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South Dakota State Representative

January 2016

**MPLA Activities**

- Facilitated group for SD Library Institute recommendations and sent those to Aubrey. Four applications were received. Aubrey has invited three based on the recommendations from the SD committee.
- Attended SDLA executive board meeting and presented proposal to have MPLA members receive SDLA member conference rates. Vote will take place at the SDLA board meeting on January 20.
- Reviewed reports submitted for January meeting
- Submitted SD news for MPLA newsletter and sent message to various lists with the direct link to the newsletter submission form
- Gathered information on SDLA strategic planning facilitator and sent to Eric
- Sent message to lists about MPLA/CALCON proposal submission
- Sent message via Memberclicks to SD MPLA members reminding them to renew

**SDLA activities:**

- SDLA annual Legislative Day will be January 20 in Pierre
- SDLA executive board meets on January 20
- SD Legislative session began on January 12 and runs through March 11. SDLA will be watching for any library related bills, and supports legislation to increase teacher pay in SD
- SDLA school section now has its own Facebook page and will be holding a Library EdCamp “unconference” in April

**South Dakota news:**

- Voters in Aberdeen have approved financing a new \$8 million public library
- Elvita Landau’s last day at the Brookings Public Library will be January 29

Respectfully submitted,  
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