

South Dakota Report
April 6, 2011

MPLA Activities

- News articles for the MPLA newsletter
- Contacted people and libraries with reminders to renew MPLA memberships
- Posted “Road Warrior” and some other MPLA activities to my personal Facebook page
- Sent notices of MPLA conference and programs to two statewide listservs
- Coordinated road trip from Brookings to Billings
- Encouraged people to serve on MPLA committees
- Checked that the MPLA display is scheduled for the SDLA conference
- Talked up MPLA whenever the opportunity occurred
- Oops, I did not put out messages in support of ALA and OCLC candidates from the MPLA region

South Dakota News

The South Dakota Books To Go site went live on March 28, 2011. The site is hosted by OverDrive and is made up of 21 public libraries in the state. Word has it that a group of academic libraries are also considering forming a consortium to provide ebooks.

A meeting was held on March 24, 2011 in Chamberlin to discuss the future of the South Dakota Library Network (SDLN). In attendance were the SDLN Executive Board, library directors from public and private higher education institutions and directors from some public libraries in the state. SDLN was formed in 1988 to provide a union catalog for all types of libraries in the state and has taken on many other functions since then. In light of the changes in technology, the SDLN Executive Board is looking at what the organization should be like in the future.

Governor Dugaard has declared the week of April 10 – 16 as South Dakota Library Week, in recognition of the invaluable services provided to South Dakotans by their public and school libraries.

During South Dakota Library Week 2011, First Lady Linda Dugaard will announce her campaign to promote libraries and literacy across South Dakota with the theme; “It begins with a book.”

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