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North Dakota State Representative

MPLA Activities

- Submitted an article for the MPLA newsletter detailing North Dakota library and legislative news
- Submitted an article for NDLA's newsletter, *Good Stuff* about the individual professional development grants available to MPLA members
- Sent renewal reminders to wayward individual and institutional MPLA members
- Promoted the MLA/MPLA conference over local listservs
- Coordinated two minivans for a roadtrip from Bismarck to the conference and have enlisted seven North Dakotans to convoy to Billings with me

North Dakota News

North Dakota's 62nd Legislative Session is winding down. A bill (HB 1076) regarding the compensation and reimbursement of public library board members passed and has been signed into law by Governor Dalrymple. A bill (HB 1396) providing exemptions for certain library, archive, and museum collections from open records requirements passed both houses but has not yet been signed by the Governor. The North Dakota State Library's budget (SB 2013), including an additional \$200,000 appropriation for State Aid to Public Libraries has passed the Senate and is awaiting a vote by the House of Representatives.

The 2011 NDLA Conference will be held in Minot on September 21-24th at the Grand International Inn. The title of the conference is "Librarians: Leadership for a New Decade." Program proposals are welcome and further details are available on the NDLA website (<http://www.ndlaonline.org/Conference/11conf.htm>).