

## **ST-2 Colorado Representative**

MPLA Board Report January 11, 2012

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### MPLA LIAISON ACTIVITY

- No new members contacted, but did talk with my local public librarians about joining MPLA
- Introduced myself via CO academic, public and special library list-servs.
- Interviewed by a CO MLS student about MPLA
- Plugged Membership Rally, Leadership Institute, MPLA awards on list-servs, CAL newsletter and MPLA Facebook
- Bid farewell to my predecessor, Mary Katherine and gave her kudos in the CAL newsletter
- “Mystery guest” at the first ever Colorado Association of Special Libraries virtual meeting, talked about MPLA benefits and my role as the CO liaison.
- Attended November 18<sup>th</sup> State Rep conference call, discussing FB & other contests to increase membership
- Attended CAL retreat/Board Meeting on 12/16/11 – updates on upcoming state conference and requested update re: 2016 joint conference – ongoing dialog expected.

### COLORADO ASSOCIATION OF LIBRARIES (CAL) NEWS AND LEGISLATION

#### **R-Squared - Risk & Reward Conference 2012**

Stephen Sweeney (President-Elect, Colorado Association of Libraries Director, Cardinal Stafford Library) and a group of like minded Colorado library staffers and supporters have developed a new style of conference with the premise of this conference is that the safe route for libraries isn't good enough anymore. Library professionals need to use creative thinking to evaluate risk and understand its rewards to establish libraries as the leading source of creative sparks in their communities. Still in the planning stages, the Risk & Reward Conference is slated to be held in Telluride, Colorado, Sept. 10-12, 2012.

#### **School Library recognized for adopting Book Store Model Classification System**

Red-Hawk Elementary School of the St. Vrain Valley School District in Erie, CO was recently recognized by *School Library Journal* because of a decision to organize their

6,000 plus title collection using the Bookstore Model of Classification rather than the more traditional Dewey Decimal system. District Librarian, Holli Butcher, lays claim to the only elementary school in the country (to her knowledge) to ditch Dewey in favor of a bookstore model. If the experiment is successful, district-wide implementation may be considered.

## **2011 Colorado Association of Libraries (CAL) award winners**

### UN Sung HERO AWARD

Chris Brogan, Chief Financial Officer, Pueblo City-County Library District  
Mike Varnet, Chief Financial Officer, Pikes Peak Library District

### COLORADO LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR LIBRARY ADVOCATE AWARD

Becky Johnson, Teacher Librarian, East Middle School  
Jimmy Thomas, Executive Director, Marmot Library Network

### LIBRARY ADVOCATE AWARD

Tom & Alice Atkins, Save Jeffco Libraries

### LIBRARY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AWARD

Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity & Golden Library  
Poudre Valley Health Systems-Healthy Kids Club

### LIBRARY PROJECT OF THE YEAR

CR3 Project Team, Denver Public Library

### COLORADO LIBRARY OF THE YEAR

Green Valley Ranch Branch Library

### CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Sydne Dean, Associate Director of Public Services, Pikes Peak Library District

### OUTSTANDING LIBRARY VOLUNTEER

Terri Sullivan, Poudre River Public Library District

Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library Science Task Force - Led by Jim Morgan

### JEAN MAIO AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ADULT LITERACY

Cindy Welsh, Outreach Librarian, High Plains Library District

LUCY SCHWEERS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PARALIBRARIANSHIP

Pam Benton, Douglas County Libraries

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD

Rochelle Logan

LEGISLATIVE AWARD

Senator Pat Steadman

**Legislative News: Lobato v. State of Colorado**

The recent ruling of Lobato v. State of Colorado in favor of the plaintiff has many Colorado librarians wary as State funding for libraries could be adversely affected. This also sets a precedent nation-wide. Appeals are expected, so this case will continue to be monitored.

**CAL Retreat December 2011**

A combined working retreat and Executive Board meeting was held on December 10, 2011. In addition to 2012 conference planning and 2016 CAL/MPLA joint conference discussions, board members also discussed the following:

CAL – Branding

Advocacy Goal Build an understanding in our membership about how lobbyists advocate for libraries and find ways to build advocacy outside of library organizations. Examples: CASE, CASB, PTA, CML, SDA, CCI, AAUP

Building Membership

Ways to Work together within CAL and with other organizations

- Inspire the librarians by sharing all of our events
- Working closely with CLiC on continuing education for emerging librarians and accidental librarians.
- Connect with State Library or serve on the committee and be a conduit.
- "Role of the 'Ask'" ask people from the State Library, CLiC, and other groups.
- More collaboration, less duplication of effort
- Accountability
- Networking
- CASE, CASB, and PTA - provide membership for someone to be members so they can present at their conferences

