



ST-3 Kansas Representative  
MPLA Board Report  
August 3rd, 2018

MPLA Activities:

-Submitted additional conference participation opportunities to the MPLA Newsletter and the MPLA Website:

-Spark Talks Session: On Thursday morning from 11-11:50 a.m. the MPLA/KLA Conference will host a Spark Talks session. Basically, eight librarians will be chosen to present a program, idea, or technology to the audience in 5 minutes or less. It is a fun and lively way to share innovation at your library and learn about other successes in the region. **If you would like to submit a proposal for a Spark Talk (again, 5-minute presentation with powerpoint slides if needed), please contact the host Librarian Shanna Smith at [mulvane.library.director@gmail.com](mailto:mulvane.library.director@gmail.com) by August 15th.**

-Poster Session: Emporia State University will again host a Poster Session on Thursday afternoon from 1:30-2 p.m. **If you are interested in submitting a poster for this session, please contact ESU Program Director Kathie Buckman at [kbuckman@emporia.edu](mailto:kbuckman@emporia.edu).**

-Show-and-Tell Showcase: In the vendor hall this year a booth (or two) will be reserved for librarians and vendors to showcase something innovative at their library or business. The showcase could even include book talks if you are familiar with a certain genre or collection. This is another great way for librarians to share and take away ideas while bringing attention to all of the amazing vendors participating in this year's conference. **If you are interested in our Show-and-Tell (program, idea, books, technology), please contact Librarian Shanna Smith at [mulvane.library.director@gmail.com](mailto:mulvane.library.director@gmail.com) by August 15th with your topic and an estimated amount of time that you would need.** The vendor hall is open Wednesday evening and all-day Thursday.

-Responded to email questions about the MPLA Newsletter from Emporia State's Library School and the new State Librarian.

KLA Activities:

-Attended KLA Board meeting on July 17th.

Conference Activities:

- Submitted the Conference Call for Proposals to the Publib Listserv, South Central Kansas Library Listserv, and Kansas Library Listserv just prior to the due date.
- Submitted additional conference participation opportunities (listed above) to the Kansas Listserv, Publib Listserv, and KLA Website.
- Program Committee Work: Attended 3 meetings, reviewed and nominated Youth Proposals, and sent out notifications letters to presenters (acceptance/rejection/alternate) in the youth section.
- Vendor Committee Work: Attended 1 meeting, updated the vendor list with my own vendors, updated the vendor list with NM vendor list, proofed vendor documents and proposed edits and changes to the process, printed/addressed/stuffed envelopes with the documents for mailing to vendors (around 120 letters), solicited the assistance of Mickey Coalwell to touch base with vendors, and added Mickey to the shared conference drive so he could update vendor notes as needed.
- Created the additional opportunities for conference participation based off some of the successful ideas I have witnessed at other conferences: Spark Talks and Showcase.

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