

MPLA Board Report July 2012

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Wyoming Library Association / MPLA Joint 2015 Conference Planning

I reported previously that the Wyoming Library Association (WLA) is looking for a location in the state to host the 2015 joint Wyoming Library Association/MPLA conference. I have been in contact with several venues who would like to host the meeting. I received inquiries from the Hilton Garden Inn & UW Conference Center in Laramie. This past week I visited the venue in Grand Teton National Park and met with Levi Thorn who is the Director of Sales and Marketing with the Grand Teton Lodge Company. Levi oversees two properties in the Jackson/Grand Teton area including the Jackson Lake Lodge and the Snake River Lodge and Spa. The Jackson Lake Lodge has over 17,000 square feet of meeting space for up to 500 people including 17 breakout rooms. The facility can accommodate large general sessions, vendor displays, banquets, outdoor barbeques and small working breakfasts. Lodging for conference participants is available in the lodge itself. The lodge has 37 guest rooms. There are an additional 348 rooms available in adjacent cottages located near the lodge. Some of the rooms in the cottages/condos come with views of the Tetons. The “view rooms” cost more than the regular rooms. Amenities at Jackson Lake Lodge comprise 2 restaurants, a lounge, heated outdoor pool and a tour desk. Popular activities here are Snake River float trips, Jackson Lake cruises, and bus tours of Grand Teton National Park.



Jackson Lake Lodge

I will be attending the MPLA conference in Nebraska, will note the size and configuration of the Nebraska venue and then verify that the Wyoming facilities that I contacted will be able to accommodate and attract participants to a joint WLA/MPLA conference.

Wyoming Grants Deadline Extended

The Wyoming Library Association's Awards and Grants committee has extended the deadline for nominations for outstanding librarians, libraries, and supporters of our libraries!

- Nominations are due July 23, 2012
- A complete list of awards and requirements can be found online: <http://wyla.org/awards>
- Winners will publicly announced during the annual WLA meeting in Casper this year. A list of available awards follows:
 - Librarian of the Year
 - Distinguished Service Award
 - Trustee/Volunteer Award
 - Media Award
 - Meritorious Service
 - Unsung Heroine/Hero Award
 - Newbie Award
 - Andy Fisher Technology Award
 - Georgia Shovlain Special Project Award
 - Milstead Award

Contacting Personnel in County Libraries in Wyoming

During the remainder of July and August I will be working to contact librarians and staff who work in the various county libraries throughout Wyoming who are not current members of MPLA. This will hopefully result in the addition of some new MPLA members. I will report on this as I go work with contacts throughout Wyoming.

