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MPLA Business:

I wrote articles for *The Good Stuff* newsletter that promoted the upcoming OLA/MPLA Joint Conference and the upcoming Leadership Institute. I also submitted an article about the MPLA Awards.

I sent out e-mail reminders for North Dakota MPLA members to renew their membership.

I contacted the winners of the drawing of the free membership held at the NDLA annual conference and offered my congratulations.

I wrote articles for the *Around the Region* section of the MPLA newsletter.

I formed a selection committee and we chose the two candidates to represent North Dakota at the 2010 Leadership Institute. The names were submitted to Leadership Institute committee.

North Dakota:

The 2010 North Dakota State Library Spring Workshops are coming together. This year's workshops will be held in Fargo on April 12th and 13th, and in Bismarck on April 15th and 16th. The locations for Fargo will be the Best Western Doublewood Hotel and the Fargo Public Library. Topics for this year's workshops include: developing a Friends of the Library group, utilizing social media tools, and summer reading programs. Round table discussions on various library related topics will again be a part of the workshops. Technology workshops will feature representatives from EBSCO, Gale, and the State Library who will demonstrate and explain some of the new Online Library Resources.

The North Dakota Library Coordinating Council announced the recipients of latest round of grants.

- Five public libraries will be establishing training labs in their libraries. The Bowman Regional Public Library, Carrington Public Library, Grand Forks Public Library, Velva School and Public Library, and the Leach (Wahpeton) Public Library will coordinate and provide training on a regular basis and by special request.
- The Enderlin Municipal Library received an innovative grant in partnership with their County Nursing Organization to provide training to the public on health related Online Library Resources.

- The Griggs County Public Library and Sitting Bull College Library each received a grant to add their collections to the statewide online library catalog through WorldCat, which will result in access to an additional 50,000 North Dakota items. The North Dakota State Library and the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council awarded the grants with funding provided through Library Vision 2010 (LV2010) and the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).