

ST-4: Montana

November 2014

Conference:

The next MLA conference takes place in Bozeman, April 8-11. The theme is *Access for All: A Montana Value*. Sheila Bonnard, our President, has a Welcome Letter explaining our theme this year (<http://www.mtlib.org/2015Conference/presidentsletter.asp>). Forty-four programs have been chosen for the conference, and they are excited about the variety received.

The tentative conference rotation:

2016: Missoula

2017: Big Sky or Helena

2018: Billings

2019: Bozeman

There was discussion at the board meeting of recent locations. Several years back it was decided to only use 4 cities for the conference because we had grown enough with members and vendors that the hotels were unable to accommodate us. However, several new hotels have been built in some of the cities, so we are looking into going back to some of them again. Hence, if Helena is now able to accommodate MLA, we will be there in 2017.

General News:

Montana Legislative Day is January, 15, 2015. An evening event is planned and more details forthcoming.

Montana has started a new Membership: *Permanent Retired Member*. Here are the details: Are you a retired Montana Librarian? Do you want to remain a member of the Montana Library Association? Tired of remembering to pay your dues? MLA has just the deal for you! Here's how it works: Send in one payment of \$50 and your membership is good for life. You will maintain all the benefits of being a regular MLA member. Discount prices to attend MLA sponsored events; voting privileges, opportunities to serve on committees, and hold offices

MLA Newsletter:

For more fun news happening in the state here is the link to the newsletter:

<http://www.mtlib.org/Focus/201410focus.pdf>