

**ST-2 September 2015 MPLA Board Report**  
**Respectfully submitted by Stephen Sweeney**

**MPLA Activities**

- Submitted news to MPLA newsletter about Colorado libraries
- Worked with the Executive Committee and the Board to propose a 2016 CAL/MPLA Conference Agreement
- Secured a Leadership Institute Sponsorship from a library organization in Colorado
- Communicated with Membership Committee about a combined MPLA/CAL membership dues structure



**Colorado Activities**

- Finalized an agreement between CAL and MPLA for a joint conference in 2016
- Procured CALCON (CAL Conference) bookmarks to make available at WLA/MPLA in September
- Ensured space for an MPLA exhibit booth at CALCON 2015 in October
- CAL Annual Conference will be held October 22-24
- Colorado Association of School Libraries Workshop, “Year of the Student” held 9/12
- New Professionals Interest Group Resume Review to be held 9/27
- Children & Teen Services Division Winter Workshop to be held 1/25/16

**Legislative Updates**

- Denver Public Schools to name one of their campuses for Colorado’s first Hispanic Speaker of the House Ruben Valdez (served 1970-1978, Speaker 1975-1978)
  - Ruben Valdez is one of CAL’s lobbyists
  - Find the story here: <http://communications.dpsk12.org/announcement.html?id=1377>
- Funding for Libraries
  - State Grants to publicly funded libraries is fully funded for this fiscal year at \$2.5M
  - Due date for applications of these funds was due September 10. To date:

Type	Potential	Applied 2015-16	% applied 2015-16	% applied 2014-15	% applied 2013-14
Academic	27	27	100%	96%	88%

<b>Public</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>92</b>	94	94
<b>School</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>96</b>	91	91
<b>Institutions</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>100</b>	100	100
<b>Total*</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>95</b>	93	90