

Nebraska board report:

MPLA Activities:

Searching out those non-renewing MPLA members to see if they are just behind, or are no longer interested. Wait for the board meeting to find out more about the interest groups before I begin to re-pitch the benefits of MPLA to these folks.

Attended NLA board meeting to report on MPLA activities.

Reviewed the Best Practices for State Representatives document Stephen Boss prepared.

Nebraska Info:

I took two days from work to lobby the Nebraska legislative appropriations committee and testify at the budget hearing. NLA is looking for 1.8 million dollars over the next two years to increase the availability of e-books to the three Overdrive areas in Nebraska (Omaha, Lincoln, Everywhere else). The Library Commission is also asking for additional funding to bolster the State's six Library systems so that they may continue to support libraries across the state.

[This was my first endeavor with any kind of lobbying, but we did so well that the Advocacy committee of NLA is considering making a "street team" of librarians to approach the legislature and advocate for library services and support]

NLA Round Tables and Sections are having their Spring meetings over the next month. Topics include "Help! I'm not a social worker" presented by Carolyn Davidson Brewer and sponsored by the Public Library Trustees section.

"The Embodied Librarian: Learn to sharpen your skills," "Stuck with pins: How to manage content on your library's Pinterest page," "Hi, Ho, Hi Ho—Where in the library do I want to go?" sponsored by the Paraprofessional round table

"Technical service *IS* Customer service" presented by the Tech Services Round Table