

ARIZONA COLORADO KANSAS MONTANA NEBRASKA NEVADA  
NEW MEXICO NORTH DAKOTA OKLAHOMA SOUTH DAKOTA UTAH WYOMING

# MPLA Newsletter

A Publication of the Mountain Plains Library Association

Februaru 2001

Volume 45, Number 4



## MPLA Board Choice Awards

—Marilyn Hinshaw  
MPLA Past President, 1999-2000

On a Saturday morning in Denver in 1999, the Mountain Plains Library Association Board thought about the declining membership in the Association. In a far-ranging discussion led by former President Judy Zelen-ski, we asked ourselves “Why is it happening?” We also asked ourselves “Who or what could change this trend?” The list of brainstormed causes for MPLA’s loss seemed like a song of woe for the library profession, even though we individually knew that libraries are busier and librarians more qualified than ever before in our professional **history**. Not only that, but working librarians and staff need more, not fewer, opportunities to network and to refresh skills.

Finally, in the next challenge – “What did we have the power to change?” – a breakthrough came. What we **could** do, each one of us, was accept personal responsibility for making a difference. Each of us could recruit a new member of MPLA. The idea flowed as we built on it. We could extend a trial offer – a free one year membership. “Do we have a criteria for selection?” someone asked. In looking at our needs, not only did we need a member, but we needed a member who brought potential for MPLA’s future. Board members were asked to look for someone they wanted to single out for attention. That person should have a demonstrated ability in a library setting and should be someone **with** the potential to benefit MPLA and the profession in a broader sense. As the real intention of this use of our financial resources solidified, the name came easily. At that meeting we created the “Board **Choice** Award.” It had become a personal quest to identify and recruit future library leaders, those who **would** serve their own library and their state and regional associations well.

It is fun to see the glee Board members exhibit when they select and identify their “choice” for the Award which they make personally. It’s too early to tell whether the award will have the long term effect intended, but stay tuned. I have a strong sense of its **potential** when I see the quality of people who have been added to our list of members and potential leaders.

**Editor’s note:** For more on the Board Choice Awards and selections, turn to page 3.



The MPLA Newsletter is published bi-monthly. Material of regional interest may be submitted to:

Heidi Nickisch Duggan  
MPLA Newsletter Editor  
Lommen Health Sciences Library  
University of South Dakota  
School of Medicine  
414 East Clark Street  
Vermillion, SD 57069-2390  
Voice: 605/677-5121  
Fax: 605/677-5124  
Email: nickisch@usd.edu

#### SUBMISSIONS

Copy Deadlines for articles, news information, advertisements, and other copy:

**10 January**      **10 July**  
**10 March**        **10 September**  
**10 May**            **10 November**

#### ADVERTISING

There is no charge to MPLA personal or institutional members for Joblist or classified advertisements. Non-members are charged \$1.25/line. Display advertisement copy rates are available from the Editor (see address above).

#### MPLA MEMBERSHIP OR SUBSCRIPTION BUSINESS

Matters pertaining to individual or institutional membership, address changes, and claims or orders for back issues should be sent to:

Joe Edelen  
MPLA Executive Secretary  
I.D. Weeks Library  
University of South Dakota  
414 East Clark Street  
Vermillion, SD 57069-2390  
Voice: 605/677-6082  
Fax: 605/677-5188  
Email: jedelen@usd.edu

#### SUBSCRIPTION FEES

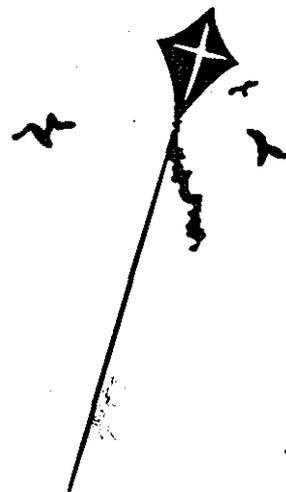
1 yr - \$22; 2 yrs - \$38; 3 yrs - \$55

THE MPLA NEWSLETTER  
IS A PUBLICATION OF THE  
MOUNTAIN PLAINS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
AND IS PRINTED BY  
VERMILLION PRINTING & GRAPHICS  
VERMILLION, SD

ISSN 0145-6180

## ... In This Issue

MPLA Board Choice Awards	Front
MPLA Board Choice Award Winners	3
President's Letter	
MPLA Candidates for ALA Positions	7
MPLA Member Named Administrator of Nevada State Library and Archives	7
Upcoming Events	8
Very Important Position Announcement: The Greatest Job in the World Could Be Yours! Apply now to become the next MPLA Newsletter Editor	9
NewBreed Librarian	11
MPLA Membership Form/Dues Schedule	16



