

ST-2 Colorado Representative

MPLA Board Report

March 2014

MPLA activities

- Reviewed MPLA executive board reports submitted for March 2014 meeting
- Attended CAL board meeting in February 2014.
- Posted news and announcements to CAL & MPLA Facebook pages
- Advertised MPLA's grocery card program
- Contacted CO MPLA members about renewing membership
- Submitted material for CAL & MPLA newsletters

Colorado news & legislation

Colorado state library launches SquareStateCollaborate

Colorado State Library (CSL) is pleased to announce the launch of <http://squarestatecollaborate.com>, an free online tool to help Colorado-based community organizations and all types of libraries connect to form mutually-beneficial collaborations. Denver 7 news likens it to Match.com for libraries.

SquareStateCollaborate is designed to connect libraries, nonprofit organizations, local governments and foundations who are looking for partners to join them on a project. The Colorado State Library will host a webinar series to demonstrate ways library and community groups can work together to benefit their customers. The first webinar will feature Pikes Peak Library District (ppld.org/) and SparkFun (www.sparkfun.org), tentatively scheduled for March 25, 2014. For additional information, please contact Jacqueline Murphy (murphy_j@cde.state.co.us).

Colorado Association of Libraries wins ALA President's Award for Advocacy, sponsored by United for Libraries

The Colorado Association of Libraries (CAL) earned the 2013 ALA President's Award for Advocacy, sponsored by United for Libraries. CAL won for its 2012 campaign "Literacy Through Libraries: A Dollar Does It." The campaign sought to restore state funding for libraries; although a funding mechanism in the state budget had existed since 2001, the line item had gone unfunded for years due to budget constraints. This left Colorado as one of only a few states with *no direct support of libraries*.

CAL requested one dollar per capita, for a total of \$5.2 million statewide. The legislative committee that designed the request felt that it was unlikely the full amount would be received, but the goal was to receive any funding possible, and re-establish libraries as a priority in the state budget. CAL heard from supporters across the state who stepped up on behalf of libraries, and was notified that the joint budget committee approved a motion to include \$2 million to fund the State Grants to Libraries Act for only the second time in 10 years.

Pasicznyuk returning to lead Douglas County Libraries

Robert "Bob" Pasicznyuk is leaving Cedar Rapids Public Library to return to Douglas County Libraries as their new Executive Director. Pasicznyuk will be replacing Jamie LaRue who retired earlier this year to pursue a full-time speaking career. Bob Morris, Douglas County Libraries board president states, "With today's announcement, we feel we have found the right person for the job. We chose Bob because of his experience with strategic planning, his broad knowledge of information technology, and his overall business acumen."

Prior to his role as a library director, Pasicznyuk spent nearly ten years in library districts including Douglas County Libraries, acting in senior information technology roles. Pasicznyuk will manage a staff of more than 300 people in libraries spanning seven cities in what Forbes ranked as the seventh wealthiest U.S. county in 2012. Cedar Rapids' library has the full-time equivalent of 61 employees. Pasicznyuk's last day at Cedar Rapids library will be May 2nd.

[photo attached]

Library announces finalists for director position

The Wilkinson Public Library Board of Trustees has released the five finalist candidates for library director. The candidates are: Laura L. Burnett, the library manager at Centennial Park Library-High Plains Library District in Greeley; Sarah Landeryou, the collections coordinator at the Wilkinson Public Library; Paul H. Paladino, the library director for the Montrose Regional Library District since 1991; Jocelyne Sansing, the public services manager at the Pikes Peak Library District in El Paso County and Jeff Wavrunek, the director for Adams County Library in Adams, WI.

The board has scheduled in-person candidate interviews for March 20-24, and plans to make an offer on March 26, with hopes of having a new director in place by the end of April to replace former director, Barb Brattin who was released from duty last August. A public gathering where the community can meet the candidates is scheduled for 6 p.m. on March 21 at the Wilkinson Library. The search committee is accepting questions from the public for this event. Please submit questions to slichthardt@telluridelibrary.org.

HB14-1256 Concerning Authorizing Institutions Of Higher Education To Enter Into Employment Contracts For Librarians

Summary: Under current law, a state institution of higher education (institution) may enter into an unlimited number of term employment contracts of up to 3 years for certain classroom teaching appointments. The bill makes a minor change that allows an institution to also enter into these types of employment contracts with librarians.

http://www.leg.state.co.us/Clitics/CLICS2014A/csl.nsf/fsbillcont3/AED5F18D36B51E5787257C61007467E8?Open&file=1256_01.pdf

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES (CoALA)

The 2014 Colorado Academic Library Association's biennial Summit will be held online - June 18 and June 19. Presenters are encouraged to take advantage of this golden opportunity to share expertise related to the theme, "Educating in a World of Diversity." Please see the full call for presentation

proposals here (including submission form): <http://bit.ly/1dAg6IE>. DEADLINE: Proposal submissions are due by March 15.

2014 CALCON

The 2014 CAL Conference's theme is *Full Steam Ahead* and will be held in Loveland, CO October 16-18. The Super Early Bird registration is now open. Submit your proposals by March 17th.

Respectfully submitted,
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