

## **ST-5 Nebraska State Report**

MPLA Board Report  
May 2024



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### **MPLA Activities**

- Shared MPLA news and announcements with the NLA Board of Directors
- Requested MPLA newsletter content

### **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
  - This committee continues to meet every Wednesday, via Zoom, at 4:00 pm
- NLA Strategic Planning Group

### **NLA News**

- NLA Executive Director resigning as of May 31.
  - Not refilling the position immediately, due to budget/financial constraints.
  - Will reconsider after strategic plan implementation.
  - Currently offering training on various tasks/duties to volunteer teams.
- Advocacy Day 2024 on March 19 – 20
  - Most of our work was on LB441
    - [https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view\\_bill.php?DocumentID=50448](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=50448)
    - Call to action was sent via OneClick Politics. This was the first time we have used this tool. OVER 400 actions were taken through this application, provided by ALA! Emails were sent directly to Senators with talking points that were used on the floor during debate. This was the first time that this team of committee members have battled an adverse bill that made it to the floor for debate, it is exhausting and exhilarating at the same time.
    - The vote for cloture was called during NLA's Advocacy Day event. The agenda for the day was changed to allow more than 60 librarians to be in the balcony to be recognized. These same librarians were in the room when the vote was taken. This was historic.
    - Bill was not advanced.
  - 33 participants attended the Creating Advocates Workshop

- 104 were registered to attend the Advocacy Day event
  - 9 Outstanding Volunteers were honored during lunch
  
- Strategic Planning Committee
  - Reviewing fee/membership structure
  - Reviewing committee/organizational structure
  
- Conference planning is underway for Oct Annual Conference in Kearney NE