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MPLA Webmaster Report  
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Since my last report, I've continued to take care of routine MPLA website business. The Jobline continues to be updated at least weekly as needed.

I have added a new feature to the website, in an attempt to feature more information and news from membership. It also partly arose from Judy's lack of space in the MPLA Newsletter. It is called MPLA Stories: Tales From Around the MPLA Region, and it can be found at: <http://www.mpla.us/stories/index.html>. It's an attempt to give members and libraries an opportunity to talk about themselves. So much of the MPLA website is structured to give MPLA officers and administration a voice, it seemed logical to give membership a chance to communicate with us and the rest of the membership. To that end, I've tried to carve out a place where that can occur. If state reps can get the word out, it would be appreciated. Judy has forwarded stuff to me for MPLA Stories, I also encourage others to pass things along. I place dates alongside stories, so people can see when things were added (Note: we haven't had anything to add since 22 May!) I'm open to posting whatever people send me, and I would direct folks to the current content to see what kinds of things I'd post. It truly runs the gamut.

I'm also toying with the idea of creating an MPLA Photo Album feature, where members can submit photos of themselves, their libraries, their events, etc. It's something that would run in conjunction with the MPLA Stories page, and I'm thinking we can carve out some space on the home page to run a photo and a link that maybe something we can rotate through all the photos that are there. Just an idea.

Finally, I've created an MPLA group on Facebook. Facebook, for those not in the know, is a social networking site, along the lines of MySpace (but not inhabited by millions of grade school kids acting like grade school kids.) Facebook started out as college and university network, but they have expanded to allow anyone to join, including the aforementioned grade school kids. You can find it at [facebook.com](http://facebook.com). If you join and want to find MPLA, search for us. You can't miss us. David, Sharon, Beth, Judy and myself, and several other board members are on it, as well as a growing group of 24 other MPLA members. Come join and see what Web 2.0 is all about!

Respectfully submitted,

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