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North Dakota State Representative

July, 2011

#### **MPLA Activities**

- Submitted an article for the MPLA newsletter detailing North Dakota library and library association news
- Submitted an articles for NDLA's newsletter, *Good Stuff*, covering highlights of the MPLA conference, and promoting the 2012 MPLA Leadership Institute
- Arranged for MPLA exhibit space at the upcoming NDLA conference
- Recruited two candidates to run for MPLA Recording Secretary: Carrie Scarr of the West Fargo Public Library and Elizabeth Jacobs of the ND State Library

#### **North Dakota News**

- Flood updates: The Minot Public Library re-opened on July 15<sup>th</sup>, after the raging Souris River forced them to close in June. The Velva School and Public Library will begin to move their collections back into the facility on Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, and should re-open in time for the school year. The North Dakota State Fair in Minot was cancelled this year.
- Conference: Despite flooding, the 2011 NDLA Conference will still be held in Minot on September 21-24<sup>th</sup> at the Grand International Inn. The title of the conference is "Librarians: Leadership for a New Decade," and further details are available on the conference website: <http://www.ndlaonline.org/Conference/11conf.htm>.
- TutorND went live July 1<sup>st</sup> and is now offering one-on-one tutoring and homework help statewide from tutor.com, paid for by the North Dakota State Library.

Respectfully submitted,

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