

ST-2 Colorado Representative

MPLA Board Report

July 2013

MPLA activities

- Reviewed MPLA executive board and state representative reports submitted for July 2013 meeting
- Posted news and announcements to MPLA and CAL Facebook pages and list-servs.
- Submitted material for both association newsletters
- Prepared board report for upcoming CAL August 2013 board meeting.
- Registered for CAL conference in October and verified a spot for MPLA table

Colorado association of libraries (CAL) news & legislation

- 2016 CAL/MPLA joint conference is in its planning stage. Site selection committee is wondering how much more attendance to expect to help in selecting possible venues.
- In the 2013 legislative session, the Colorado Legislature included an appropriation of \$2 million in the state's budget to fund the State Grants to Libraries Act. The funds will be available to publically funded school, public and academic libraries to fund grants for library materials as defined by statute CRS 24-90-401. The funds are intended for educational materials in libraries that support or enhance opportunities for early literacy and learning. Applications open 09/2013 with funding slated to begin 10/2013. Funds must be spent by 06/30/2014.
- Colorado Lt. Governor, Joe Garcia, released the Colorado Department of Higher Education and College Measures website (collegemeasures.org/esm/colorado) and final report, "Higher Education Pays: The Initial Earnings of Graduates from Colorado's Colleges and Universities Working in Colorado." The College Measures website makes publicly available the median first-year earnings of recent graduates from two-year and four-year institutions across the state who are working in Colorado one year after obtaining their degrees or certificates.

Respectfully submitted,
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