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Mountain Plains Library Association Report – Oct. 10, 2007, Conference Call
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2007 SDLA Conference

The 2007 SDLA Conference will be held in Watertown, SD Oct. 17, 18, 19.
Pre-conferences will be held on Oct. 17 and the Conference will open in late afternoon on Oct. 17.

SDLA candidates for Vice President/President Elect are Heidi Nickisch Duggan, Lommen Health Sciences Library at USD, and Nancy Sabbe, Madison Public Library. The candidates for MPLA Councilor are Elivta Landau, Brookings Public Library, and Todd Quinn, Northern State University.

2006/2007 Prairie Bud/Prairie Pasque Winners

SDLA sponsors 2 reading programs for children each year. During the school year, children read from a selected list of books before voting for their favorite book before National Library Week each year. The winners are announced during National Library Week, and the winning authors are invited to attend an upcoming SDLA conference.

Children from kindergarten through 3rd grade participate in the Prairie Bud contest. The 2006/2007 Prairie Bud winner was Superdog: the Heart of a Hero by Caralyn Buehner.

Children in grades 4 – 6 participate in the Prairie Pasque contest. The 2006/2007 Prairie Bud winner was Abduction by Peg Kehret.

South Dakota Festival of Books was held Sept. 28 – 30, 2007 in Deadwood, SD.

SD State Library continues to implement new goals and plans.

During the summer and fall, SD State Library staff has been coordinating the dispersal of most of the State Library book collections. The State Library books have been adopted by libraries throughout South Dakota. Many, many boxes of books have been shipped to libraries. Several boxes of large print books are still seeking a new home.

The SD State Library will continue to maintain the professional library services collection, the Native American collection and the South Dakota collection. They will continue to answer reference questions with information from these collections and will loan these materials.

Very soon, the SD State Library must totally vacate the 1st floor of their building. It will be completely renovated. When finished the State Library will move to 1st floor and the 2nd floor will be renovated. The new 2nd floor will then house offices for the SD Dept. of Education.