

Montana—MPLA Board Report
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Mountain Plains Library Association Activity

- Sent articles from Montana Library Association Newsletter to the MPLA newsletter editor.
- Sent emails to lapsed Montana's lapsed MPLA members, encouraging them to rejoin
- Working on proposal from MLA to MPLA for a joint conference in 2022, just trying to nail down a location

Montana Activity

- Attended the Montana Library Association conference in Helena, MT April 10-13.
 - Gave away 10 free memberships to MPLA
 - Had a vendor table to answer questions about and raise awareness of MPLA
 - Attended MLA board meeting, spoke about MPLA/MLA joint conference location, planning to submit proposal letter for 2022
 - Met with PNLA president and representative for Montana to talk about PNLA/MPLA/MLA joint conference
 - Spoke to the MLA membership at large during meeting about the benefits of joining MPLA
- Currently attending weekly meetings with the government affairs committee until the end of legislative season. Some proposed bills that are of interest to Montana libraries:
 - HB 633, create digital library services state special revenue account (passed by legislature, enrolling and final preparation process)
 - HB 439, revising laws related to misrepresented service animals (returned to first house with second house amendments)
 - SB 355, requiring net neutrality (probably dead)
 - HB 457, protect personal information of internet customers, require opt-in consent (in second house committee, tabled)
 - HB 372, increasing inflation limitation on government entities for property tax levies (probably dead)
 - HB 354, restricting sexually explicit materials and sexually oriented businesses (probably dead)