

Mountain Plains Library Association

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Together Again!

How good it felt to see so many MPLA colleagues at the tri-conference in Montana. It felt like a big family reunion! The conference was terrific with a great variety of sessions and outside activities to keep everyone busy.

I want to take another opportunity to say “thank you” to our archives group for the amount of work that has gone into retrieving the MPLA archives materials from the Denver Public Library. There was a great article in the last issue of the newsletter and the crew gave a great presentation at conference. Over 40 boxes whittled down to about five! Thanks to Annie Epperson, Jerry Hudson, Eileen Wright, Stephen Boss, Roy Degler, Mary Ann Thompson and Elena Rosenfeld. The work isn’t complete yet. Now the digitization process begins.

There are exciting things to report! Roy Degler continues work on a new website for MPLA. Speaking of the website, the Executive Board approved the MPLA Access to Information Statement, which now appears on the front page. <https://mpla.us/>

The MPLA Leadership Institute is back in 2023! There are seven open slots for the 2023 cohort. Information is front and center on the MPLA website.

Past President’s Advisory Council (PACK). Back in 2017, the Board approved this new advisory group. It is my goal during my term as president to get this group fully formed and active. Jean Hatfield has agreed to help get things rolling. MPLA past presidents share a wealth of institutional knowledge for this great association, and they will be a great advisory group moving forward.

Changes coming to Institutional Memberships. The Executive Board voted to implement some changes to institutional memberships, wherein a) organizations with institutional memberships will receive 3-6 individual memberships, based on their level of dues, to give out at their discretion to their employees and b) allow employees who work for organizations with institutional memberships to attend the annual conference at a membership rate.



As I said, many exciting things are going on with MPLA, and I am so privileged to be in the front seat for the next few months.

Thank you!

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MPLA Access to Information Statement

The Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) represents librarians, library paraprofessionals and friends of libraries in our 12-state region. As a professional organization:

MPLA stands in support of the freedom to read, free speech, and unfettered access to information as inalienable rights protected by the First Amendment; and

MPLA supports librarians' expertise in their selection of reading materials and provision of information resources to their patrons and communities. Professionally trained librarians use their expertise to purchase resources and books to develop collections appropriate for the communities they serve, while also allowing for the opportunity to learn about other populations or ideas that may be different from their own; and

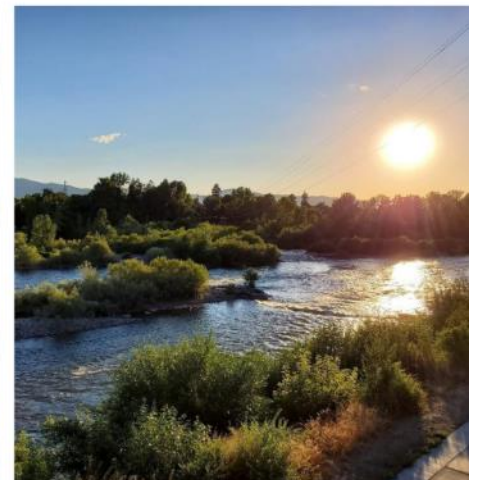
Librarians around the world have studied S.R. Ranganathan's five laws of library science, and MPLA would call out two of them:

- Law 3 states "Every book its reader" – MPLA interprets this to mean that all books have a place in the library, even if only a small demographic might choose to read them; and
- Law 5 states "A library is a growing organism" – MPLA supports everyone's right to books and information; libraries should be a safe place where people can learn and grow; and a library should be a dynamic institution that is never static in its outlook

