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Mountain Plains Library Association
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NDLA Fall Conference News

Dr. Roger C. Greer will be the keynote speaker at the North Dakota Library Conference to be held in Grand Forks, Sept. 24-26, 1998. His specialty is library assessment and management. Mary Helen Pelton will give a presentation on humor in the workplace, as well as a storytelling workshop. There will be a two hour technology bonanza.

The Public Library Section is combining with SLAYS at the conference to present Mary Helen Pelton as a featured speaker. Additional speakers include Jane Kurtz, Ben Mikaelson, and Cynthia DeFelice. There is also interest in having a program on filtering information for web sites. Both the issue of the usefulness of present filters and the issue of patron rights came up. Maston suggested looking at ipl.org, the Internet Public Library website. The creators of this website look at all the sites before they list them. The State Library will have information on filtering at the conference.

The Information Technology Roundtable conference program will be on "The Seven Levels of Communication Technology: Options for Planning", by Wes Braunberger from U.S. West. Discussion centered on the Grand Forks televillage program. It is a CERA project with Wyoming, Montana, and North Dakota. There are federal funds for three cities in North Dakota to make electronic linkages to community services. It pulls together public services, libraries, health care, economic development, wellness, etc.

Small Libraries Roundtable chair reported the conference program will be a panel discussion on "Today's Bookmobile: Questions and Answers".

NDLA will present legislative awards at the conference to Rep. Ken Svedjan and Sen. Carolyn Nelson.

For complete conference information visit the NDLA website at <http://www.odin.nodak.edu/ndla.htm>

NDLA Board News

NDLA is exploring setting up a link to amazon.com. Melody Kuehn will try

to get more detail from amazon.com and see what success MPLA is having with it's associate program dealings.

Bill Gerlach of the Academic and Special Libraries Section is pursuing information about the STATISTICAL ABSTRACT OF NORTH DAKOTA and THE NORTH DAKOTA PERIODICAL INDEX.

The 1998 North Dakota Flickertale Book Award winners have been announced. The winner of the juvenile book category is Ben Mikaelson, author of *Rescue Josh McGuire* and Cynthia DeFelice, author of *Casey in the Bath*. The two Flickertale authors will attend NDLA's conference to accept their awards and to present programs to the conference.

The NDLA Membership Committee reported the total membership through June 12, 1998, either new or renewed, stands at 335.

The State Library received a technical assistance grant from the Libraries for the Future Foundation to develop a program to promote Friends of the Library and other grassroots support groups. ND is one of only 8 states to be chosen by the Library For the Future Foundation to provide expert advocacy training in four communities across the state. It is a New York City based non-profit organization dedicated to enlarging the base of citizen support for public libraries. Mike Jaugstetter and Ellen Kotrba will receive training and develop four demonstration projects around the state.

Two North Dakota librarians received scholarships to attend the Public Library Administrators Summer Institute in Aberdeen, S.D.

The next NDLA Board meeting will be in Grand Forks on Wednesday evening, September 23, at 8 p.m.

Minot Public Library Displays Norwegian Children's Books

The Minot Public Library hosts "From Trolls to Mrs. Pepperpot and beyond: Celebrating Norwegian Children's Books," an exhibit in honor of the 200th anniversary of Norwegian children's books that will captivate children and families across North Dakota and propel them into the scenery, geography, history and culture of Norway. The expansive exhibit will be on display at the Minot Public Library from September 26 through November 1, 1998.

The Capital Children's Museum, Washington, D.C., which designed the

exhibit, is highly regarded for its design of complete cultural exhibits that accurately reflect life in foreign countries. This is the first effort to collect truly Norwegian literature, according to Bob Evans, curator of the Capital Children's Museum.

Evans said that in the exhibit, as many books as possible of both Norwegian originals and English translations will be dispersed throughout the exhibit. In addition, some books will have a one-page translation on panels that will be spread throughout the exhibit. Of the 45 exhibit panels, 13 will be posters created by the Norwegian Book Institute (NBI). The panels will add a great depth to the exhibit, making the exhibit something for both children and adults, Evans said.

"From Trolls to Mrs. Pepperpot and Beyond" is part of Norwegian Visions, a Norwegian American Cultural Partnership program initiated by the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. After spending the summer in the nation's capital, this exhibit, funded by the International Sons of Norway, its local chapters, Aker Maritime, American Scandinavian Foundation, SAS, the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Norsk Hostfest, will hit the road for two years with its first stop in Minot, North Dakota, followed by Los Angeles, San Francisco, Denver and Minneapolis.

State Library News

Bismarck's Mayor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities (BMCEPD) recognized the State Library's Dakota Radio Information Service and the talking book program with the Media Award for 1977. It was awarded to a group or agency that promotes the opportunities for independence for individuals with disabilities, along with providing information to educate the public about services through the use of the media.

North Dakota State Library volunteers were among the top ten award finalists in this year's JC Penny Golden Rule Awards. Golden Rule Awards honors those individuals and organizations whose outstanding volunteer service makes communities better places to live and work. Volunteers work with Dakota Radio Information Service (DRIS), the talking book program, and in the circulation department.

The LSTA and LV2004 grants have been awarded. The N.D. Library Coordinating Council met May 1, 1998, to award approximately \$70,000.00 to those libraries applying for Internet Access Grants whose projects meet the criteria of Library Vision 2004.

From the Flickertale Newsletter