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South Dakota State Representative

November 2013

### **MPLA Activities**

- Attended MPLA executive board meetings/activities at tri-conference.
- Attended the SD Library Association executive board meeting on November 14 and reported on MPLA activities
- Sent two messages to all SD listservs about MPLA Leadership Institute
- Sent a message to all SD listservs soliciting news for MPLA newsletter
- Sent a message to all SD listservs advertising the MPLA legal reference webinar
- Sent SD news to the editor for the upcoming MPLA newsletter
- Assisted with establishing a committee to review LI candidates (I am not a member of the committee as I have applied to go to LI)
- Shared info from tri-conference final report with MPLA board
- Asked Judy's assistance in filling out a questionnaire to help SDLA determine a new membership management software

### **South Dakota news:**

These South Dakota MPLA members were award winners at the Tri-Conference in Sioux Falls!

**Mike Mullin**- SDLA Distinguished Service Award

**Annie Brunskill** – SDLA Librarian of the Year

**Elvita Landau** – MPLA Distinguished Service Award

SD Library Association Legislative Day in Pierre is Thursday, January 23. The State Library will hold its accreditation ceremony the same day.

Mitchell Public Library broke ground in August on a renovation and expansion project.

Belle Fourche, SD and public librarian Pat Engebretson are featured in Craig Johnson's new Walt Longmire series book, "Serpent's Tooth".

The SD State Library awarded certification to 18 librarians and library staff at the Tri-Conference in Sioux Falls. The voluntary program's goals are to help library directors and staff acquire, maintain and develop skills through continuing education.

SD's Broadband Initiative Awarded 22 Community Anchor Institutions with Technology Grants. Sisseton Memorial Library and Webster Public Library were among those awarded grants.

Respectfully submitted,  
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