

ST-5 Nebraska State Report

MPLA Board Report
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MPLA Activities

- Shared MPLA news and announcements with the NLA Board of Directors, including direct request to more broadly encourage “Chew and Chat” attendance
- Requested MPLA newsletter content
- Received MPLA runners, etc. (Nicely done!)

NLA Activities

- Attended NLA Board Meetings
- Attended NLA Third Thursday Chats
- Serve on NLA Advocacy Committee as MPLA Rep
 - Continue to Develop Advocacy Toolkit
 - Strengthen local and regional library advocacy efforts
- NLA Strategic Planning Group

NLA News

- No formal fall conference for 2023 – activities planned for dispersed Nebraska Library Week (Nov 12th-18th) - Theme is Connecting Communities
 - Library Prom will be on Saturday, November 18th, 2023 in Hastings, Nebraska and will be the final event of NLW. This event is a celebratory fundraiser that will include food, drinks, dancing, awards, and a silent auction. The theme for library prom is “An Evening of Elegance”.
 - NLA Annual Business Meeting will take place during NLW (final date TBD).
 - Golden Sower Award Ceremony will take place during NLW virtually, following the model of 2022’s ceremony (final date TBD by GS committee).
 - Regional Events will take place Sunday-Friday at various locations throughout the state – examples include networking events, social events, and library produced programming.
- NLA Leadership Training Camp to encourage officers to run for positions – 3 sessions of presentations and Q&A
- Accepting Nominations for NLA Meritorious Service Award, Mari Sandoz Award, and TSRT Sandra Herzinger Award
- Continue to strategize around ALA membership challenges, calls for action against Libraries at local & state level, etc.