## ... MPLA Board Choice Award Winners

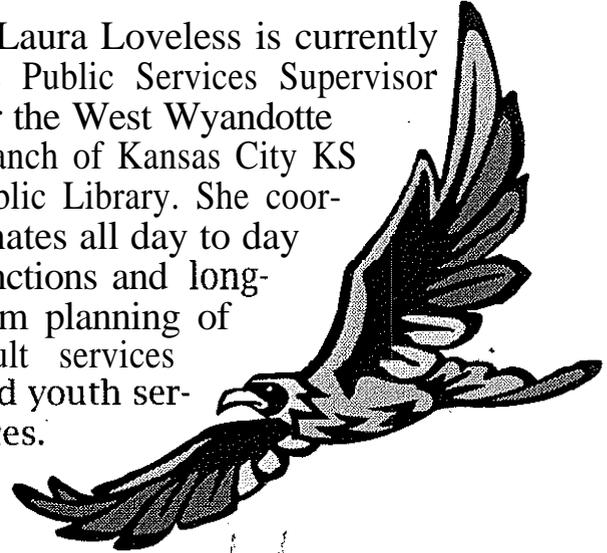
The Board Choice Award, initiated in 1999, is a personal initiative by Board members to identify and recruit individuals with demonstrated ability in a library setting to membership in the Mountain Plains Library Association. The person is selected by consideration of their potential to benefit MPLA and the profession in a broader sense. MPLA Board members consider this award a personal quest to identify and recruit future library leaders, those who will -serve their own library and their state and regional library associations well.

Each Board member of MPLA is eligible to name a recipient. The Board consists of a state representative from each member state of MPLA. Other Board members eligible to name a selected recipient include the Chairman of each MPLA Section and the President, President Elect, Past President and Secretary.



Susan Moyer is the Director of the Dorothy Bramlage Library, Junction City, KS. Susan has been the chair of the membership committee for the Kansas Library Association, and has guided the Association through its big membership push.

Laura Loveless is currently the Public Services Supervisor for the West Wyandotte Branch of Kansas City KS Public Library. She coordinates all day to day functions and long-term planning of adult services and youth services.



Laura was a loyal Missourian prior to moving to Kansas five years ago. She began her library career while in college in St. Louis, working for the St. Charles City-County Library as a circulation clerk. She says she finished college with a degree she didn't like, in a field for which she wasn't suited. A colleague suggested library school. Laura applied, was accepted, and never looked back. She received her MLS from the University of Missouri in 1996.

She joined the Kansas City, Kansas Public Library family in 1996, and has worked in reader's advisory reference, young adult services, youth/services, and as department supervisor. Laura is a recent graduate of Wyandotte County Leadership 2000, a leadership development program for new and emerging leaders in Kansas City, KS. She serves on the Wyandotte County Boys & Girls Club Advisory Board and the Mayor's Panel for Public Art Guidelines in Wyandotte

(Continued on page 6)



## Mandarin M3™ The Answer in Automation

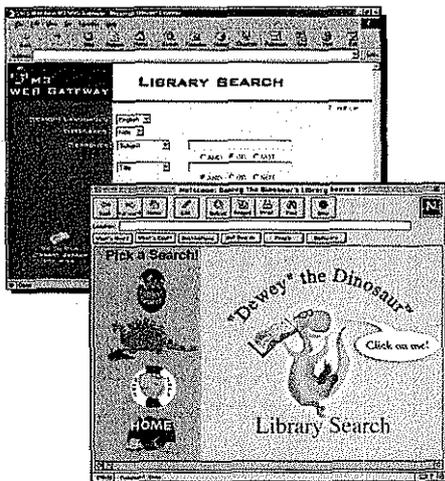
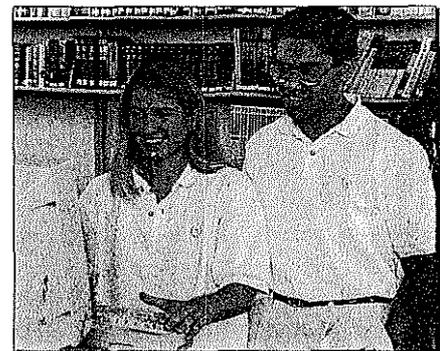
Get mainframe power at PC prices with  
the **Mandarin M3™ Library Automation System.**

# 1

### Power searching made easy.

Mandarin M3 lets libraries manage their collections almost effortlessly. M3 includes:

- Full Windows functionality
- A search engine *specifically* designed to search MARC records
- A quick and simple QPAC
- Advanced cataloging and circulation features



# 2

### A Union Catalog that meets libraries' needs.

Share real-time information with other libraries using M3's Classic Merged Union Catalog. Set up a Union Catalog on the Internet with M3 Web Gateways for Adults and Children or M3's 239.50 server. Or choose SIRS Mandarin's convenient Union Catalog Hosting Service.

