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## MLA Report

The Montana Library Association board met Tuesday January 18, 2011 in Helena prior to the state library legislative day events. One of the topics being presented in this legislative session will be funding for the state-wide courier project. The pilot project has been extremely successful, with 38 libraries now participating, reporting over \$100,000 in savings. However, funding is needed to continue and grow the project.

Prior to the evening reception at the State Library, a brief training session will be held for librarians on how to talk to legislators. During the reception photos will be taken to make READ posters, a very popular activity during the last session's reception. Posters of elected officials were available throughout Montana.

The mtlib.org website, previously hosted by Lewis and Clark Library in Helena will be moving. Presently specific details haven't been decided, but the webmaster is investigating options. The mtlib.org email will probably no longer be available, and the domain name may change, since it is currently owned by Lewis and Clark Library.

The Offline conference, the annual technology-related gathering, will be held in Helena February 11 – 12 at Carroll College. E-readers and other gadgets, better internet searching strategies and the ever-popular Mark Sheehan were among the topics planned.

The joint MLA/MPLA conference registration is open, with most speakers, receptions and other events confirmed.

This is the end of my term as MPLA representative, so nominations are being sought.