

MPLA

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MPLA Activities

A table with MPLA information was set up at the annual conference of the Montana Library Association held in April at Missoula, Montana. Over fifty people who have never been members of MPLA registered at the booth. The lucky ten winners of the free memberships are Matt Beckstrom, Helena; Lisa Brennan, Missoula; Della Dubbe, Helena; Mary Greil, Missoula; Mindy Kohn, Colstrip; Glenn Kneebone, Missoula; Pamela Marek, Missoula; Jessie Pate, Libby; Sarah Poole, Missoula; and Daniel Ray, Stevensville.

State News

The Montana Legislature passed and the governor signed a bill increasing state funding for public libraries to forty cents per capita. Over the years the buying power for public libraries had gradually decreased to approximately ten cents per person. Many librarians worked hard at the legislative session to get this bill passed.

Montana Library Association News

The Association will hold the annual summer leadership retreat in Bozeman in June. Several items are on the agenda including a discussion of accepting advertising as a revenue-generating source on our web page.

The annual conference will be held in Billings during April 2013.

For more Montana information visit www.mtlib.org or msl.mt.gov .

Respectfully submitted,

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