

ST-2 March 2015 MPLA Board Report
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MPLA Activities

- Submitted news to MPLA newsletter about Colorado libraries
- Sent out emails to membership regarding dues and dues renewals
- Sent out emails regarding call for program proposals for the MPLA Conference
- Further Nominating Committee work
- Participated in an email conversation about Online Meeting Platform usage state by MPLA state



Colorado Activities

- “The Importance of Providing Value,” State Lobby Day at the Capitol will be March 18
- Adult Services Interest Group to meet April 9
- Colleague Connection, rotated hosting between several statewide groups, held April 16
- Paralibrarian Division Spring Workshop coming up on April 23
- Next CAL Board meeting Friday, April 10
- CAL Annual Conference will be held October 22-24

Legislative Updates

- Funding for Libraries
 - The Library Line Item is already in place which will make things easier for us; the issue will be insuring that it stays in place. As the legislative session starts, we should focus on conversations with the JBC members. As budget approval nears in March, the membership-as-a-whole should start talking about the line item with their legislators.
 - There is a discussion about asking for a referendum which asks voters to not have to do a refund. It won't impact the refunds for this year, but could impact refunds for future...also assuming the split party control over the two houses will let something go forward.
 - We will ask for an increase for Libraries but keep it general. There may be a little more money in the General Fund but we will be competing with other groups. To discuss with legislators, should move from literacy to Workforce Development – focus on helping the middle class which is still hurting. This can be logical as libraries work with WorkForce Development Offices.