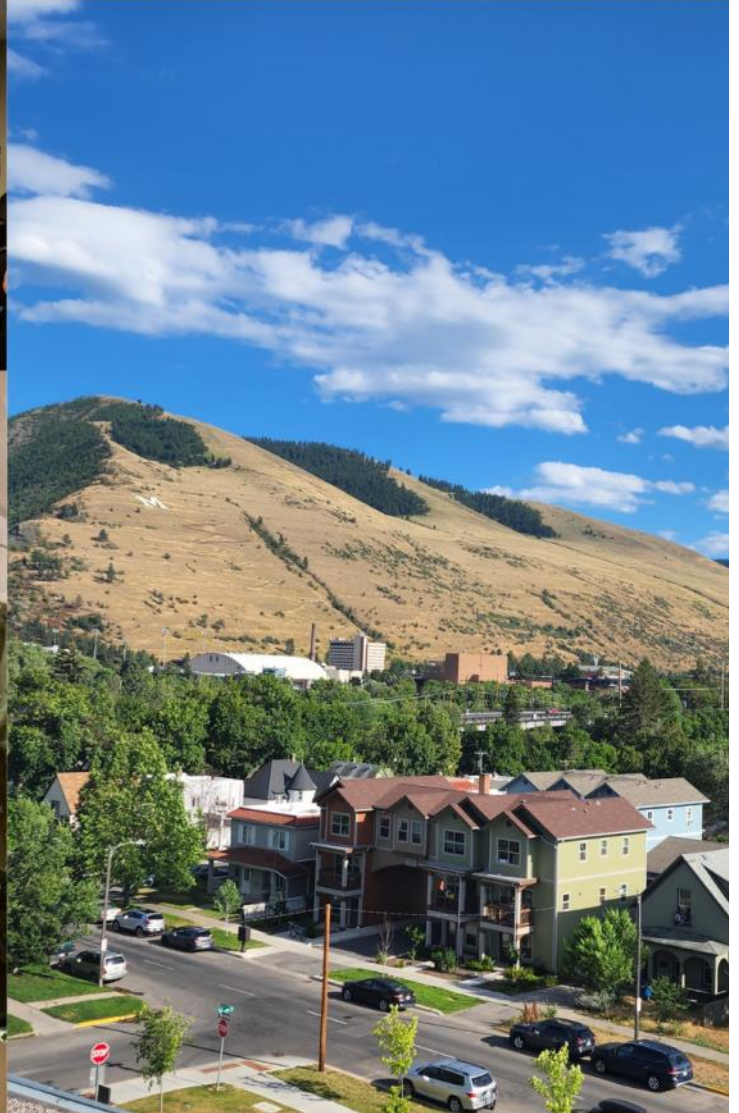
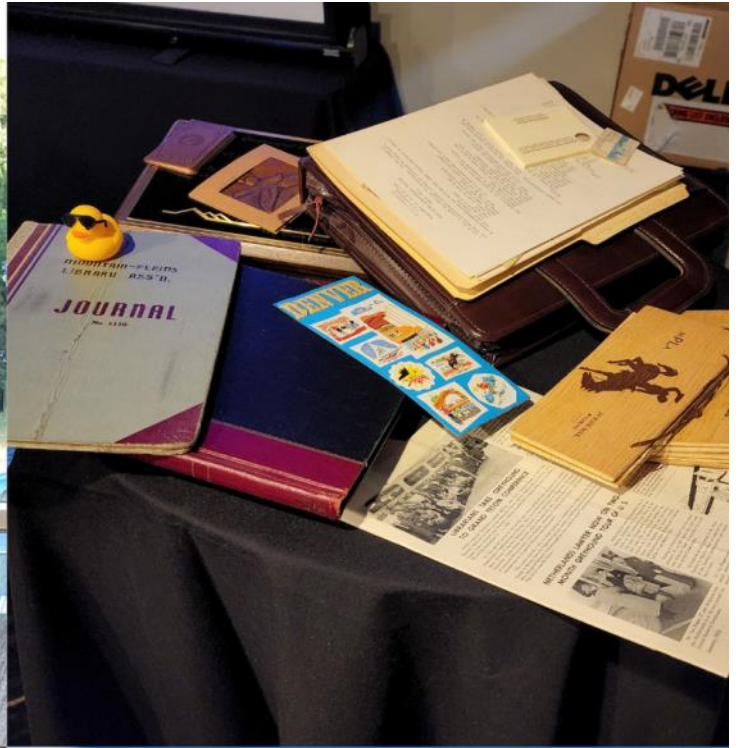


Conference Snapshots

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MPLA Awards

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The Dan Chaney Unsung Hero Award: Eileen Wright, Montana State Univ./Billings

The Carl Gaumer Library Champion Award: Jerry Hudson, Greeley, CO

MPLA Innovator Award: Stephen C. Boss, Univ. of Wyoming

MPLA Distinguished Service Award: Leslie Langley, SE Oklahoma Library System

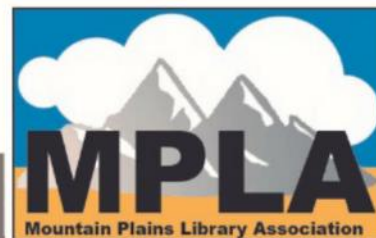
(Not Pictured) MPLA Literary Contribution Award: Jonis Agee, Nebraska





OLA/MPLA Joint Conference 2023

Building for the Future
BLOCK BY BLOCK



**Next MPLA Conference will be held with
Oklahoma Library Association
March 8-10, 2023
Embassy Suites by Hilton
Norman Hotel & Conference Center
in Norman, Oklahoma**

Keynote Speaker



Scarlett St. Clair

USA Today Best-Selling author Scarlett St. Clair, also known as Ashley Nixon-Amador, is a citizen of the Muscogee Nation and the author of the HADES X PERSEPHONE SAGA, the HADES SAGA, KING OF BATTLE & BLOOD, and WHEN STARS COME OUT.

She has a Master's degree in Library Science and Information Studies and a Bachelors in English Writing. She is obsessed with Greek Mythology, murder mysteries, and the afterlife.

Luncheon Speaker

Marilyn Hudson



Oklahoma author Marilyn Hudson is a storyteller extraordinaire. She is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, with degrees in History and Library Information Studies.

Marilyn A. Hudson has been a public library, school library, and academic library professional. Along the way, she also learned to tell stories as a professional storyteller and began publishing tales of history and her imagination. She specializes in haunting tales in the persona of The Ghost Teller.

She has been a featured performer at such venues as the Overholser Mansion, Lawton Community Theater, Paracon, Tejas Storytelling Festival, Oklahoma City Storytelling Festival, Spirit of Oklahoma Storytelling Festival and many libraries and schools.

President's Program

Deborah Caldwell-Stone
& Megan Cusick



Deborah Caldwell-Stone is the Director of ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom.

Throughout her tenure, Caldwell-Stone has worked closely with librarians, teachers, and library trustees on a wide range of intellectual freedom issues, including censorship of library resources, book challenges, internet filtering, meeting room policies and the impact of new technologies, regulations, and government surveillance on library users' privacy and confidentiality.

Megan Cusick is Assistant Director of State Advocacy in ALA's Public Policy and Advocacy Office.

