



ST-3 Kansas Representative  
MPLA Board Report  
March 2024

MPLA Activities:

Sent out call for newsletter submissions.  
Advertised the MPLA Executive Secretary and Website Manager positions on KANLIB-L (State Listerv) and Emporia State's School of Library Information Management job sites.

KLA Activities:

There are a few bills in the works that KLA is keeping an eye on. The following were talking points at the Jan 31 Legislative Day at the state capitol:

- Support legislative efforts to expand broadband access in Kansas
- Support Kansans Freedoms by rejecting legislation intended to censor library materials.
  - Censorship infringes on the rights and choices of others, including the rights of parents and guardians to make choices for their children.
  - Kansas libraries support Kansas kids!
  - affirming Kansans Right to Read
  - Public Libraries in Kansas support free speech, self-education, and self government.
  - The First Amendment provides everyone residing in the US the right to explore issues and form their own judgments without government interference or limits
- Support local control in Kansas by:
  - dismissing any one size fits all legislation that imposes restrictions on libraries ability to serve their unique communities.

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