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South Dakota State Representative

November 2014

### **MPLA Activities**

- Attended the SD Library Association executive board meeting on July 11 and October 1 and reported on MPLA activities
- Sent two messages to SDLA listserv advertising MPLA newsletter editor position
- Sent two messages to multiple listservs soliciting news for MPLA newsletter
- Submitted MPLA news column to be printed in SDLA newsletter
- Sent reminder to SD lists about MPLA professional forum papers
- Set up a table at the SDLA annual conference October 1-3 in Pierre. Also spoke about MPLA membership to attendees at the conference
- Reviewed reports submitted for November meeting
- Sent message to numerous SD lists advertising free MPLA memberships to be given at the SDLA conference
- 10 winners from SD were drawn for free MPLA memberships at the SDLA conference. A total of 16 signed up to win.

### **South Dakota news:**

The SD Library Association conference was held in Pierre October 1-3 with the theme "Libraries, the center of it all". Approximately 150 attended the conference, plus 40 vendors.

Darcy Lipp-Acord, 2014 MPLA Library Institute attendee and author of *Circling back home, a plainswoman's journey*, presented a session at the SD Library Association conference held in Pierre. The book is a finalist in the 2014 WILLA Literary Award and a nominee in the 2014 Will Rogers Medallion Awards.

Yankton Community Library has launched a new program to encourage reading, "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten."

Chris, Browne, the cartoonist of "Hagar the Horrible," has written and illustrated his first children's book, "The Monster Who Ate the State," for the South Dakota State Historical Society.

Several SD libraries are researching new ILS systems. Rawlins Municipal Library (Pierre), Huron Public Library, and the SD State Library have all chosen BookSystems Atrium.

The Grant County Public Library celebrated its' 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary in September.

Respectfully submitted,  
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