She supports the advocacy efforts of librarians, library staff and advocates across the country in cooperation with other ALA offices, state chapters, and affiliates. She also provides training for advocates to strengthen all types of libraries. In addition to her work with ALA's Public Policy and Advocacy Office, Megan assisted the Center for the Future of Libraries in identifying library initiatives that intersect with broader social trends. She has presented and published on topics such as partnerships, library trends, civic engagement, curriculum development, intellectual freedom and advocacy.



Sequoyah Authors



Kristin Tubb

Kristin O'Donnell Tubb is the author of *The Story Collector* and *The Story Seeker*, the award-winning *A Dog Like Daisy*, *John Lincoln Clem: Civil War Drummer Boy* (written as E. F. Abbott), *The 13th Sign*, *Selling Hope*, and *Autumn Winifred Oliver Does Things Different*. Kristin lives near Nashville, Tennessee, with her bouncy-loud family. Just like her two dogs, she can be bribed with cheese.

Victoria Jamieson

Victoria Jamieson is a New York Times bestselling author and illustrator of books for young readers. She received a Newbery Honor for her graphic novel *ROLLER GIRL*. She loves traveling around the world meeting young readers and talking with them about writing and drawing comics. While she has retired from playing roller derby, she remains a passionate fan of the sport and especially of her old team, the Rose City Rollers. She lives in eastern Pennsylvania with her family and grumpy cat.



Rachel Bright



Rachel Bright is a bestselling author and illustrator, as well as being the brains behind the multi-million selling global card and gift phenomenon, the brightside. Her picture book hits include *Love Monster*, which has now been adapted into an irresistible TV series for CBeebies. She is also the author of a hugely popular picture book series, illustrated by Jim Field, whose titles include *The Lion Inside*, *The Squirrels Who Squabbled*, and *The Koala Who Could* (winner of the Sainsburys Book Award and the Oscar's Book Prize). Rachel lives in Dorset, England.

MPLA Awards

Taking Nominations NOW!

Deadline January 31st

<http://www.mpla.us/services/awards/>



MPLA Dan Chaney Unsung Hero Award

To be given to an MPLA member who has consistently worked behind the scenes to create, administer, or support a library-related organization or project and who has not previously been recognized to the degree their work merits.

MPLA Beginning Professional Award

To recognize an MPLA member who, as a librarian/media specialist within the first five years after being awarded a library/media degree, has made a positive impact on the quality and role of library service. Factors such as innovative programming and planning, use of resources, and special projects will be considered.

MPLA Innovator Award

To recognize an up-and-coming individual(s) or group(s) in the MPLA region for a creative, inventive, trail-blazing project that has significance to the library community.

MPLA Distinguished Service Award

To be given to an MPLA member who has made notable contributions to the library profession, furthered significant development of libraries in the Mountain Plains region, or performed exemplary service for an extended period of time. If the individual is retired, the nominee may be a past member of MPLA.

Carl Gaumer Library Champion Award

To be given to the individual, organization or company whose positive support of the Mountain Plains Library Association is demonstrated by repeated conscientious endeavors towards libraries, library staff, trustees and professional activities.

MPLA Literary Contribution Award

To be given to an author whose published writings have successfully furthered an understanding and appreciation of the Mountain Plains region. The author need not reside in the region. The nomination may be based on either a single work or a body of works. Published works will be evaluated on the basis of literary worth, readability, and evidence of responsible research.

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PNLA QUARTERLY

Pacific Northwest Library Association

This journal is all about regional content, open access, and discoverability.

PNLA Quarterly includes a combination of peer-reviewed and editor-reviewed articles focusing on issues of interest to libraries in the Pacific Northwest. Who better to provide this content than the practitioners, students, and educators who live in or are affiliated with the region? This regional focus and mix of content offer diverse but balanced information relevant to public, academic, and special libraries.

The journal is available as one large PDF or individual article PDFs, which, along with keywords for each article, improves the discovery rate of PQ content and give our authors more exposure on the Web, while improving indexing by vendors such as EBSCO. The journal conforms to the Open Access model, where content is made available free of charge to readers upon publication. Thanks to the sponsorship of PNLA, no costs are charged to content creators.

PQ publishes on a quarterly schedule. While submissions on topics of interest to librarianship in the Pacific Northwest region of the US and Canada are welcome anytime, issues are often organized around themes like leadership or the annual PNLA conference. Please see the latest issue for the active call for proposals or contact the editor with inquiries or submissions.

Robert Perret and Jennifer Ward are the current co-editors of PQ. They can best be reached at PQEditors@gmail.com.

<https://pnla.org/pnla-quarterly/>



MPLA CHEW & CHAT



Led by lively hosts Jake Rundle and Mary Soucie, the informal discussions will occur every 4th Wednesday of the month.

Mountain Plains Library Association
"Chew & Chats"
When: 4th Wednesdays of each month.
1 PM Central time
Noon Mountain
11 am Pacific

Register in advance for this meeting at
[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAuc-6sqT0iGtbqUkVclDcjtIzmJuvf87D1](https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJAuc-6sqT0iGtbqUkVclDcjtIzmJuvf87D1)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meetings. Feel free to forward this information to others interested in MPLA.

Ever wondered about
the conference
Rubber Duckies?

"The MPLA Hot Tub Roundtable began in 2009, with the hopes of creating another avenue for MPLA folks to gather for an evening of laughter and fun. We had to have rubber duckies join us, of course. So each year we make sure to have a night set aside for our Hot Tub Roundtable and the naming of the ducks, which change each year..."



