MPLA Activities

- Reviewed reports submitted for June meeting
- Submitted SD news for MPLA newsletter and sent message to various lists with the direct link to the newsletter submission form
- Sent message to current SD members encouraging a run for VP/Pres Elect
- Sent MPLA grant info to be published in SDLA newsletter
- Sent MPLA grant info to four SD listservs
- Sent MPLA membership information for presentation at SD Library Institute
- Sent MPLA news for submission to SDLA newsletter
- Will be handing out MPLA membership information at the SD School Library Bootcamp for school librarians in July

SDLA activities:

• Mary Johnson, a recent 2016 LI fellow, had this to say about Institute:

"What I received from the leadership program was much, much more than I expected. My experience at the 2016 MPLA Leadership Institute is something from which I believe every librarian could benefit! There were opportunities to get to know librarians from a variety of types of libraries, to network with library leaders (mentors) with excellent experience, and the benefit of learning the many skills in leadership - communication, managing differences, influencing others, team work, handling change, commitment, engaging community stakeholders/library champions, and personal planning. "

SDLA conference registration is open and MPLA members can register at member rates.
A message was sent to all MPLA members and was also posted on MPLA FB

South Dakota news:

- For the second year, former MPLA president Sharon Osenga taught at the SD Library Training Institute
- Long time Vermillion Public Library Director Jane Larson is retiring after 32 years. For the past several months she has been in the hospital with a serious medical issue. She is now at home recovering.
- Long time Dakota State University (Madison) Library Director Ethelle Bean is retiring in June.

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