

MPLA Professional Forum at the 2014 MPLA/AzLA Annual Conference

Calling all Library Staff!!

Quench your desire to share your innovations, experiences and ideas by writing a paper and having the opportunity to present at the **AzLA/MPLA** Conference in Scottsdale/Fountain Hills, Arizona, November 12-14, 2014. The Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) Professional Development Committee is announcing a call to submit papers for the **MPLA Professional Forum**. The **Professional Forum** is designed to present new ideas, innovations, and case studies in librarianship that will benefit the profession. We want to learn from you whether you work in academic, public, school or special libraries. You will gain valuable professional development skills in a welcoming setting.

Three papers will be selected for presentation at the conference. All presenters will receive a one-year MPLA membership. In addition, a cash prize of \$100.00 will be awarded to the winning paper/presentation.

The presentations will be given at the Conference at a time to be determined. Each presenter will have ten minutes to present and five minutes to field questions from the audience.

Guidelines for Papers

- Themes can include locally implemented experiences (successes or failures), theoretical models, statistical studies, or state of the art reviews.
- Current issues with proven or potential solutions
- Clearly developed positions or concepts. Generalities within librarianship should be avoided.
- Research methodology is encouraged, yet not essential.

Papers will be judged by a three-person panel on:

- Significance/relevance of topic (20 points)
- Development of concept and quality of organization (20 points)
- Clarity of ideas and objectives (20 points)

Final presentations will be judged by the same three-person panel at the annual conference on:

- Consistency between the paper and the presentation (10 points)
- Objectives evident, with clear ideas and concepts (10 points)
- Quality of organization (10 points)
- Quality of presentation, use of visuals, etc. (10 points)

Submission Requirements:

- Papers must be original-not published or presented elsewhere
- Authors agree to make a presentation at the conference
- Papers (2-6 pages in length) must be submitted electronically to prof_development@mpla.us no later than September 12th.

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