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Mountain Plains Library Association

Montana Board Report

October 17, 2011

The public/academic/special librarians held their annual retreat at Chico Hot Springs on October 16,17. This annual get-together features many educational programs and the hot tub book discussion is always a big hit.

The school librarians will be heading to Missoula, Montana this weekend for the annual educators' conference. This is a good time for school librarians to learn what is happening in other departments around the school. The Montana Library Association also has many sessions scheduled to let teachers know what is going on in the library field.

The Montana Library Association Board meeting will be held this afternoon at the end of the Chico retreat. The strategic plan developed last summer will be discussed along with planning for the spring conference at Big Sky, Montana.

A new state librarian has not been announced but Darlene Staffeldt will be leaving the position shortly. Two other public librarian directors positions are open in the state: one at Columbus, Montana and one at Libby, Montana. Applications are new being taken for these positions.

The new Ebsco databases purchased by the state for use by all libraries are up and running. The state has also made available Homework tutor through tutor.com for use by students in the state.

Respectfully submitted,

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