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### MPLA Board Report January 2010

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- Ten names were drawn at the NLA/NEMA Conference to receive a free year of membership in the Mountain Plains Library Association. The lucky winners were
  - Mary Austin, Library Director at Little Priest Tribal College
  - Jodene Glaesemann, Branch Supervisor at Lincoln City Libraries
  - Sarah Haack, Clerk at Kearney Public Library
  - Tammy Henry, Children's Librarian Assistant at Bellevue Public Library
  - Rhonda Long, Media Specialist at Montclair Elementary School
  - Tammi Mans, Media Specialist at Fairbury Junior-Senior High School
  - Joyce Sullivan, Library Director at Elgin Public Library
  - Nancy Voris, Library Media Specialist at Skinner Magnet Center
  - Joni Wilder, Children's Librarian at Omaha Public Library
  - Merrillene Wood, LRC/Library Coordinator at Western Nebraska Community College

Congratulations and welcome to MPLA!

- The Mid-Continental Chapter of the Medical Library Association (MCMLA) has awarded its Outstanding Achievement Award to Jim Bothmer, Director of the Health Sciences Library/Learning Resources Center at the Creighton University School of Medicine.

Bothmer, an Assistant Vice-President for Health Sciences, is the 17<sup>th</sup> person to receive the honor over the past 35 years. MCMLA is a professional organization for individuals and institutions in the health sciences library field. The Mid-Continental Chapter includes the states of Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.

- Patty Hall has retired as Director of the McCook Public Library. After working at the University of South Dakota at Vermillion's University Library for several years, she moved to McCook. Her career at the McCook Public Library began in Technical Services in 1985. In 2000, she became the Library Director. Walt Sehnert, a Foundation Board member told Patty that she was "a good tightrope walker – you know there is a place for both technology and books and you have learned balance in the library." Patty starts her latest life chapter as a live-in nanny for her daughter Sarah, son-in-law Jay, and three grandchildren in Gillette, Wyoming.

- Nebraska's 2010 Legislative Day is February 9<sup>th</sup>. Events will take place at the Cornhusker Hotel and the State Capitol from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The luncheon program will honor library volunteers. Legislative Day is sponsored by the Nebraska Library Association.
- The One Book-One State selection for 2010 is *The Home Place* by Wright Morris. As the Barnes and Noble reviewer wrote, "This account in first-person narrative and photographs of the one-day visit of Clyde Muncy to 'the home place' at Lone Tree, Nebraska, has been called "as near to a new fiction form as you could get." Both prose and pictures are homely: worn linoleum, an old man's shoes, well-used kitchen utensils, and weathered siding. Muncy's journey of discovery takes the measure of the man he has become and of what he has left behind."
- Check out the Panhandle Library System's new website at <http://libraries.ne.gov/pls>. It's easy to use, has lots of useful links and relevant information, looks pretty, has a short URL, and was created in Plinkit. Plinkit is a template-based website creation toolkit made with open-source software. Michael Sauers, Technology Innovation Librarian with the Nebraska Library Commission, set up the template for PLS. More information about Plinkit is available at <http://plinkit.org>.