Even though there was no Hot Tub Roundtable in Missoula (alas!), Roy gets credit for bringing some truly excellent ducks. I'm already looking for the perfect web-footed characters to bring to Oklahoma next March!

Amadee Ricketts
MPLA Vice President



Membership Advantages



Continuing education opportunities including conferences, workshops and special seminars.

First year Personal membership dues are half price!

Joint annual conferences with member states providing a marketplace of ideas where individuals can share their experience and talent with other librarians.

MPLA Awards recognize outstanding contributions to local, state and regional library services.

Opportunity for members to contribute to the profession.

Professional Development Grants for course work, institutes and workshops.

Information exchange and educational programs about technological developments and innovative library programming undertaken by MPLA libraries.

AND MORE!

MPLA bases its success on an active, enthusiastic, sharing membership. Where our people are so few and distances are so great, each librarian, staff member and library is a vital resource.

NOW IS THE TIME



EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY

School of LIBRARY & INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Earn your Master of Library Science

A graduate degree in Library and Information Management complements previous education, offers prospects for increased earnings and provides flexible skills for the future. Learn more at emporia.edu/slim.



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.

If you are in an area with Kroger stores this is an easy way to support MPLA!

King Soopers/Krogers **COMMUNITY AWARDS PROGRAM**

Link your loyalty card to MPLA to continue raising funds for MPLA's professional development, leadership, and educational programs!

SUPPORT MPLA!



Cards Are Accepted By

- Kroger
- Fred Meyer
- Ralphs
- Fry's and Fry's marketplace
- King Soopers
- Dillons
- Smith's Food & Drug City Market
- QFC
- Food 4 Less
- Owen's
- Foodsco
- Hilander
- Pay-less Cala-Bell
- Bakers
- Jayc
- Fred Meyer jewelers
- Littman & Barclay Jewelers
- Loaf and Jug

Around the Region

AZ ARIZONA



Pima County Library hosts Annual Art Contest

The Pima County Library District is hosting its Annual Worlds of Imagination Art Contest for Tucson teens and tweens and their science fiction, comics, or manga-style artwork. In addition to a cash prize, there is also a reception for artists and their families/guests, and art workshops led by artist and Writer in Residence Adam Rex. Adam will explain the steps and direct the contestants as they create their own original illustrations and characters.

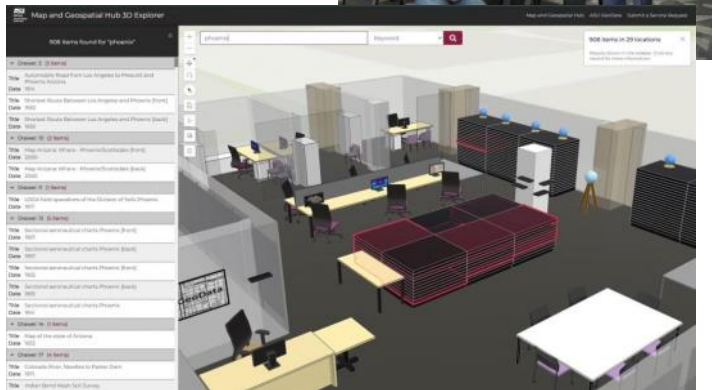
Greenlee Libraries awarded new STEAM resources

The Greenlee County Library System was recently awarded two grants to expand children's educational technology access. A Freeport McMoRan grant was used to purchase Launchpads by Playaway, tablets preloaded with educational apps and videos. Additionally, two library branches were chosen to participate in a grant program through the Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records to receive Penworthy's STEAM to Go kits with books and interactive STEAM resources.



ASU Library project wins Special Achievement in GIS Award

Recently, the ASU Library [Map and Geospatial Hub's](#) virtual [3D Explorer application](#) was honored with the Special Achievement in GIS (SAG) Award at the 2022 Esri User Conference, a first for ASU. Launched in 2021, the 3D Explorer application allows library users anywhere in the world to visit the Map and Geospatial Hub and virtually access the ASU Library's map collection. The 3D Explorer transfigured how the Map and Geospatial Hub has served the ASU and broader community, especially during the pandemic. With students and researchers studying and working remotely, the technology allows every user to have the experience of browsing the collection as if they were in person.



Arizona Science Center Partners with Libraries to host Back-to-School Family Nights

ARIZONA SCIENCE CENTER  The Arizona Science Center is bringing Family Science Nights to public libraries across Arizona. The open house-style events include hands-on activities for K-8 students and families designed to prepare kids for the school year. Information for Arizona Science Center can be found at: <https://www.azscience.org/>

Never stop wondering.™

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Technical Services Associate, Gaby Lagos, from Basalt Regional Library received the Lucy Schweers Award for Excellence in Support Services, which recognizes support services staff who demonstrate outstanding leadership and service. Join us in congratulating Gaby!



DCL Brew Tour Offers a Taste of Community and Local Businesses

Douglas County Libraries introduced its 2022 Brew Tour, inviting Douglas County residents to connect with the library, each other, and local businesses in the community through September 30. The Brew Tour includes more than a dozen craft breweries and coffeehouses, as well as a number of exclusive events at select partner and library locations.

