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South Dakota State Representative

March 2015

MPLA Activities

- Sent reminders from Memberclicks to SD members who had not renewed
- Sent additional renewal reminders with information provided by Judy; updated some SD member information
- January 5th - sent message to SDLA listserv encouraging membership renewals, joining as new members, highlighting some action items from the board meeting, encouraging people to apply for grants, and a conference teaser with keynote Scott Ginsberg's website
- Sent message to SDLA and SD statewide listservs soliciting news for MPLA newsletter
- Submitted MPLA news column to be printed in SDLA newsletter
- Sent message to various lists calling for MPLA conference program proposals
- Attended SDLA board meeting on January 22nd and reported on MPLA activities
- Will be distributing MPLA membership information at the SD State Library annual training institute this summer
- Reviewed reports submitted for March meeting

South Dakota news:

- Unfortunately, the SD Library Association conference is scheduled at the exact same time of the MPLA conference. I plan to attend MPLA, but will see if I can find a volunteer who is attending the SDLA conference to be in charge of the MPLA exhibit table.
- Assistant State Librarian Colleen Kirby will be retiring March 6. Kirby has served SD librarians for 33 years.
- Siouxland Libraries has recently chosen Polaris as their new ILS.
- In the SD Legislature, the governor has introduced a reorganization order which would put the SD Cultural Heritage Center, which includes the archives, museum, publishing, etc. under the Department of Education.
- Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger was chosen as the One Book South Dakota for 2015.
- The State Library is sponsoring Digging Deeper into Primary Resources, an online learning day on March 6, with a grant from Teaching Primary Sources, Library of Congress

Respectfully submitted,
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