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MPLA Vice-President's Report
July 2005
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2005 Wyoming/MPLA Joint Conference

The conference will be held at the Snow King Resort in Jackson, Wyoming on October 12-15. The theme is: Beyond Borders...Inspiration, Innovation, Imagination.

The confirmed keynote is Roy Tennant, User Services Architect at the California Digital Library and Library Journal "Digital Libraries" columnist.

Erin Kinney (Conference Co-Chair), Dail Barbour (Local Arrangements) and I made a site visit in mid-March. Most programs will be in the main Snow King Resort building. The exhibitors are in the Pavilion, a short walk down the hill. Some sessions will be held in the Lodge Room of the Pavilion. We have allowed extra time for the exhibitor's breaks because of the distance factor.

The Yellowstone National Park and Research Library Tour is set for Tuesday and Wednesday. See attached flyer for information.

Pre-Conferences:

Wednesday a.m.: Dramatic Presentation Skills for Librarians - Greg Hatch, et al

Wednesday all day: Children's Literature - Peggy Sharp

Wednesday p.m. - Vendor Demonstrations

Post-Conferences:

Saturday a.m. - Hands-On Information Power

Saturday all day: Copyright in the Digital Age - Laura Gassaway, Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

MPLA Board Meetings:

Wednesday from 1:00-4:00 in Summit II

Saturday from 9:30-11:00 in Summit II

One Book, One Conference:

We are sponsoring a "one book" event this year. The book is Mark Spragg's "Where Rivers Change Directions." Discussion will be Thursday from 4:00-4:50 p.m.

Blogging:

We would like to start a conference blog. It is on the meeting agenda for discussion.

Internet Café will be set up in the Cougar Room in the Pavilion.

Special Events:

Wednesday opening reception/author night is at the Museum of Wildlife Art.

Thursday lunch is the Legislative Luncheon.

Thursday evening is the Awards Banquet/Reception.

Friday lunch is the Children's Author Luncheon with Dorothy Hinshaw Patent.

MPLA Reorganization Committee: I have been active on this committee in looking at restructuring our organization. It is on the agenda for discussion.

Bus to WLA/MPLA Conference: Nebraska's Regional Library Systems are receiving C.E. and Training Grant money from the Nebraska Library Commission in order to sponsor a bus to the conference. Attendees meet the matching funds requirement through their conference registration, housing and meal costs.

Who: Wyoming Library Association/Mountain Plains Library Association

What: Bus tour of Yellowstone and tour of Yellowstone National Park Library, Archives and Museum

When: October 11-12, 2005

Where: Take bus from Jackson Wyoming through Yellowstone to Gardiner Montana

Details:

Leave Jackson, Snow King at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 11 on Yellowstone Tour Bus (Bring your own lunch) We will travel up the east side of the park and receive a guided tour.

Arrive Gardiner, Montana in the afternoon. Tour Yellowstone Heritage and Research Center (Museum collection, Archives and Library) 2:00-

Stay overnight in Gardiner at Comfort Inn Yellowstone North
107 Hellroaring St. Gardiner MT 59030
406 848-7062
\$49.00 (\$52.43 with tax) single or double occupancy

Leave Gardiner on Wednesday morning, October 12 Travel down the west side of the park and receive a guided tour.

Lunch at Geysers Grill Arrive Jackson, Snow King in p.m.

Cost per individual: (Maximum of 35 individuals)

Bus \$50.00 (Includes tip)

Meals on your own.

Room \$52.43 (Includes tax) Make your own reservations.