Munch</b>	Library Skills Educator	Belle Fourche School District		Belle Fourche	SD
<b>Denise Muniz</b>	Collection Development Librarian		Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library	Broomfield	CO
<b>Francisca V. Murrietta</b>	Supervisor	Yuma County Library District	Somerton	Yuma	AZ
<b>Debra Nahl</b>	MacIntosh District Librarian	Public School District #15-1		MacIntosh	SD



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<b>Jessica Skorheim</b>	School Librarian	Huron School District		Huron	SD
<b>Sam Slocum</b>	Librarian		Rapid City Public Library	Rapid City	SD





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Elizabeth Vigil	Children's Librarian		Rio Rancho Public Library	Rio Rancho	NM
Jordana Vincent	Collection Development Manager		Collection Development Manager	Greeley	CO





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