MPLA Activities

- Attended MPLA executive board meeting via conference call on July 30.
- Attended the SD Library Association executive board meeting on August 2
 - Presented idea of MPLA raffle
- Sent a message to all SD listservs on July 31 about MPLA Leadership Institute
- Sent a message to all SD listservs soliciting news for MPLA newsletter
- Sent SD news to the editor for the upcoming MPLA newsletter
- Assisted with drafts of letters to receive permission from SD Sec of State office and city of Sioux Falls for MPLA raffle
- Helping organize the MPLA raffle and MPLA table at tri-conference
- Reviewing MOP

South Dakota news:

H.M. Briggs Library at SDSU and the Devereaux Library at SD School of Mines have been selected as Full Depository Libraries to the State Library State Government Publications Distribution Program. Each of these libraries will assist the SD State Library in educating citizens of South Dakota and showcasing the increasing number of state agency publications that are being placed online via the SD State Library digital collections at http://cdm16384.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/ In addition, Watertown Regional Library has signed on to be an affiliate depository and will also hold trainings to highlight state government collections.

School libraries recognized for efforts to support 21st century learning

Twenty school libraries have been recognized by the South Dakota State Library as 21st Century School Libraries. The recognition program identifies school libraries as Effective, Enhanced or Exemplary, based on performance in three areas: place, which refers to the learning environment, both physical and online; programming; and professionalism.

This is the first year of the recognition program for school libraries. Applicants conduct a self-assessment and provide evidence of their ability to meet South Dakota's guidelines for school libraries. Award status is valid for a two-year period.

To learn more about the recognition program, visit www.library.sd.gov and follow the "School Libraries" link.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Hemmelman