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South Dakota State Representative

February 2017

**MPLA Activities**

- Reviewing reports submitted for February meeting
- Shared sad news of Dan Chaney's passing with SD librarians
- Promoted professional development grants
- Submitted SD news for MPLA newsletter
- Sent message to lists encouraging membership
- Sent targeted message to members who had not renewed (list provided by Judy)

**SDLA activities:**

- SDLA Library Legislative Day was held on February 16
- Attended SDLA board meeting on February 16 and reported on MPLA activities
- The SDLA annual conference will be held September 27-29 in Chamberlain

**South Dakota news:**

- Jodi Fick is the new library director of Siouxland Libraries, replacing Mary Johns who retired in August.
- Tonya Olson is the new library director at Yankton Community Library, replacing Kathy Wibbels who retired in December.
- The new library in Aberdeen should be completed this year.
- 2017 One Book South Dakota selection is *Kitchens of the Great Midwest* by J. Ryan Stradal. From Lutheran church bake-offs to chili-pepper eating contests, this book captures the zeitgeist of the Midwest, the rise of foodie culture, and the ways food creates community and influences identity.
- 2017 Young Readers One Book selection is *Tales from Deckawoo Drive*, a bind-in of three books in a series written by Kate DiCamillo and illustrated by Chris Van Dusen.

Respectfully submitted,  
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