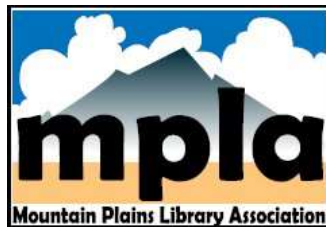


ST-2 March 2016 MPLA Board Report
Respectfully submitted by Stephen Sweeney

MPLA Activities

- Worked with Judy to send out reminders to Wyoming MPLA members who had not renewed their membership
- Worked with Mickey Coalwell, Annie Epperson, and Dale Savage on the Strategic Planning ad hoc committee
- Determined my eligibility to staff a booth at PLA to advertise CAL and MPLA in Denver in April



- **Call for Proposals CLOSED 2/12**
- Thanks to all of you, we had 158 submissions this year!
- Register early and Register often
 - Loyalty Rate for CAL and MPLA members is open until 6/1
 - Early Bird Rate for CAL and MPLA members is open 6/2-8/1



Colorado Activities

- CAL/MPLA Joint Conference is coming up, October 20-22
- 2017 Call for Co-Chair - <http://www.cal-webs.org/?page=ConferenceCoChair> is open and anyone interested should submit their information
- 4/5-9 – Public Library Association Conference in Denver, CO
- 4/8 – Colorado Academic Library Association Summit - Libraries Transform: The Expert in the Library. A full-day workshop with ALA Pres-elect Julie Todaro
- 5/25-26 – hosted by Colorado Association of Special Libraries – Software Carpentry Workshop

Legislative Updates

- CAL Legislative Lobby Day was March 16
 - The State Library was to have an updated handout highlighting how the State funds have been distributed to support local literacy efforts while the event planning team has built new messaging to tie with the existing “Libraries are for...” message.
 - Based on last-year’s positive response, the plan was to host another technology petting-zoo.
 - Talking points and an outline are provided below.

Libraries Work for Colorado

The Core Library Message – 2016 Legislative Session

Colorado libraries support the success of all Coloradans – from young children learning to read to entrepreneurs looking for ways to build their businesses.

To provide this support, all Colorado’s libraries use an exemplary network of services and programs that supports a growing knowledge-based economy.

To accomplish this, the state libraries maintain:

- ☐ A 21st century infrastructure that permits efficient sharing of resources.
- ☐ Sustainable funding to bring information to children, adults and students of all ages.
- ☐ Principles that protect the rights for individuals to pursue their informational interests.

The general assembly has declared¹ that it is the policy of this state to promote the development of all types of publicly-supported free library service to ensure equal access to information.

To fulfill that declaration, the entire library community calls on the general assembly to support:

- ☐ **Maintain** current funding for the State Grants to Libraries to provide access to materials through libraries that helps fulfill the Colorado Blueprint goal to “educate and train the workforce of the future”.²
- ☐ **Continue** protecting the rights of individuals to conduct research and explore new ideas.

All residents of the state will benefit by having libraries that:

- ☐ Promote a better educated workforce; and
- ☐ Provide materials to encourage reading, literacy, learning, and enjoyment; and
- ☐ Promote job skills and economic development.

This will allow libraries to:

- ☐ Provide students in all grades with essential resources for learning.
- ☐ Bring information to businesses and job seekers for a better economy.
- ☐ Support early childhood learning.
- ☐ Meet the reading and learning needs of children, adults, and students of all ages.

¹ CRS 24-90-102

² http://www.advancencolorado.com/sites/default/files/908_424_Colorado%20Blueprint_11_7_no_jump_8.5_0.pdf