MPLA Board Report July 23, 2005

Beth Postema was chosen to attend the Ghost Ranch Leadership Institute. She currently is the Deputy Director of the Fargo Public Library. She has also served as interim director. Beth has been involved with planning the first branch library of the Fargo Public. She was also a founding member of a local historic neighborhood association.

Melody Kuehn, former ND Rep. to MPLA, has retired after 24 years with the Minot School District at Central Campus High School. She has been a member of NDLA for 35 years and MPLA for 34 years and has held a variety of position in both organizations.

NDLA has begun preparing for its centennial year in 2006. The Centennial conference will be held in Fargo, the site of its first conference. Some projects already underway are sewing a centennial quilt and creating a cookbook with library histories as well as tantalizing recipes. Another project is collecting photos of current ND libraries, creating a centennial snapshot of who we are and then posting them on the website.

This year's conference theme is Providing Excellence in Information Access @ Your North Dakota Libraries, September 21-23rd in Grand Forks. North Dakota Librarians are also busy hosting two other regional conferences at the same time. The Midwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association is meeting in Fargo on September 16-20th. The Mid America Association of Law Librarians will be meeting in Grand Forks on October 6-8th.

NDLA is transitioning to a new domain name. www.ndla.info