To date, the Brew Tour has generated more than 620 unique visits to breweries and coffee shops in Douglas County, according to Morgan. The first DCL-hosted event on August 5 at DCL's Highlands Ranch location included nearly 100 guests ages 21-plus partaking in Harry Potter trivia, with Burly Brewing of Castle Rock on-site pouring craft brews.



Participating in the Brew Tour is a free and fun way to support local businesses and make community connections. For more information and to sign up, visit DCL.org/brew-tour. Must be over 21 to consume alcohol. Please drink responsibly.

Brew Tour Partners

- 105 West Brewing Company, Castle Rock
- 3 Freaks Brewery, Highlands Ranch
- Barnett & Son Brewing Co., Parker
- Burly Brewing Company, Castle Rock
- Crowfoot Valley Coffee, Castle Rock
- Downhill Brewing, Parker
- Festive Cup Coffee and Boutique, Highlands Ranch
- Grist Brewing Company, Highlands Ranch
- Grist Lounge, Sterling Ranch
- Living the Dream Brewing Company, Littleton
- Lone Tree Brewing Company, Lone Tree
- Monk & Mongoose Coffee Co., Lone Tree
- Rare by Grist Brewery, Lone Tree
- Welcome Home Brewery, Parker

Douglas County Libraries elevates our community by inspiring a love of reading, discovery and connection.





2022 Conference: Libraries: Rebuilding & Reconnecting

The Kansas Library Association is excited to open registration for the 2022 Conference, Libraries: Rebuilding & Reconnecting. The Conference will take place at the Wichita Hyatt from

October 26th-28th, 2022. Keynote speakers include authors from the Kansas Leadership Center and the Library Land Project Founders Adam Zand and Greg Peverill-Conti. The last day for the early bird discount is October 2nd, so register and book your hotel room today!

<https://kslibassoc.org/meetinginfo.php?id=19&ts=1660074910b>

Note: Meals are included with registration, so add all luncheons you wish to attend. The Conference Committee looks forward to seeing everyone in-person this year!

New Executive Director at Emporia Public Library

Pauline Stacchini has been named as the new Emporia Public Library Executive Director. Previously the Reference and Instruction Librarian at Bellevue University's Freeman-Lozier Library in Bellevue, Nebraska, she spent four years at the Dallas Public Library in various roles, culminating in her position of Manager over Strategic Initiatives. Most recently, she worked as a Library Manager at the Austin Public Library, since 2018. Stacchini will begin her duties on October 10th with a community meet and greet scheduled for late October. She will succeed current Executive Director and MPLA member, Robin Newell, who will retire on September 30, 2022.



New Solar Table at Ozawkie City Park

Meriden - Ozawkie Public Library, Meriden, KS, applied for the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act Public Library Grant through the Kansas State Library and Institute of Museum and Library Services. The grant was used to help our community access wireless internet, have a charging station for devices, and a comfortable, convenient space to gather with a solar table. The solar table has USB c Chargers and GFI 110 Volt outlets. You can lay your phone on the table and it will start charging. The table will remain charged at all times. Ambient lights will come on every evening at 6:00 pm and stay on until midnight. The table is wheelchair and stroller accessible. The solar table was made by EnerFusion Inc. Corey Culy, Casey Culy, and Charles Jackson drove here from Michigan to deliver and install the solar table. They were very conscientious and caring about the installation.



Efforts to modernize Weaver Library get boost

Great Falls College MSU's plans to create a separate entrance to its Weaver Library received a boost when it recently learned it was the only Montana school to receive Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds Supplemental Support under the American Rescue Plan.

The college was granted \$279,371 that is to be split between the institution and the students. The library project is part of a plan to create a more modern space for students to congregate, study and find support services.



"Libraries have always been about more than books, and it's more true now than ever in this digital age," said Dr. Stephanie Erdmann, CEO/dean of Great Falls College. "We are so excited to create this place for students that will make the Weaver Library an even more dynamic and inviting space for them to build community and find the resources they need."

The relief funds will help offset costs for the first step, which is creating an entrance directly into the library. It will make it possible for the college to expand hours by allowing it to open just the library while closing access to the rest of the college. This step also will include adding a restroom to the library.

Eventually, the college is looking to create a space in the Weaver Library that will include a more concentrated area for student support. The funds, split evenly between the institution and students, means that \$139,685 will go to the Weaver Library project and \$139,686 will be directed to student aid.

Other projects Great Falls College has funded include updating all of its classrooms with state-of-the-art audio/visual equipment to help with online learning, beefing up the emergency power system with a generator so that the computer servers won't go down and expanding the reach of the campus WiFi.



International Public Library of 2022

The International Federation of Library Associations World Congress in Dublin, Ireland announced that Missoula Public Library is the Public Library of 2022. This award is presented to a newly designed library in any country which has excelled at combining open and sustainable architecture with IT solutions, learning technologies, and local culture and landscape. Missoula Public Library's downtown flagship, created by Minneapolis-based MSR Design and Montana's A&E Design, and opened in July 2021, is the first library in North America to win this prestigious award—besting libraries in

Denmark, Latvia, and Saudi Arabia. The award comes with \$5000 (USD) in prize-money, sponsored by Danish software company Systematic, which the Library will use for expansion of future community engagement efforts.

IFLA jury chair Jakob Guillois Lærkes: "This year's field of nominated libraries is particularly strong, and reveals the breadth of scope within new library buildings. From large and impressive prestige buildings to innovative and sustainable solutions and smaller local meeting venues. But Missoula Public Library has it all. The building stands out for its beautiful architecture that pays homage to the surrounding landscape while offering a wealth of possibilities and serving as a meeting place for the community. It's a library that you would relish having in your own local area. It's a library built for the future."

