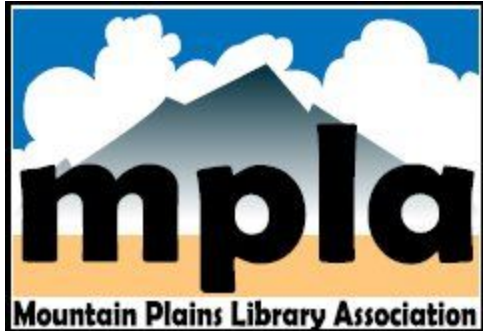


## MPLA Professional Development Committee



### Committee Activities

- Received 14 submissions (as of 2/16) for lightning talks since Jan
- Created a spreadsheet to organize and evaluate talks, decide on the 9 we have space for now
- Agreed upon criteria by which we will evaluate the submissions
- Emailed speakers to confirm date, since there had been a question about that

### Committee Meeting

- Met Feb 5, 2021
- Discussed details of how to manage the lightning talks in Zoom (including deciding against breakout rooms and simultaneous talks that will make folks have to choose which to attend)
- Decided to have a facilitator (one per hour? One per speaker? To be decided) to introduce each speaker, manage tech on the day of the event
- Set up special meeting on March 12th to discuss spreadsheet and formally choose submissions, assign to facilitators and inform chosen (and not chosen) speakers
- Discussed doing this again to give those not able to speak on the 28th a forum to speak later in the year

Respectfully submitted,

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Professional Development Committee Chair