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Eric Stroshane

North Dakota State Representative

MPLA

Submitted an article for the MPLA newsletter providing North Dakota library news.

Submitted two articles for NDLA's newsletter, *Good Stuff*: one encouraging new members to join and current members to renew, and one promoting the MLA/MPLA conference.

Provided information on the changes to MPLA institutional memberships to the NDLA Board.

The State Library has two vans reserved for the MLA/MPLA conference and is hoping to fill both with attendees.

North Dakota

North Dakota's 62nd Legislative Session is underway. Governor Dalrymple included the State Library's full appropriation in his budget as well as an additional \$200,000 in State Aid to Public Libraries. Testimony has been provided in support of this bill by State Librarian Hulen Bivins, NDLA President Rita Ennen, and Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library Director Tom Jones. Additional written testimony was provided by Enderlin Municipal Library Director Myrene Peterson, Maddock Public Library Director Priscilla Backstrom, Griggs County Public Library Director Bonnie Krenz, and Griggs County Public Library Board President Lucy Paulsrud.

The State Library's Spring Workshops are going to be held in Bismarck from March 30th through April 1st. Promotional materials will be mailed out and posted on our website soon.