

Mountain Plains Library Association

*Big Horizons Close Community*

# Election Edition

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## Voting Information

The ballot has been sent to the email listed in MPLA member profiles. You can only vote for one candidate for each position, and after you submit your ballot you can not go back and change your vote.

**Election Dates: Feb. 1 to Feb. 10, 2023**

Thanks to all of the candidates for their willingness to serve!

## Candidate for Vice President/President-Elect 2023

### Robin Hastings



Library Services Consultant - Northeast Kansas Library System, Lawrence, KS

**Position Statement:** I am very interested in supporting libraries and the librarians and staff that work in them as part of my work in the MPLA. I have been leading the Professional Development Committee in MPLA for 3 years in order to help my fellow librarians access quality continuing education opportunities and I'd like to continue (and expand) that sort of support for librarians in my tenure on

the MPLA board.

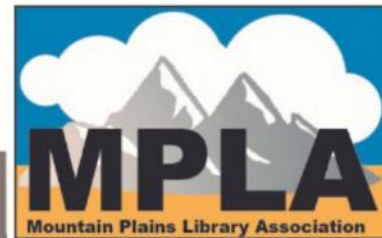


Arizona Colorado Kansas Montana Nebraska Nevada New Mexico  
North Dakota Oklahoma South Dakota Utah Wyoming

## OLA/MPLA Joint Conference 2023

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# Building for the Future **BLOCK BY BLOCK**



[https://www.oklibs.org/page/annual\\_conference](https://www.oklibs.org/page/annual_conference)

### **MPLA Conference Events:**

MPLA/OLA Agenda: <https://whova.com/web/fhSdM3cAhpHnNiRDK0R2QQ99SkK-znTIFmljBX9%40Veg%3D/>

Board Meeting 1: Weds, 3/8, 4 pm

75th Anniversary Celebration: Weds, 3/8, 5 pm

Hot Tub Roundtable: Weds, 3/8, 9:30 pm

Membership Meeting: Thurs, 3/9, 7:30 am

President's and New Members Reception: Thurs, 3/9, 9:30 pm

Board Meeting 1: Friday, 3/10, 4 pm

# Candidate for Recording Secretary 2023



## **Shannon Leaper**

Shannon Leaper is an Assistant Professor of Library and Information Science and Library Services Director at Northwestern Oklahoma State University (NWOSU). She oversees the day-to-day operations of the J.W. Martin Library on the Alva campus and library services on satellite campus in Enid, OK and Woodward, OK. Prior to this position she served as the Research and Instructional Services Librarian at NWOSU for six years and as a library intern at Valdosta State University (VSU) and Wiregrass Georgia Technical College, both in Valdosta, GA.

Shannon received her MLIS from VSU in 2012 and a MEd from NWOSU in 2017. She is currently a PhD student at Texas Tech University. She has over fifteen years of experience in academic libraries and higher education. She has been a member of the Oklahoma Library Association since 2012 and participates in the Technical Services Round Table (TSRT) and the Universities and Colleges Division (UCD). She served as secretary of UCD from 2019 to 2020. She has been active in MPLA since 2017 and has served on the Professional Development Committee since 2018.

It would definitely be a privilege to serve as recording secretary for MPLA if elected and I would be excited to continue to contribute to MPLA through this service. Having been a secretary both as a profession and on various statewide and institutional committees, I bring several years of experience to a position that I enjoy.



# Candidate for Recording Secretary 2023



**Luise Davis**

I am an active member of MPLA and Nevada Library Association. I am currently serving as Recording Secretary for MPLA.

Part of my NLA activities include serving as the state representative to MPLA from 2017 through 2022 and continuing to assist them with the transition to a new delegate; being Douglas County Public Library's representative on Nevada Library Legislative Day for the past several legislative sessions; and being involved in the NLA mentor program. I served as the president of the local employees' association for four years including being part of the negotiation team for two contracts. I was a fellow of the 2010 Leadership Institute.

*What ability, talent interest, or strength would you bring to this position?*

I became the Recording Secretary for MPLA in August 2022 and would like to continue in this role for another term. In the past year, I have been involved with bringing back and serving as coordinator for the volunteer program at my library, which includes detailed record keeping.

I enjoy working with and being a part of the Executive Board. There is a lot of responsibility for each board member as they make decisions to guide the organization as a whole.

*What would you like to accomplish during your term of office?*

I would like to continue to be involved with the Executive Board as MPLA continues to grow, reaching out to and encouraging library personnel throughout the MPLA region.







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://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZllcOCqz4qGtG2\\_j4UOBZ6VUAzZ0r\\_41k8](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZllcOCqz4qGtG2_j4UOBZ6VUAzZ0r_41k8)

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?



This was the scoop from Hot Tub Roundtable cofounder Eileen Wright:

"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

## 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!

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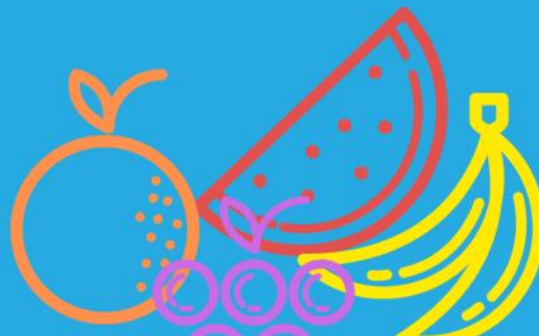
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## Big Horizons, Close Community







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.

## Quick Links:

Website: [www.mpla.us](http://www.mpla.us)

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