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### MPLA Board Report January 2012

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The Kansas Library Association is calling for nominations for the **2012 Presidential Awards**.

- **Library Advocate** -
  - Nominees not employed in library service either now or in the past.
- **New Professional** -
  - Nominees who have earned a professional degree within the last five years, and who are currently employed in library service.
- **Library Personnel** -
  - Nominees who are currently employed in library service or have retired from such service.
- **Meritorious Service** -
  - Nominees who have provided exemplary, sustained service.

Clare Vanderpool, winner of the 2011 Newbery Medal for her book *Moon over Manifest*, is speaking at the Kansas Library Conference in Wichita. Vanderpool has also been declared the Distinguished Kansan for literary arts. The 2012 KLA Conference will be April 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> in Wichita, KS.

Also speaking at the 2012 KLA Conference: Cory Doctorow, author of *Little Brother*.

KLA Council, in an effort to better facilitate meetings, held their first remote council meeting via Elluminate on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Items discussed included:

- The creation of a bylaws special committee and their charge
- Contract updates with KLA's legislative liaison
- The dissolution of one of KLA's roundtables for lack of sufficient membership