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### MPLA Leadership Institute Report

I have just rejoined the Leadership Institute Committee as its chair because of the departure of Patti Butcher to take the position of State Librarian of South Carolina. I am grateful she thought of me “in a crisis”, but it is possible I will be an interim chair until an experienced and committed member of the committee is able to take the job. Most of them were already committed in a big way to other activities just now. Even though all are busy people, the committee, especially through Patti Butcher’s work, accomplished one especially stellar thing. MPLA has been able to get funding from SIRSI to continue the Institute in 2006.

In the meantime, I am just barely scratching the surface of the current year. I represented MPLA on a program for the New Members Round Table at the American Library Association Conference in Chicago. The panel of speakers presented four leadership programs from around the country and the audience was able to question the panel after the program. I was not able to stay for the entire program because of a committee of ALA Council that is my responsibility was meeting at the same time. The program planners knew that in advance.

I will contribute an article to the next issue of the newsletter. It is already in near-final draft.

You have received the list of selected participants for the 2005 Institute from Mary Bushing. I will have hard copies at the Board meeting next week.

There are two things that we specifically need to discuss at the board meeting. The renewal of contract for the Coordinator is one. Mary Bushing’s exceptional performance makes this project of MPLA sing. I will bring a copy of the other item. It is only one page and easily digested while we talk. You may have other questions and thoughts about this important activity of MPLA that you want to bring up. I welcome those comments.

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Leadership Institute Committee