

RESOLUTION: Tribute Resolution Honoring the 70th Anniversary of the Mountain Plains Library Association

ALA UNITS AND/OR COMMITTEE CONSULTED (if any): None

Endorsements by ALA Units and/or committees (if any): Chapter Relations Committee(?)

Fiscal Implications: None

List all parties to whom resolution should be sent:

MPLA,

ALA State Chapters: Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, and South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming

Impact on ALA Policies and Positions

Continues ALA recognition and support of affiliates and chapters

Initiating Committee or Unit (if any) None

Include any pertinent background information (ie bibliography, citations, supportive quotes, URLs, etc)

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**A TRIBUTE RESOLUTION HONORING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
MOUNTAIN PLAINS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

Whereas libraries are best able to serve communities through sharing and collaboration;

Whereas the Bibliographic Center for Research (BCR) was established in 1935 to provide regional collaborative support for sharing materials but not for sharing services;

Whereas librarians served by BCR recognized the need for shared service support which led to representatives from Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming to meet in 1947 to design a new regional library association to promote the development of librarians and libraries by providing significant educational and networking opportunities;

Whereas this new organization was established as the Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) on August 29, 1948;

Whereas MPLA became a twelve-state organization with the addition of the states of Arizona, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, and Oklahoma;

Whereas MPLA became formally affiliated with the American Library Association (ALA) in 1958;

Whereas MPLA continues to promote the development of librarians and libraries by providing significant educational and networking opportunities through:

- Hosting Leadership Institutes since April 21, 2001 where library consultant and ALA Past President Maureen Sullivan along with selected mentors help attendees achieve their leadership potential;
- Partnering with the member states to host the MPLA annual conference in conjunction with the State's conference on a rotating basis to connect with all library communities;
- Providing grants to support educational opportunities that include pursuit of a library-related course work, attending conferences or seminars, visiting other libraries for advanced training, or library related research projects;
- Providing information about online and free training opportunities; and

Whereas the 2018 American Library Association Midwinter Meeting is being held in Denver, Colorado; the birthplace of MPLA; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the American Library Association, on behalf of its members:

1. recognizes the importance of the Mountain Plains Library Association's (MPLA's) work in supporting library services on a regional level;
2. congratulates and commends the Mountain Plains Library Association for its 70 years of supporting librarianship in its region and its ongoing support for furthering the goals set by the American Library Association; and

3. sends a letter acknowledging MPLA's formation on August 29, 1948, its 70th Anniversary on August 29, 2018, and its connection to the states it services to the MPLA office and the state Chapters in Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.

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