

ST-2 Colorado Representative

MPLA Board Report May 06, 2012

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Legislative News

- The 2012-2013 budget passed in the CO House 60 to 1 with revenue projections still looking good.
- K-12 received more money and the proposed Senior Citizen rebate was approved to an extent
- [Massey's Literacy bill](#): passed house and passed 2nd reading in Senate with modifications.
- National Library Legislative Day – Nine delegates from CO attended the event. Rep. Polis willing to co-sponsor [Strengthening Kids' Interest in Learning and Libraries \(SKILLS\) Act](#); Rep. Gardner considering co-sponsoring [Federal Research Public Access Act](#).

CAL Board Meeting – April 2012

- AZ law banning ethnic studies programs in K-12 and what, if any position CAL should take.
- Restoring library funding strategizing

Colorado State Library News

Project Encompass – pending project to create computer centers around the state that provide training and use laptops to bring the resources to rural areas to help provide a “workforce-ready and college-ready community.” Digital literacy would be the main focus. They also talked about finding volunteer opportunities for folks from businesses

Workshops/Conferences

The 2012 CoALA Summit – Colorado’s only conference dedicated to academic librarianship – will be held on May 25th at Regis University-Lowell Campus. This year's Summit includes keynote speaker Joe Murphy (<http://joemurphylibraryfuture.com/>).