President's Report Eileen Wright April 2009

I just attended Montana Library Association conference, April 7 – 11th. It was an energized conference with keynote speaker Dr. Loriene Roy, past ALA President, and fantasy author Christopher Paolini, *The Inheritance Cycle – Eragon*.

Roundtables:

What do you want accomplished at the meetings? Just a meet and greet? How about: who are you, where do you work, and what exciting event happened at your library? People will get to put names with faces, and it could open up a discussion on some interesting topic. I think we could also get everyone's email and name from each group to create a listserv for the three groups. Remember that we have created just three Roundtables, and they are as follows:

Hot Tub Roundtable

- New Members
- Distinguished Mentors
- Leadership Institute Alums
- Anyone who wants to laugh

Serving the Public Roundtable

- Reference & Adult services
- Children Services
- Young Adult Services
- Diverse Population

Technical Stuff Roundtable

- Technical Services
- Collection Development

I have already started the discussions about the joint conference with Montana. We already have a theme and logo, and I will have them for the board meeting along with further details.

Lastly, I cannot thank you enough, my board and committee members, for all the support and time commitment that you gave to MPLA and me. I appreciated it a lot. It has been an eventful year, and I look forward to all of you coming to the joint MPLA\MLA conference in my home state next year. THANK YOU ⁽ⁱ⁾