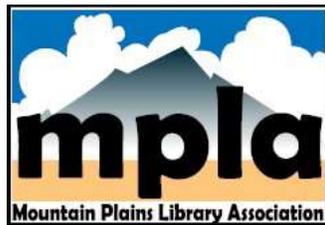


ST-2 January 2016 MPLA Board Report
Respectfully submitted by Stephen Sweeney

MPLA Activities

- Reviewed applications for Leadership Institute with committee and made recommendations
- Participated in conversations about the implications of the joint conference on both MPLA and CAL



- **Call for Proposals**
Deadline is February 12, 2016

- Come one, come all and come early! Library staff of all ages, heights, genre preferences, academic disciplines and platform partialities: we know you are out there! Those who want to stretch their wings (or cardigan sleeves) and present a program at the joint Mountain Plains Library Association/ Colorado Association of Libraries' Annual Conference, we challenge you to submit your proposal using the link below and step outside the norm. The [speaker's packet](#) has details that will assist you in planning for your program.
- The MPLA/CALCON16 Program Committee is seeking proposals for programs that:
 - **Innovate:** reach outside the limits of library norms and engage communities
 - **Inspire:** stimulate imagination, foster creativity and ingenuity, and demonstrate leadership
 - **Connect:** demonstrate connections between libraries and their patrons, partners, other libraries or communities
- MPLA & CAL encourage submissions from all types of libraries, regardless of size or location. All library staff are encouraged to submit proposals, including paraprofessionals, HR, marketing, administration, etc. Vendors and exhibitors are also welcome to submit. Please consider collaborating and partnering with each other to truly demonstrate connections.
- Consider submitting proposals that go above and beyond the basics. Libraries interested in facilitating a hands-on experience(s) for conference attendees should indicate this in a program proposal. Use your imagination to bring innovation, inspiration and connections to #MPLACALCON16!

- **SUBMIT HERE:** <http://www.cal-webs.org/?page=CallForProg2016>



Colorado Activities

- CAL/MPLA Joint Conference is coming up, October 20-22
- 2017 Call for Co-Chair - <http://www.cal-webs.org/?page=ConferenceCoChair> is open and anyone interested should submit their information
- 2/11/2016 – Readers Advisory Interest Group Meeting
- 2/24/2016 – Colorado Association of Special Libraries Virtual Meeting Topic: National Library of Medicine
- 4/7-8/2016 – Colorado Academic Library Association Summit – Libraries Transform: Experts in the Library

Legislative Updates

- Colorado Lobby Day is March 16 – Theme: Libraries Work for Colorado (see below for details)
- Legislative Committee is working with the Governor’s Office to have March 16 declared Colorado Library Day
- The legislative joint budget committee (JBC) will conduct its hearing for the department of education on Tuesday January 5. Although no library specific topics were on the agenda, the State Library is a unit of the State Department of Education in Colorado

Libraries Work for Colorado The Core Library Message – 2016 Legislative Session

Colorado libraries support the success of all Coloradans – from young children learning to read to entrepreneurs looking for ways to build their businesses.

To provide this support, all Colorado's libraries use an exemplary network of services and programs that supports a growing knowledge-based economy.

To accomplish this, the state libraries maintain:

- A 21st century infrastructure that permits efficient sharing of resources.
- Sustainable funding to bring information to children, adults and students of all ages.
- Principles that protect the rights for individuals to pursue their informational interests.

The general assembly has declared¹ that it is the policy of this state to promote the development of all types of publicly-supported free library service to ensure equal access to information.

To fulfill that declaration, the entire library community calls on the general assembly to support:

- **Maintain** current funding for the State Grants to Libraries to provide access to materials through libraries that helps fulfill the Colorado Blueprint goal to “educate and train the workforce of the future”.²
- **Continue** protecting the rights of individuals to conduct research and explore new ideas.

All residents of the state will benefit by having libraries that:

- Promote a better educated workforce; and
- Provide materials to encourage reading, literacy, learning, and enjoyment; and
- Promote job skills and economic development.

This will allow libraries to:

- Provide students in all grades with essential resources for learning.
- Bring information to businesses and job seekers for a better economy.
- Support early childhood learning.
- Meet the reading and learning needs of children, adults, and students of all ages.

¹ CRS 24-90-102

² http://www.advancencolorado.com/sites/default/files/908_424_Colorado%20Blueprint_11_7_no_jump_8.5_0.pdf