MPL Executive Director Slaven Lee: "This Library of the Year award belongs to our entire community, and is a reflection of the incredible investment Missoulians have made in library excellence and lifelong learning—a legacy that will be admired and enjoyed for generations to come."

Richland County Library - Montana Library of the Year

The community gathered at the Sidney Richland County Library for an open house to celebrate the library’s many awards, including its designation as Montana Library of the Year.

Library Director Kelly Reisig credits the creativity and dedication of her staff in coming up with innovative programs to serve the public for the award. That support was clearly evidenced by the crowds who came out for the open house. Members of the community wrote in more than 30 letters of support — the most received by any library in the state. Members of the Selection Committee were particularly impressed by what they described as overwhelming community support.

“We’re always trying new things,” Reisig said. “Doing programs both here and popup programs out in the community, just anywhere that there are people gathered that we can have a program and get people involved in the library.”

Among new programs is 100 Books before Graduation, which begins freshman year of high school. Once a month, participants can qualify for a small prize by logging at least one book that month, even if it's a schoolbook.



Back row, left to right are Miranda Evenson (ILL & Special Services Librarian), Ezzie O’Clair (Children’s Services Librarian), AnnDee Taylor (Library Trustee), Nancy Verschoot (Library Trustee Vice Chair), Karen McNutt (Library Trustee), and Diana Miller (Library Trustee). Front row, left to right are Kathryn Murphy (Teen & Adult Services Librarian), Robin Hernandez (Library Trustee Emeritus), Terry Sivertson (Library Trustee Chair), and Kelly Reisig (Library Director).

Pollinator Party!

Friday, May 6th, Cravath Memorial Library hosted a Pollinator Party! Guests enjoyed a preview of the Nature program My Garden of a Thousand Bees, received information about planting to encourage pollinators and bee identification and free wildflower seed packets from the One Square Foot initiative. Some "sweet" door prizes were awarded and refreshments were served. Attendants shared gardening knowledge and information or a very enlightening and enjoyable afternoon. This local "Celebrating Nebraska Pollinators" event was presented in partnership with Nebraska Public Media, Nebraska Game and Parks, Nebraska Statewide Arboretum and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Bee Lab. For more information about wild bees and pollinators and "Celebrating Nebraska Pollinator" across the state, visit <https://nebraskapublicmedia.org/en/watch/community-engagement/celebrating-nebraska-pollinators/>



Celebrating 20 years!

The Paseo Verde Library in Henderson celebrated its birthday with a number of activities to mark the library branch's 20th year. "When the Paseo Verde Library opened in 2002, it was an innovative building with the latest technology, something we've worked hard to maintain over its existence," Henderson Libraries executive director Marcie Smedley said in a press release. "As libraries continue to pivot into community hubs, Paseo Verde has been a leader in that trend, offering so many resources to Henderson as well as 'traditional' library provisions."



Leadership and Mentoring Program

The purpose of the Nevada Library Association Mentoring Program is to provide training and mentoring to NLA members by offering opportunities for librarians and other library personnel to work together, network, and support NLA objectives while pursuing their professional goals.

Why Mentor or be Mentored?

- To offer experienced librarians and library personnel the opportunity to assist mentees in their library careers
- To increase participation in NLA
- To develop leaders
- To assist in career advancement
- To promote networking
- To promote one-on-one relationships tailored to the skills and areas of development unique to mentors and mentees
- To bring Nevada's library community closer



Congratulations to all of the NLA mentors and mentees for another successful year! Thank you for participating and sharing your knowledge with each other. [#librarymentors](#) [#mentorshipprogram](#) [#nevadalibraries](#)



Crete Celebrates the 20th Anniversary of Reading with Friends

By Susan Church

Crete Public Library, in conjunction with Crete Public

Schools Special Programs, is celebrating its twentieth anniversary of Reading with Friends. This program, held for four weeks in July, is designed to help Spanish-speaking children in K-5th grades with their reading skills. The children meet with a volunteer for one hour on Tuesdays to read or be read to. The goal is to give them a boost with reading abilities during the summer months, as well as keeping their English skills active. On Thursday afternoons, the kids (and a number of the moms!) meet for a story time. We read a story, do an activity and a craft (the moms love doing the craft as much as the kids), ending with a snack. They are also given a picture book to keep. This year's theme was based around camping, with titles such as A Camping Spree with Mr. Magee by Chris Van Dusen, Butterflies are Pretty...Gross! By Rosemary Mosco, and The King of Bees by Lester L. Laminack. This year we averaged about 22 children and had a great time with each one of them! Some of the kids are second generation attendees, as one of their parents participated in the early years! It's a great program, which explains why it has stood the test of time.



librarySTRONG
 October 26-28 Albuquerque
NMLA 2022

librarySTRONG

The New Mexico Library Association is delighted to announce its 2022 in-person annual summit, librarySTRONG. In 2019, the American Library Association identified sustainability as a core value of librarianship and although it's always been a key component of libraries, librarians have not always seen their work as meeting those challenges. Sustainability, however, is much more than just a commitment to improving and maintaining our environments. It can be found in library budgets, workflows, planning, pedagogy, community engagement, and equity initiatives, among many other things. In a world that is living with a pandemic, threats of climate change, political unrest, and other factors that affect our lives and planet, the resilience of libraries is increasingly important for our communities. Join us as we explore the diverse ways New Mexico libraries are engaging issues of sustainability.

