

ST-10

South Dakota State Representative

November 2015

MPLA Activities

- Sent final reminder to all SD lists of LI deadline
- Submitted MPLA news column recapping conference to be printed in SDLA newsletter
- Invited President Eric to attend SDLA 2016 in Watertown
- Submitted names of MPLA membership winners from SD conference to Judy and sent welcome message to all winners
- Put together a committee to review LI applications
- Reviewed reports submitted for November meeting
- Submitted SD news for MPLA newsletter

SDLA activities:

- Will attend SDLA Board meeting on Nov. 18 and report on MPLA activities – added membership item to agenda and Eric’s idea of an MPLA ‘unconference’ at the next SDLA conference in Sept. 2016
- SDLA board met on October 16 to start drafting the next strategic plan

South Dakota news:

- The SD State Library awarded certification to 30 librarians from 21 communities at the annual South Dakota Library Association conference held in Rapid City
- Libraries across South Dakota participated in the Jump Start Read For the Record 2015 day on October 22nd. They read the book “Not Norman: a goldfish story” by Kelly Bennett along with thousands of other children, teachers, and librarians around the world.
- Three west river libraries (Spearfish, Sturgis, and Rapid City) went live with their new consortial ILS, Koha, on November 2
- Elvita Landau, longtime MPLA member and former MPLA president, announced at the SDLA conference that she would be retiring in January 2016

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Hemmelman