

# *Why MPLA?*

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Why should you become a member of the Mountain Plains Library Association?

- Diversity
  - A myriad of librarians from many different institutions bring new perspectives and experiences from which to learn
  - Programs and sessions at MPLA conferences reflect the diversity of the membership and offer something that everyone will enjoy
  - Larger than a state association, but smaller and more responsive to our regional needs than a national association
- Return on investment
  - MPLA membership dues are often less than state association dues, and you get the benefit of news and networking opportunities from twelve states
  - Exciting conferences with nationally-known speakers held in scenic areas
  - Attending annual conference does not break your travel budget
- MPLA Leadership Institute
  - A great learning and networking opportunity
- Networking
  - Learn about innovative ways librarians in similar positions to yours are reaching patrons, organizing programs, and using technology
  - “why didn’t I think of that” sharing opportunities
- Grants
  - MPLA sponsors grants to “improve library services in the Mountain Plains region by supporting continuing education and research experiences for individuals employed in the library or related professions and grants to states”