For more information, and to register, please visit <https://nmla.wildapricot.org/Conferences/2022/Registration>

Estancia Celebrates Summer Reading!

Posted by Kelly McCabe



The Estancia Public Library celebrated their successful Summer Reading Program last week with excited patrons and staff. Library Director Angela Creamer shared that 62 patrons participated as part of the Bookworm Buddies (preschool age) and the Library Lizards (school age) and read over 500 books throughout the summer!

The reading groups met weekly throughout the summer and participated in a variety of special programs including Science in the Library, Zoo to You, Solar Road Show and a petting zoo. *Congratulations to Estancia Public Library for a successful summer!*

New Book Bike

The Williston Community Library located in Williston, North Dakota with supporting grant funds from the Robert E. Herman Family Foundation is proud to present their brand new Book Bike. This project has been almost a year in the making and is finally a reality. Although the book bike is designed to carry library materials, the library will be using it primarily as a marketing tool around Williams County, North Dakota to highlight the library, promote library services and encourage community members to sign up for library cards. We plan to visit local farmer's markets, fairs, festivals and various events. The book bike comes complete with a storage compartment, a chalkboard, plastic literature holder, an umbrella holder and even a bike bell. The library worked with a company called Icicle Tricycles and is very pleased with the customer service, attention to detail and constant communication.



North Dakota Quick Blurbs

Dickinson Area Public Library Friends of the Library received a \$1,000 donation from Spartan Nash and Family Fare through their Direct Your Dollars program. These funds will be used to purchase robots for the library's MakerSpace program.

Williston Community Library checks out fitness kits, made possible because of the Williston Parks and Rec Girls Run Strong Program. Available kits include yoga kits for adults and kids, exercise kits, obstacle course kits, and weighted loop kits.

New SEOLS Bookmobile Arrives in McAlester

Something new has been added to the Southeast Oklahoma Library System (SEOLS) — a state-of-the-art Bookmobile which includes a wrap-around design and other features. SEOLS Marketing Coordinator Eddie Gray said the new Bookmobile will help serve a definite need, providing enhanced library services for rural communities.

"We've had a desire to get into our rural communities and better serve them, especially in Pittsburg and Coal counties," Gray said. A schedule for where the Bookmobile will stop, with times and locations, is currently being finalized. It is expected to be driven to site visits in all seven counties covered by SEOLS.

Some of the communities or other sites the Bookmobile is expected to serve include Savanna, Haywood, Arpelar, Crowder, Canadian, Indianola and Jones Academy in Pittsburg County. Also expected to be on the schedule is the Veterans Colony nine miles south of Wilburton, along with rural communities such as Kinta, Bokoshe, and Keota.

Other communities in the counties covered by SEOLS expected to be on the schedule include Lehigh, Clarita, Tupelo, Eagletown, Wright City, Fort Towson, Goodland, Soper Senior Citizens Center and Soper Public Schools. More additions are expected as the schedule is finalized. The Bookmobile is also expected to visit all the public libraries in the SEOLS system to introduce the bookmobile. Counties covered by SEOLS include Pittsburg, Coal, Latimer, LeFlore, Haskell, Choctaw and McCurtain counties. In all, there are 16 libraries in SEOLS.



Inaugural Metadata Justice in Oklahoma Libraries & Archives Symposium

Whether it's called "critical cataloging," "inclusive metadata," or "metadata justice," discussion centering around conscientious application of metadata has been at the forefront of many catalogers and archivists minds as we contend with outdated descriptive practices and consider how offensive or outdated terminology affect our users. On July 14, 2022, Chambers Library at the University of Central Oklahoma hosted the inaugural Metadata Justice in Oklahoma Libraries & Archives Symposium, which was organized and lead by Chambers Library staff who work with library and archives metadata (Shay Beezley, Anona Earls, Kaitlyn Palone, and Mary Stoll).



Conscientious application of metadata is a priority for UCO's professional catalogers. In 2021, we met with the University of Oklahoma Libraries' Metadata Justice Learning and Working Group (link <https://guides.ou.edu/metadataljustice>) to discuss their successful proposal for the Library of Congress to change the subject heading for the Tulsa Race Massacre. It was a wonderful, productive time to connect with our colleagues on a topic of great professional and personal interest, and in spring 2022, we wanted to continue a discussion about these desperately needed changes in library and archival resource description with a broader community. It's not easy to pursue the cause of metadata justice, hence why it's more important than ever that we band together and learn from each other. Thus, our symposium was born.

Presentations covered topics such as making a game plan for metadata justice (Kera Newby, Samantha Schafer, & Lulu Zilinskas, National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum), ethics of creating linked open data for Oklahoma native artists (Megan Macken, Oklahoma State University), creating inclusive metadata statements (Shay Beezley & Kaitlyn Palone, University of Central Oklahoma), national cataloging cooperatives and how attendees could participate (Jay Shorten, University of Oklahoma), and updating call numbers to eliminate outdated and offensive classification methods (Anona Earls, University of Central Oklahoma & JJ Compton, Oklahoma Christian University). Additionally, time was spent in group discussion, which lead to the spontaneous formation of a collaborative and coordinated effort to contact the Tribes to ensure our metadata aligns with their naming conventions. Megan Macken, OSU and Kaitlyn Palone, UCO will be leading this fledgling initiative.

