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Montana Library Association conference

Montana Library Association conference will take place at the Best Western Heritage Inn, Great Falls April 9-12, 2008.

Some years there are an over abundance of nominations for awards and then there are years like this one. The awards committee has not been receiving any nominations for awards this year, and they are hoping that people are just waiting till the last minute to submit nominations.

ASLD/PLD Retreat

The annual retreat to Chico Hot Springs was once again a success. Concurrent sessions were held this year to accommodate the diverse needs of the Academic, Special, and Public librarians in attendance. The sessions were well received, the water was hot, and the conversations were lively.

Intellectual Freedom Committee creates a Wiki

The IFC has created a wiki of Montana Challenged books. The site received many hits after the recent challenge of the book *Sexy* by Joyce Carol Oates at Jefferson High School in Boulder. *Sexy* was retained.

<http://mlaif.pbwiki.com/Montana+Challenged+Books>

Library License plates in the works

PR & Marketing Committee have been researching the idea to create a license plate that would appeal to anyone in Montana with an interest in reading or literacy. They are planning a contest within MLA for a winning design, which would be unveiled at MLA conference 2008.