

**ST-2 COLORADO  
REPORT TO MPLA BOARD  
DECEMBER 11, 2020**



**MPLA Activities**

- Reviewed submitted reports for the December 11, 2020 meeting.
- Monitored MPLA email account.
- Requested and created MPLA Newsletter Content.
- Participated in the September 23<sup>rd</sup> and November 25<sup>th</sup> MPLA Membership Chats
- Participated in the September 29<sup>th</sup> Professional Development Committee vote re: webpage revision.
- Attended the December 4<sup>th</sup> Professional Development Committee meeting.

**Colorado Activities**

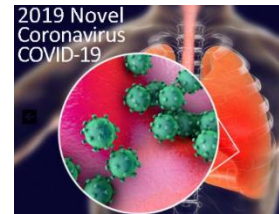
- Attended the October 9<sup>th</sup> and November 13<sup>th</sup> CAL Board meetings.
- Ran to serve as Colorado’s MPLA representative from 2021 through 2023. The election results will be posted in December 2020 or January 2021.



**COVID-19 Impact on Library Services**

In September and October, most Colorado public libraries had reopened access to facilities to a limited number of patrons at a time. Campus and school services included both onsite and online options to their students.

In mid-November, most counties were moved to a heightened alert status due the continued increase number of COVID19-related hospitalizations. As a result, public libraries have either reduced the numbers of people allowed in facilities or have returned to curbside-only. Most campuses and schools have returned to online-only services through winter break and will reassess for the spring session.



**Legislative Updates**

- Attended the November 6<sup>th</sup> CAL Legislative Committee meeting.
- Libraries that rely on property tax revenues may see increased stability as the Gallagher Amendment’s limits on residential property tax was repealed. Residential taxes will be frozen at 7.15%.
- The Governor recognized libraries as a critical service.
- The Colorado Legislature held an Extraordinary Session that started on November 30<sup>th</sup> to make decisions on bills focused on COVID-19 relief for small businesses, childcare providers, and community support services.
- The regular legislative session begins January 8, 2021.



Respectfully submitted,

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