

**ST-2 COLORADO**  
**REPORT TO MPLA BOARD**  
**December 13, 2023 Board Meeting**



### **MPLA Activities**

- Attended MPLA Chew & Chats
- Attended MPLA Sep 13, 2023 Board Meeting
- Requested and submitted MPLA Newsletter Content
- Recruited and met with, hopefully, Colorado's new representative, Sarah Daniels who works at Aims Community College's Kiefer Library based in Greeley, CO. Sarah is relatively new to Colorado and will be using this role to learn more about both CAL and MPLA.



### **Colorado Activities**

- Attended the October Colorado Association of Libraries (CAL) Board Meeting.
- Attended CALCON
- CAL's elections are being held through December 15th. As part of the election process, the CAL Membership was asked to change how the organization works with affiliates. If approved, the MPLA Representative will be appointed rather than elected.
- Jenn Cook will be the new CAL president starting in January 2024.

### **Legislative Updates**

- Attended the October and December Legislative Committee meetings.
- Representatives from CAL's Legislative and Intellectual Freedom committees assisted with the initial drafting of legislative language to protect public access to library materials with two State legislative aides. The drafted language is expected to align with efforts in Michigan which protects access to content as part of protecting Constitutional civil liberties. Thanks go to ALA's Chapter Relations Office and Office of Intellectual Freedom for helping identify relevant Federal and state legislative efforts which were shared to inform the bill crafters' efforts.
- Funding for library districts may be challenging in some areas due to State efforts to lessen the impact of property value increases by reducing property tax revenues. The State has lowered property tax valuation and is in the process of establishing a tax advisory committee to further identify options to lower property taxes.



Respectfully submitted,  
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