



ST-3 Kansas Representative  
MPLA Board Report  
March 2024

MPLA Activities:

Sent out call for newsletter submissions.

KLA Activities:

- 2023-2024 Kansas Legislative Session closed, but may be called back by Governor.
- SB195 -Signed into Law 3/15/2024 - Authorizing Children's Council to form 501(c)3 for Fundraising for Dolly Parton Imagination Library
- [SB394](#), Requiring the use of age-verification technology to permit access to internet websites containing material that is harmful to minors. – **Will become law without the Governor's signature.**
- [HB2700](#), Establishing the school library rating system task force to develop a rating system for materials available to students in public school libraries. **Stalled in committee after significant opposition from the library community (see more below).**
- [SB284](#), Establishing the blind information access act to require the state library to provide on-demand information access services to persons who are blind, visually impaired, deafblind or print disabled. – **was added as an amendment and then taken out of HB2176 so the policy did not become law. However the State Library received \$70,000 to fund the service through the Omnibus Bill.**
- [HB2176](#), Creating the Arkansas City area public library district act and the Udall area public library district act – **Passed out of both houses after several conference committees (see more below). Waiting on the Governor's signature.**
- [SB531](#), Creating a civil cause of action against schools that give or make available harmful material to minors and removing the affirmative defense to promotion to minors of material harmful to minors for public and nonpublic schools.- **No action taken, bill automatically died at the end of session.**
- [HB2573](#), Requiring certain libraries that have budgets approved by taxing subdivisions to be subject to the revenue neutral rate independent of the taxing subdivision. – **No action taken, bill automatically died at the end of session.**
- [SB358](#), Prohibiting school districts and local libraries from prohibiting, banning or restricting books or other media unless certain requirements are met. - **No action taken, bill automatically died at the end of session.**

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