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106	6+ years
9	0-2 years
47	3-5 years
74	0-2 years

**What kind of activities/services should MPLA provide to engage members? For instance, regular web chat**

How about a session or two at the annual conferences for each state represented in MPLA. Many people don't know you exist.

Technical services, Circulation, interest by library type, Communications, Publications, etc

Presentations/webinars on appropriate topics that can help with Continuing Ed credit, meetings at conferences for face-to-face time

I think web chats would be wonderful. Maybe information about applying for jobs. What are libraries looking for besides experience that some don't have?

Web chats sound good. I am not sure what the special meetings at conferences would be. I would really appreciate a chance to talk to other librarians like me, i.e community college librarians. More access to similarly situated librarians was what really drew me to MPLA.

A meeting at other conferences would be a great chance to meet other members in our state. For example, a meeting at OLA would enable me to network with other Oklahoma librarians in MPLA

special meetings or "fun" get-togethers - like an auction or raffle or games.

Webinars might be helpful, especially since not everyone can attend the MPLA conference.

Web chats and/or a blog

special meetings or events at conferences

interest groups: readers' advisory, new professional group, student group; state MPLA member get togethers to get members interacting and spreading the MPLA word apart from state conferences.

I prefer email notices with web address for reading and discussing.

Social gatherings in each state organized by the State Rep.

Professional development in areas in which librarians are lacking, e.g., instruction for academic librarians.

This is difficult. time at work gets more restricted all the time as budgets are cut and staff is reduced. For me the conference is the primary contact and I do not even get there if it is distant. I think blogs and lists are the best

I would be most interested in free/inexpensive online CE opportunities rather than chats/interest groups, to be

I miss the print newsletter, but I imagine it was discontinued for economic reasons. It was just so handy to have it on my desk to refer to and to contact people whose programs interested me.

Online training opportunities

Conference attendance is difficult; prefer online activities, etc.

Regular web chats/webinars would be great! Other virtual means of conversation would also be good (given the

Regional web conferences or trainings such as those put on by ALA or PLA would be great. There is a host of talent and knowledge in our region, and webinars sponsored by MPLA would be a welcome addition to our professional development.

I think the grant programs would entice younger people to join MPLA. Expanded award programs might make more people aware of MPLA. Webinars are a good way to offer professional development. I think more "get acquainted" type meetings at conferences would be good but I don't know just what they would be.

Professional speed dating with vendors.

Meetings or special sessions at conferences are good for those able to attend. I would like to see regular postings on the website on topics of interest, especially those that deal with problems common to the MPLA states -- since most of us have a great deal in common, including wide open spaces between towns and libraries. Active chats are great but difficult to participate in. It would be nice to have a spot on the website where members could post questions, discuss ideas, write short explanations of ideas that worked in their libraries, etc.

Webinars, e-newsletter, ways to engage with each other beyond the conference.

Web chats would be very helpful.

Webinars

webinars on new technology, even some topics of interest to youth and children's specialists

Joined out of a sense of obligation. Not interested in any activities or services

Online training for those who can't attend conference. My library has limited travel funding saved for larger library conferences.

Ask members to join committees and round tables and have these groups report to their membership frequently.

Web Chats, Webinars, special meetings. Also, state reps could organize MPLA gatherings at state conferences. training webinars or credit-bearing courses so we can keep up with new skills/developments



It would be great if there were get togethers at major library conferences.

Networking events in various location, more communication about training events or webinars.

Special meetings at conference, email discussions/tips, and I think I joined the MPLA group on LinkedIn.  
web chats

Concrete resources like lesson plans for the k-12 classroom.

Web chats and special meetings would be a fantastic way. Just asking for volunteers to sit on a committee would

Send more information by mail. Go back to a paper newsletter with subject content as well as association news.

I love the idea of regular web chats!

Particularly for library marketing/ programming departments. I really think we could share some great ideas.

More chances to meet. More communication. More workshops or professional development.

Webinars with speaker or focus topic. It would be helpful if they are something that members could access at a

#1 - timely, imaginative, and top-quality pre-conference workshops

#2 - fun activities at conference

#3 - engaging web chats sounds like a good idea

Webinars

Round tables at conference

Survey members as to topics of interest for conference sessions

Personal welcome by phone with new members would be nice. New member handbook - history, contact info, events, ways to be active, etc.

