

COLORADO

ST-2 October 2019 MPLA Board Report

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MPLA Activities

- Reviewing reports submitted for October meeting
- Prepared for the NMLA/MPLA Conference presentation
- Monitoring MPLA email account
- Was not able to attend the 2019 CAL Conference so am working through alternate routes to give away memberships.



Colorado Activities

- Participated in the CAL Board Meeting 8/9/2019.
- The Colorado Association of Libraries Annual Conference (CALCON) was held September 19 – 21 in 2019. The conference will be back in Loveland in 2020.
- Participated in the CAL Legislative Committee Meeting 10/4/2019.
- The hot issue that CAL is managing right now is the process to restructure the organization. CAL will be setting the Board to be more focused on insuring the organization represents the needs and interests on a statewide level. Currently, the focus is more on representing library types and topics of high interest to the membership. The October 18th Board meeting will likely cover more details, including feedback from the CAL Membership.



Legislative Updates

- The CAL Legislative Committee reconvened on October 4, 2019.
- The November Ballot includes a proposal to remove restrictions to the State's General Fund. A State Amendment, the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (known as TABOR) limits fund growth to no more than 3% over the previous year which means that there are years that tax dollars are refunded to the public. If approved, the proposal removes that limit.
CAL was asked to take a stance on the issue. The Legislative Committee voted to support the action. When brought to the Board, there was discussion on whether the issue had enough direct impact on libraries to justify the action. Ultimately, the Board decided to not make a statement in support.