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The **next meeting** of the Montana Library Association will be **January 16th**. The bi-annual Legislative Day will also be held at that time. New and old legislators are invited to share time and food with Montana librarians to get acquainted and promote goodwill with returning legislators. The event also includes a project started a few years ago that makes a "read" poster with individuals reading favorite books. The posters are sent free to the local libraries of the constituent to offer more exposure for the library and the legislative process.

If anyone is interested in **presenting at the 2013 Pacific Northwest Library Association** Conference in Boise, Idaho, August 14-16, 2013, now is the time to get a proposal submitted. Questions? Contact Megan Egbert at megan@mld.org or (208)888-4541 Important Dates: Deadline for submissions: Jan.15th; Submissions will receive a response by: Mar. 1; Registration opens: Apr. 1; Early Registration deadline: Jul. 3; Regular registration deadline: Aug. 11

The fun filled techie conference for MLA is being held in fun-filled **Butte this year on February** 1 and 2. The conference will feature Marshall Breeding as its keynote speaker and topics to be discussed include Digital Rights Management, Open source tools, thin client, cloud computing, streaming video to patrons, and other new trends in the library field.

Our keynote speaker for the Montana Library Association conference will be our own **Mary Bushing**. The author luncheon speaker will be Mark Harmon. Registration is now open for the conference to be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in **Missoula**, **April 17-20**, **2013**. Everyone is welcome.

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