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Report of the Technical Services Section

Mountain Plains Library Association Board Meeting

April 21, 2001

Proposed Programs for 2001 AZLA/MPLA Conference:

The MPLA Technical Services section has submitted proposals for three conference sessions.

The Spoken Word:

AZLA CODAR (Collection Development and Acquisition Round Table) and the MPLA Technical Services section have submitted a proposal to sponsor a session on contemporary issues related to spoken word recordings in libraries. If accepted by the conference planning committee, the session is expected to cover the following topics:

- The new technology of the spoken word - where the technology is going and why.
- How might the Napster rulings affect libraries?
- Selection resources and choices in formats.
- Processing and cataloging concerns.

The Documents Data Miner:

This proposed two-part session is being co-sponsored by several sections within MPLA and AZLA (MPLA Technical Services Section, MPLA Government Documents Section, AZLA CODAR, and AZLA GODORT).

Nan Myers of the Wichita State University Libraries originally developed the Documents Data Miner as a collection development tool. In the first session, Nan will discuss the collection development features of the Data Miner and how this product can be beneficial to libraries in the MPLA region.

Data Miner 2 is in the final stages of development in 2001. DDM2 will contain new features, which should assist federal depository libraries in cataloging, processing, and other technical services activities. The DDM2 product will be tested in several depository libraries during the summer of 2001. The second session will introduce the enhanced capabilities of the Documents Data Miner Two and include analysis of the product by libraries involved in the testing phase.

Business Meeting:

The section will meet to transact business matters during the conference.

It is hoped that these proposed sessions will be of interest to the Conference Planning Committee.

Long Range Plan:

Several Technical Services section members reported difficulty finding and/or obtaining the Long Range Plan via the MPLA website. As needed, I sent copies of the plan to those section members who were unable to obtain the long range plan easily.

Respectfully Submitted:

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