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## MPLA Activities

- Worked with the Wyoming Library Association Executive Secretary and others to review content management solutions for the Wyoming Library Association website. We are looking at Member Clicks and other competitors.
- Sent Wyoming Library Association and Wyoming State Library news/events to the MPLA editor for the upcoming MPLA newsletter.
- Sent MPLA news items including information on the upcoming MPLA Leadership Institute to the editor for the latest Wyoming Library Association Newsletter.
- Sent information to the Wyoming Lists concerning the MPLA Leadership Institute.
- Participated in conference call meeting between Leadership Institute Coordinator, Aubrey Madler and the other MPLA State Representatives.
  - As a group we made suggestions on the revamp of the Leadership Institute Application Form. The form was edited and the updated version is now on the Leadership Institute webpage: <http://www.mpla.us/leadership/index.html>.
  - We also supported Eric Stroshane's recommendations to develop a Leadership Institute Applicants Scoring Rubric.

## WLA News

- WLA recently had a special election due to a vacancy left by Scott Kinney.

Richard Landreth, Campbell County School District #1, has been elected as the new Vice President/President elect.

## Other Library News

### Grants available for ALA Traveling Exhibit about the Dust Bowl



The American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office invites applications for ***Dust, Drought, and Dreams Gone Dry***, a project for public, academic and special libraries about the Dust Bowl. The project features a traveling exhibition of 300 square feet and a series of programs designed to help public audiences engage in discussions about the human and ecological consequences of one of

America's most disastrous environmental experiences. The exhibit and programs feature several overlapping humanities themes: the nature of the connection between humans and nature, the many ways human beings respond to adversity; and how people came to understand and to describe the experience of living in the Plains during the Dust Bowl.

The ALA Public Programs Office, the Oklahoma State University (OSU) Library, and the Mount Holyoke College (MHC) Library developed the project, drawing upon OSU's "Women in the Dust Bowl," online oral histories of Dust Bowl survivors, and the MHC's Caroline Henderson papers—letters, essays, and articles by a woman who farmed throughout the Dust Bowl period. Ken Burns's film, *The Dust Bowl*, is also an inspiration for the project.

***Dust, Drought, and Dreams Gone Dry*** is made possible in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities: Exploring the Human Endeavor. Twenty-five sites will be selected to present the exhibition and associated public programs in their communities for a period of six weeks. All sites selected for the project will receive a grant of \$1,200 for expenses related to public programs. Please see the project guidelines for other details. Grant deadline is September 30, 2013.