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Melody Kuehn, North Dakota Rep.

Pam Drayson Board Choice Award Winner

Pam Drayson, newly hired Director of NDSU Libraries in Fargo, ND was selected as the North Dakota Representative's Board Choice Award pick for MPLA.

She wants NDSU to be a gracious host for the 2002 NDLA/SDLA/MPLA Tri-Conference. They have the Institute of Regional Studies there and a number of persons on staff who are authors. They at NDSU libraries, have a program for planning that is excellent (She was very excited about sharing this feature). And, she mentioned Mike Miller as a contact for having someone from Prairie Public Radio speak.

State Library's 2001-2003 Budget Hearing

North Dakota State Library's 2001-2003 budget recommendation from the Governor did not include funding for the statewide Gale and Bell & Howell databases or the extra \$1,000,000 for the State Aid to Public Libraries. The house appropriations hearing for the State Library will be January 11.

NDLA Dues Increase

\$35.00 Individual Membership

\$20.00 Trustee Membership

\$20.00 Associate Membership (Non-voting membership category available only to persons not employed in any North Dakota Library. Includes students, Friends, exhibitors/vendors.)

Contact for 2002 Tri-Conference in Fargo:

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he actual person to plan for the 2002 conference will be Ladean's vice-president when Ladean becomes president of NDLA in September 2001.

Lewis and Clark

Cheryl J. Heser, Montana Library Association, sent the following email to NDLA:

As Chairman of the Marketing and Public Relations Committee for the Montana Library Association, I am responsible for Lewis and Clark Bicentennial preparations for the association and librarians in general in Montana.

At a recent Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Conference in Great Falls, Montana, I had the privilege of meeting Gerard Baker, who, along with Richard Williams, is in charge of the Corps of Discovery II project for the National Park Service. Corps of Discovery II is an educational project which will consist of one or two semi truck loads of materials for viewing and hands-on projects concerning the Lewis and Clark Expedition. They are in the formulating stages now, but the basic plan is for the Corps of Discovery II project to follow the Lewis & Clark trail both physically and chronologically.

I proposed to Mr. Baker that libraries -- particularly public libraries because of activity in the summer months, would be the perfect "hosts" for the Corps of Discovery II entourage. We could provide parking space for the trucks (including working with local law enforcement to close one block of a city street for a day), promote local publicity as needed, and also could supplement the event with local history viewing and hands-on opportunities. This would give libraries a chance to participate and to support this wonderful project. In communities with no public library, we could make other arrangements, perhaps through school libraries.

In recent e-mail correspondence, Mr. Baker has encouraged the project and stated that he will take it to the National Park Service conference for planning Corps of Discovery II. For this reason, I am contacting all state library associations along the trail, asking for your support and participation in this project.

NOTE: NDLA has given them their support.