I think that both of these would be great, as library budgets are restricted and participation increases when things are offered virtually and when organizations come to us.

More informational stuff on the Facebook page. I love the pictures but it would be good to have notices of events

Web chats might be nice, especially if they are archived so that people who can't attend can hear about what

I am retired and do not attend meetings.

Breaking technology and best digital curation/preservation practices. These might work well for web-chats or

Web chats or webinars would be lovely

web chats/online learning opportunities - anywhere from an hour to all day

web chats sound good

networking meetings at conferences

Webinars seem to be catching on and being big. Virtual conference meetings. Ways to get access to the wisdom of the group without the cost of travel.

Meetings at conference. Too busy for web chats.

More events for academic librarians; MPLA is to Public Library orientend

This is so difficult. I think online format is the most reasonable for the majority of our members. Finding ways to provide chats, etc. on topics of interest to them is what they seem to want.

Webinars, virtual meetings, professional development

Webchats, Online professional development, preconferences and socials at state conferences.

I think their should be more oversight of the state reps. It should be clear that the rep selected must have commitment to providing information about MPLA. Our rep never puts anything in the state association newsletter, there are no MPLA sponsored activities or booths at the state conference. It has been years since our

more professional development opportunities such as presentation and publication.

both

Job listings, CE opportunities and notices, info on upcoming trends

I find it difficult to participate onweb chats since I mostly cover a desk. Special meetings at conference might be

Some kind of social networking setup might be effective. Yahoo groups or FaceBook pages?

Special conference meetings are good if one is able to attend conference. Section/interest e-mail groups for

I would be interested in special meetings at conference and periodic virtual meetings throughout the year (may be webinars on a topic of interest to the group or group discussions).

**When MPLA had interest groups in the pas**

Didnt know about them.

Didn't know of any.

Haven't been a member long enough

I don't recall what year they were disbanded,  
so I can't honestly choose yes or no

I don't remember

I don't remember interest groups

I don't think I was a member then.

I haven't been a member for very long

I wasn't a member

I wasn't a member at the time.

I'm a new member

I'm too new

just joined a few months ago

N/A

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Never knew about them.

New member

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Recently joined. Interested.

was not aware of interest groups--maybe they were before my time

was not aware of them

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	If MPLA offered interest groups again do you think you would participate?	Would you be interested in taking charge of an interest group if MPLA offers them again?
<b>If MPLA brings back interest groups, what kinds of groups should we have?</b>		
Based on library type (Public, School, Special, Academic)	Yes	Maybe
All or none	Yes	Yes
Based on library type (Public, School, Special, Academic)	Yes	Yes
Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	Yes	Yes
Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	Yes	Maybe
Maybe combination of library and job type	Yes	Maybe
Based on library type (Public, School, Special, Academic)	Yes	Maybe
Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	Yes	Yes
Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	Yes	Maybe
Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	Yes	Maybe
Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	Yes	No
Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	Yes	Maybe
Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	Yes	Maybe
by library type and job because jobs differ by lib type	Yes	Maybe



Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	Yes	Maybe
Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	Yes	No
Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	Yes	No
Based on job type (Technical Services, Public Services, Access Services)	Yes	Maybe
Based on job type (Technical Services, Public Services, Access Services)	No	No
Based on job type (Technical Services, Public Services, Access Services)	Yes	No
Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	Yes	Maybe
Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	Yes	No
Based on library type (Public, School, Special, Academic)	Yes	Yes
what members want to set up, could be all of the above	No	No
Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	No	No
Based on library type (Public, School, Special, Academic)	No	No
Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	No	Maybe
Based on library type (Public, School, Special, Academic)	Yes	Maybe
Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	Yes	Yes
Based on library type (Public, School, Special, Academic)	Yes	Maybe
Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	Yes	No
I am not interested in them.	No	No

Based on library type (Public, School, Special, Academic)	No	No
Based on job type (Technical Services, Public Services, Access Services)	No	No
Based on job type (Technical Services, Public Services, Access Services)	Yes	No
Based on library type (Public, School, Special, Academic)	Yes	Maybe
Based on library type (Public, School, Special, Academic)	No	No
Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	Yes	Maybe
Based on library type (Public, School, Special, Academic)	Yes	Maybe
Based on job type (Technical Services, Public Services, Access Services)	Yes	No
Based on library type (Public, School, Special, Academic)	Yes	Maybe
Based on job type (Technical Services, Public Services, Access Services)	Yes	Maybe
one for students		
Based on library type (Public, School, Special, Academic)	Yes	Maybe
Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	Yes	Maybe
Based on job type (Technical Services, Public Services, Access Services)	Yes	Maybe
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Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	Yes	No
Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	Yes	Maybe
Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	Yes	Maybe
Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	No	No
Based on library type (Public, School, Special, Academic)		No
Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	Yes	Maybe
Based on library type (Public, School, Special, Academic)	Yes	Maybe

Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	Yes	No
All of the above.		Maybe
Based on library type (Public, School, Special, Academic)	Yes	Maybe
Based on library type (Public, School, Special, Academic)	No	No
Based on job type (Technical Services, Public Services, Access Services)	Yes	No
Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	No	No
Library type and interest	Yes	No
Based on library type (Public, School, Special, Academic)	Yes	Yes
Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	Yes	Yes
Based on library type (Public, School, Special, Academic)	Yes	Maybe
Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	Yes	No
Based on library type (Public, School, Special, Academic)	No	No
Based on job type (Technical Services, Public Services, Access Services)	Yes	Maybe
all of the above	Yes	No
Based on job type (Technical Services, Public Services, Access Services)	Yes	Maybe
Based on provocative discussion led by someone with a sense of humor	Yes	Maybe
Based on library type (Public, School, Special, Academic)	No	No
Based on job type (Technical Services, Public Services, Access Services)	No	No
Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	Yes	Maybe
Based on library type (Public, School, Special, Academic)	Yes	No
Serving Special Populations	Yes	Yes
Both library type and interest areas	Yes	No
Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	Yes	Maybe
Based on library type (Public, School, Special, Academic)	Yes	Maybe
Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	Yes	Maybe
	Yes	No
Based on library type (Public, School, Special, Academic)	No	No
Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	Yes	Yes

I think job type or interest area would be very helpful as would offering a place for those in special libraries	Yes	Maybe
all of these would be good	Yes	Maybe
all of the above sound good	Yes	Maybe
I would pick one to start with and branch out to others based on interest. Library type seems the most basic. So you might begin with that one.	Yes	Maybe
Based on library type (Public, School, Special, Academic)	Yes	Maybe
	Yes	No
Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	Yes	
Any of the above could work. It would just depend on the perceived value to members.	Yes	Maybe
All of these are good ideas	Yes	Yes
Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	Yes	No
Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	No	No
Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	Yes	Yes
Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	Yes	Maybe
All of the above	Yes	Yes
Based on library type (Public, School, Special, Academic)	Yes	Maybe
All of the above.	Yes	Yes
Based on library type (Public, School, Special, Academic)	Yes	No
Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	No	No
Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	Yes	Maybe
All of the above	Yes	No
all of the above	Yes	No
Based on library type (Public, School, Special, Academic)	Yes	Maybe
Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	Yes	Yes
Based on interest areas (Technology, Instruction, Reference)	Yes	Yes

**Please tell us anything you think we need to consider if we decide to recreate interest groups.**

I am really too busy to take part in interest groups. By the time I read the ALA weekly newsletter and fulfill my ULA commitments and all my other professional extra-curricular activities, I don't have time to enjoy my own personal interests.

Some kind of incentive or reason for people to participate  
Easy communication. Easy to understand directions for web chats, webinars, etc.

I would prefer by library type, but as stated above I am mostly interested in 2 year colleges as opposed to the larger 4 year academics. I would also participate if it was based on interest areas. I don't like job type as much, because for many of us in smaller libraries our responsibilities cover some many areas.

They need to be really "interesting", reflect current times/technology and pertinent to all members.

It feels like MPLA is construed as "supplemental" to state associations and I'd like to see MPLA become a real force on its own for members. We need a stronger niche because networking isn't as big a draw due to social networking. State associations and ALA also provide professional funds and recognition- what makes MPLA special? Necessary? Where is it headed? Wish I had answers for you, but felt I should share these questions that came to me.

I think one task of each interest group should be to propose/present a program at each joint conference. In North Dakota, our Intellectual Freedom Committee has been extremely active year round and has also consistently brought conference-highlight programming. If Interest Groups are started up, I think IF should be one.

