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South Dakota State Representative

June 2014

MPLA Activities

- Attended the SD Library Association executive board meeting on April 16 and reported on MPLA activities
- Sent a message to all SD listservs soliciting news for MPLA newsletter
- Sent a message to SDLA listserv with MPLA newsletter tidbits, membership information, LI contributions program and grocery card fundraiser
- Submitted MPLA news column to be printed in SDLA newsletter
- Forwarded MPLA newsletter editor vacancy information to the SDLA list

South Dakota news:

Recent torrential rains in eastern SD have caused flooding at libraries in Canton, Harrisburg, and South Dakota State University.

Mary Jo Parker is the new librarian in Lake Andes.

Long time staff person Jody Carlson is the new library director at the Grant County Library in Milbank.

SD Library Association is sponsoring Branch Out 2014, a one day conference for support staff, at Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell on Thursday, August 7. Keynote speaker is "That Writer Guy" Jason Glaser.

Lakota artist Donald Montileaux recently penned "Tasunka: a Lakota horse legend" using his talent for creating unique-looking horses through ledger art, a Native art form which originated in about 1870. Agnes Gay, an assistant archivist at Oglala Lakota College Library, translated the story into Lakota.

The Grace Balloch Memorial Library was honored by the IRS for its ten years of dedication as a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site.

Jean Peterson of the SD State Library has retired after 37 years of service to librarians across the state.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Hemmelman