Proceedings and presentation slides are available on SHAREOK (link <https://shareok.org/handle/11244/336455>). It is our hope that these session reports and resources provided are useful for anyone interested in metadata justice and lead to even more collaborative, productive efforts to make these incremental changes. We intend to host this event again next summer, and hope that anyone interested in these matters will join us!

Changes in Cataloging: Vendors & Advocacy

Sponsored by the Technical Services Roundtable (TSRT) of the Oklahoma Library Association

When: October 28th, 2022

Where: Midwest City, Rose State College Learning Resources Center, Multipurpose Room and Zoom (hybrid)

Cost: \$66 for members, \$132 for non members, \$33 for students

Contact Hours: 5.5

Lunch: not provided

Description: Learn ways to adapt and overcome challenges facing cataloging and technical services staff while also taking a closer look at our changing profession.

<https://www.oklibs.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1643007&group=>

Interesting Idea: Kids Clothing Swap

The Huron Public Library recently held a clothing swap where patrons were able to bring kids clothes to “swap” for \$5 a bag. Those who donated had early access and all remaining items were then given to a local charity.



Kids Clothing Swap

Drop Off Items - August 1-5

All kid sizes accepted (preschool - child XL).
Shirts, pants, shorts, jackets, winter gear, Halloween costumes, etc.
NO toys. Clothing only please. Any donated items that are torn, ripped, stained, etc. will be discarded.
You will receive a receipt for the total number of items donated at drop off to use on swap day.

Swap Day - Saturday, August 6

From 9:00 - 10:00 am
patrons who dropped off items can swap
From 10:00 - 11:00 am
swap is open to the public for \$5.00 per bag (bags will be provided)
Any remaining items will be donated to charity.

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Emirra Returns (Means) (Standing Rock Sioux Tribe) is the student assistant and exhibit developer for the project. In this role, she is selecting and researching exhibit topics, providing input about materials to include in the Wokini Knowledge Circle, and producing an online library guide about the space’s resources.

“The Wokini Knowledge Circle has impacted my life in a positive way,” Returns said. “It has opened my eyes to a new passion of digging deeper into my culture. I’ve not only learned more about my culture but learned new skills in the library that will set me up for my future.”

Returns is working with grant project personnel Emmeline Weber and Shari Theroux, as well as other library faculty and staff, to launch the Wokini Knowledge Circle. In addition, Dr. George Eagleman, grant consultant and Lakota elder, and Dr. Tasha Hauff, SDSU Lakota language professor, have been instrumental to the project.

Wokini Knowledge Circle

The Wokini Knowledge Circle opened at SDSU Briggs Library in April. The Wokini Knowledge Circle is a newly arranged public space on the main level of the library and features rotating exhibits, circulating books, artwork, and other materials that share information about Oceti Sakowin (Sioux) culture, history, and people. The space was created by placing existing bookcases in a semi-circular pattern, which reflects the shape of a traditional Oceti Sakowin camp circle.

To see the opening reception click here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yjabaDG7OX4>




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Bridging the Gap: USU Libraries Hosts Conference for High School Teachers



Utah State University Libraries hosted its first conference for high school teachers July 20. “The Bridging the Gap Conference was created as an

opportunity to begin a dialogue with local educators regarding USU Libraries’ resources, while also learning how to better support incoming USU students as they transition from high school to the university,” First-Year Experience Librarian Katie Strand said. “Our hope was that this day could help us make connections with our local secondary educators and find opportunities to support each other’s instruction efforts.”

The half-day conference focused on three areas: information literacy, primary sources and digital resources. Attendees were able to attend three sessions with topics such as building students’ confidence as scholars, exploring government information as primary sources, and Open Educational Resources.

“We hope this is the first step in building and maintaining relationships with some of our outstanding educators in Cache Valley. We are in awe of the work they do and were honored that they took time out of their summer vacation to learn with us,” she said.

A Final Roundup of the “Rowdy Randy” Statewide Tour



It may not have been a world tour, but Casey Rislov covered Wyoming pretty well, sharing her book, Rowdy Randy, with elementary school students. The

Wyoming State Library supported her school visits with Library Services and Technology Act funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Casey appeared at 22 different schools in 16 communities, from some of Wyoming’s smallest places to the largest cities. Her travels took her to Laramie, Rock River, Cheyenne, Chugwater, Newcastle, Basin, Powell, Lovell, Cody, Ranchester, Big Horn, Sheridan, Casper, Glenrock, Shoshoni, and Pavillion. All told, she covered nearly 4,000 miles traversing the state! About 5,000 K-6 students enjoyed Casey’s presentations and gave her their rapt attention as she read from the book and interacted with them. She distributed about 1,100 free copies of Rowdy Randy to teachers, librarians, and students. Many were funded by the WSL with federal funds — the rest she was able to provide through numerous private donations. Read more about Casey’s travels on the WSL blog.

LCCC Ludden Library dedicates Strickland Family Study Room

On July 29, the Laramie County Community College Ludden Library dedicated the Strickland Family Study Room. The room is a place where LCCC students, employees, members of the public, and their children can gather to study in family groups. The study room was made possible through the generosity of Paula and Dale Strickland. Paula was an elementary educator for 33 years in the Laramie and Cheyenne school districts. Dale was a scientist and educator devoted to learning his entire career.





Welcome, New Members!



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