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South Dakota State Representative

January 2013

MPLA Activities

- Submitted information for MPLA newsletter
- Forwarded the link to the new MPLA newsletter to the SD lists along with information on MPLA memberships
- Sent a message to SD conference free membership winners for 2011 and 2012 encouraging them to join MPLA at ½ price
- Attended the SDLA board meeting, reporting on MPLA activities and the opening of the newsletter editor position
- Attended a conference planning conference call

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- The SD State Librarian position is still being advertised. No word on how many applications have been received
- The SD State Library is undergoing strategic planning. Mary Bushing, who was instrumental in helping SDSL with its change in services, has been hired to facilitate the process. An advisory group has been formed and the first in-person meeting will be Feb 5. A new strategic plan should be approved by the end of 2013
- SD Legislative Session begins on January 8. SD Library Legislative Day will be Thursday, January 10. The SD Library Association Board will meet at noon. There will be a reception in the Capitol in the afternoon to celebrate libraries and the 100th birthday of the SD State Library Commission (which eventually became the State Library). Also in the Capitol Rotunda will be a recognition ceremony for those newly accredited public libraries in SD. In the evening, a legislative reception will be held at Rawlins Municipal Library.
- SDLA voted November 14 to endorse the statement strongly opposing the actions by publishers and distributors who set unfair conditions for the sale of e-content to libraries
- SDLA Executive Board met on November 9. Discussion centered around ways to support the state library and libraries in general, and the need to educate legislators and the public on what a 21st Century Library can do

Respectfully submitted,
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