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MPLA Representative has been advertising the MPLA Leadership Institute and hopefully we will have many applicants. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for a few lucky folks. Oklahoma Library Association is providing \$250.00 scholarships for the Institute attendees.

The OLA 2012 Conference is scheduled April 28-30 in Norman at the Embassy Suites Hotel. The theme is "Becoming Special".

The Oklahoma Library Association Board and Executive Director are working on revising fiscal procedures and purchasing software to help with recordkeeping for the association.

Upcoming Oklahoma Library Association workshops are "Social Media? Using it to advocate for your library!," "How do you Dewey?" and "Inclusive Libraries: Welcoming People with Different Abilities" .

The Oklahoma Department of Libraries is sponsoring the 13th Annual First Amendment Congress for High School Students "Stand Up for Freedom" in conjunction with Freedom of Information Oklahoma.

In addition, the Oklahoma Department of Libraries in conjunction with IMLS and its partners are working to create a *Framework for Digitally Inclusive Communities*. This framework will help communities across the country assess their capabilities and needs as they work toward digital inclusion. The Oklahoma Department of Libraries and the Metropolitan Library System are hosting the evening forum of roughly sixty people representing all segments of our communities.