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Oklahoma State Representative
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Regional meetings have been held with positive results. Even if attendance has not been as hoped, those receiving invitations have been appreciative.

Legislative Day at the capitol was March 10. One of the concerns is Senate Bill 834 which seeks to convert all Oklahoma school districts into charter districts at the rate of at least 20% annually as of September 2010 and to allow for all districts to be designated "charter" through annual lotteries by September 2014. Each charter district added will be exempted from the requirement to have school libraries and certified school library media specialists with master's degrees.

The endowment campaign held around Valentine's Day was very successful and creative! The Read to Your Baby campaign encouraged staying home and reading and donating what you would spend on an evening out to the OLA Endowment Fund.

Regarding activities within MPLA: I have send out reminders asking members to renew their dues. Beginning in April I will contact MPLA members to see if they could help at the MPLA booth during OLA. Oklahoma looks forward to hosting Eileen at our conference and the chance to promote the Mountain Plains Library Association.