I am "brand new" to MPLA and have no background on it for offering suggestions to you

The interest groups by topic make sense to me because people working in, or supporters of, various types libraries may feel welcome based on their knowledge or interest. That approach may feel more open, not as limiting as some may perceive the library type or job type categories.

MPLA has many diverse members, but they work in libraries with predictable issues and needs. I think working with academic, public, and school libraries to address the needs of the members will be helpful in developing interest groups. I participate in SIGs in ALA and ACRL and find them valuable.

Sorry I cannot be a part of this as i will retire at the end of the year.

They should be conducted via email rather than at annual meetings, as the region is so wide and many of us cannot attend the meetings, especially if we get no funding.

A combination of "how to do" and "the future of" topics in libraries.

Interest groups don't work with MPLA. We need to give up on that idea and move on. If topics of interest pop up that concern MPLA members, then organize a webinar (contained, no more than 1 hour in length, on an accessible electronic platform that anyone can use from their desktop) and let people who are interested in the topic attend.

Provide different times for the interest groups to meet at the conferences. Make sure the leader is interested and has time to lead the group. Let the groups be small---three or four people can make an effective group if they are interested in a topic. Let the groups sign up on a yearly basis so that they do not have to go on forever--have sign up sheets at conference for different groups---if no one signs up or if the board doesn't feel there are enough signatures, don't sanction the group. Keep it simple.

Too many communication channels to keep up with already.

While it's important to offer a broad base of interest groups, it might be best to start with just two or three. How do you plan to let members know about interest groups? More important, how do you plan to let non-members know -- since one of the objectives is to create membership?

I don't have time to actively participate in any interest groups. If it was just a matter of e-mails or a newsletter, that would be of interest. Otherwise, no thanks.

Make it easy to participate, use existing technology (social media, like Facebook?), keep them current.

I think everyone is extremely busy with work, life etc. Any additions to one's schedule needs to be flexible!

Since members are in multiple states maybe you could also offer get togethers on a local level?

It goes without saying, but the groups must be active. Whatever groups evolve, they should hold group chat sessions every couple of months, or sponsor CE webinars. At the SD State Library, we have school librarian chats which are facilitated by our school library coordinators. It is an open chat session every few months usually offered at a good time for school librarians where they can all get together and visit, bounce ideas off one another, talk about issues etc

It appears that other organization are utilizing interest groups very well.
I do think it is hard to consistently engage members as this duty has be a long-term one. It takes time and commitment to recruit group participants and to keep them engaged.
Book repair, book history, library history, librarianship philosophy
I am new to MPLA, so I am not sure how they worked before. However, I have been a part of the Colorado Association of Libraries Marketing group, and it was helpful for me to network with others in similar aspects of this profession.
It took a long time for me to get hooked up with Will Manley's blog, but now I miss it. If MPLA had an online discussion that was as funny, thought-provoking, and stimulating as Will Unwound used to be, I would go for it in a minute.
We're all so busy it's hard to say. If it doesn't duplicate something else and offers something worth the time.
There is national interest in serving special populations, especially patrons on the autism spectrum.
I think that the groups can be fluid - if there's a need for action, the group forms; if the project is completed, the group dissolves for a time.
I would like to see an interest group on readers' advisory - I would consider leading the group if I have time available - Jean Anderson
Meetings need to be relevant and provide opportunity for members to get to know each other. Contacts after meetings are as important as meetings.



keep it simple and informal

We could also use some general interest topics - customer service, ebooks, copyright reminder (something short and sweet - some sessions I have attended at other conferences have been really bad.)

Watch out for schedule problems as often folks are interested in more than one group

If you create groups based on libraries, you might consider a sub-grouping by size.

Many interest groups have common interests and effort should be made to reach all members for the interest group activities and opportunities.

If there are interest groups, they should have Facebook or Twitter pages that members can subscribe to. Then there need to be 3-5 active members of the Interest Group who would post items. At least then subscribers would actually get a feed rather than hear nothing.

I'm not sure getting close to retirement.

In my opinion, one reason the interest groups died last time was because people didn't take charge of them. I think they are a great idea, but I'm not very optimistic about them. Maybe you should get some demographic information from the people who are interested -- I'm getting close to retirement so I'm not as enthusiastic about these things as I was 30 years ago.

I think topic based (rather than job type) interest groups seem more approachable for MLS students, paraprofessional staff, Librarians that do 'everything' at their library, and people currently employed outside their desired area.