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Leadership Institute Report  
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The MPLA 2012 Leadership Institute begins in 2 days and 17 hours - but who's counting? Well, a lot of us - 30 participants from 12 states, 6 onsite team members from MPLA, and our amazing facilitator Maureen Sullivan. You've seen the photos in the Newsletter and read their introductions - what a varied and talented group they are! You'll meet the participants at the reception the afternoon you arrive in advance of the board meeting. And please thank the Mentors for donating their time:

- Mickey Coalwell
- Adriane Juarez
- Valerie Nye
- Robert Shupe
- Dan Stanton (also serving as Polymathic Factotum)

We could not have done this Institute without the support of the Gerald Kline Family Foundation (Innovative Interfaces, Inc and SkyRiver). Gene Shimshock and Brad Young from Innovative will be with us at the Institute on May 9. The Emporia School of Library and Information Management provided support for the mentors' travel, and the University of Arizona School of Information Resources and Library Science provided advertising support. Also, thanks to donations to the Friends of the Library Leadership Institute from several MPLA members, each participant will receive a copy of Maureen Sullivan's new book *Developing Library Leaders*. Bookplates recognize their support. Contributors are:

- Marilyn Hinshaw - 2002 Founding Leadership Institute Committee Chair
- Debbie Iverson - 2002 and 2005 Institute Mentor
- Karen Chobot - 2002 Institute Fellow
- Kirsten Clark - 2004 Institute Fellow
- Jean Hatfield - 2005 Institute Mentor
- Mickey Coalwell - 2006 Institute Fellow
- Sharon Moreland - 2006 Institute Fellow
- JaNae Kinikin - 2007 Institute Fellow
- Heidi Sue Adams - 2007 Institute Fellow
- Tom Taylor - 2010 Institute Fellow
- Elvita Landau - 2010-11 MPLA President
- Judy Zelenski - 2007 Mentor, 2010 & 2012 Institute Coordinator

My 22-year-old truck and I will be heading to Estes Park on Sunday morning, loaded with notebooks, supplies, snacks, bottled water , and a new jump-start charger just-in-case. Adriane and Mickey will have rental cars to bring Maureen, Dan, and Val from DIA to Estes Park. Robert is driving from Utah.

It's been a great two years getting ready for this Institute. Four years ago Dan brought the Institute back to life, and he and Adriane have been working diligently to keep it going. Adriane will co-chair the Leadership Institute Committee next year with Anali Perry, a 2010 Leadership Institute participant. I was a Mentor in 2007 and Coordinator for 2010 and 2012, but as much fun it would be to continue I am ready to turn the Coordinator's position over to someone else. It's been a fantastic experience. Actually it's been "life-changing," as many past participants will agree. I will assist a future coordinator in every way.

Finally, I look forward to seeing Polymathic Factotum Dan Stanton use his courage, brains and heart to lead a pre-dawn leadership group in a quest to vanquish lions, tigers and bears - or at least go with them on a bear hunt! I'll hang out in the Lodge by the fire.

Thanks to all,

Judy