# 3

### Superior service at an affordable price.

*Unlimited* site licensing. Multilingual interface modules. Customizable reports. Retrospective conversion. On-site training. Superior technical support – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. With features and services like these, it is no wonder hundreds of libraries are turning to Mandarin M3!



SIRS Mandarin, Inc.  
P.O. Box 272348  
Boca Raton, FL 33427-2348  
561-994-0079 • Fax: 561-994-4704

*Illuminating Our World with Information and Automation™*

For more information, visit us at [www.sirs.com](http://www.sirs.com)  
or call SIRS Mandarin toll-free at 1-800-232-7477.



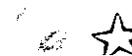
## President's Letter

**-Linda Rea**  
*MPLA President*

Several years ago MPLA celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, The T-shirts and caps said "50 years and still growing." Some members who were 50 years of age and somewhat sensitive to the double meaning still proudly donned their T-shirts and caps.

We as an association continue to grow and change as our recently adopted Long Range Plan can attest. The Electronic Communication Committee is examining ways to make communication more timely and easier for all members. In order to ensure that we have strong leaders for the future the Leadership Training Institute Committee is busily laying the foundation for our Leadership Training Institute. The Continuing Education Committee is assessing the needs of all members in the region and ways to meet those needs. The C.E. Committee will be working with the Electronic Communications Committee as they launch moderated discussions on the MPLA website. The other committees, the State Reps and the section chairs are working to effect growth and change in your organization. These people and all the past intelligent, creative, devoted, hard-working, willing-to-share professionals have made MPLA the vital association that it is today and the great association it will continue to be in the future. This is your association-feel free to send your comments, criticisms and suggestions to me at [lrea@hastings.lib.ne.us](mailto:lrea@hastings.lib.ne.us).

The t-shirts and caps are gone, but the message is still there still growing!



**mpla offers**  
**professional**  
**development**  
**assistance**

**grants**  
**mini-grants**  
**international**  
**grants**

Association members are encouraged to apply for grants, mini-grants, and international grants, all of which may be used for formal college or university classroom work, independent study programs, attendance at workshops, conferences or seminars, or participation in any other activity that will benefit libraries and the library community in our region. Members are eligible after one full year of membership.

For more information, contact:

Mary Bushing, Chair  
Montana State University Libraries  
Bozeman, MT 59717  
Voice: 406/994-4994  
Fax: 406/994-2851  
Email: [alimb@montana.edu](mailto:alimb@montana.edu)

or

Joe Edelen, MPLA Executive Secretary  
I.D. Weeks Library, University of South Dakota  
414 E. Clark Street, Vermillion, SD 57069  
Voice: 605/677-6082, Fax: 605/677-5488  
Email: [jedelen@usd.edu](mailto:jedelen@usd.edu)

**Seminars Institutes Workshops Coursework**  
**Conferences Research Projects Independent Learning**

(Continued from page 3)

County.

Her volunteer activities include work with Youth Friends, Kansas City KS Chamber of Commerce, Women's Chamber of Commerce and Leadership 2000. Laura is a frequent presenter at statewide and regional library conferences, and is appreciated for her down-to-earth approach and her willingness to share her ideas.

**Cindy Jones Hoverson** (formerly Cindy Blanton) has worked at the Atchison Library, for 8 years. Previously she worked at Library District #1, Doniphan County, for 6 years as Asst. Librarian and 12 years as Library Director. Cindy returned to Northwest Missouri State College in Marysville to receive her B.S. in Library Science with a minor in Child Development in May 1992. Cindy is a 1995 graduate of K-PLACE in Emporia and received her Level 6 in the Library Employee Education Program from the Kansas State Library in 1998.

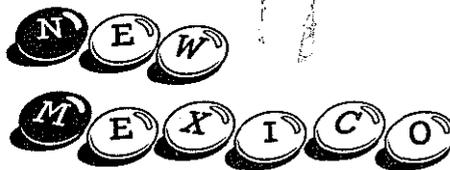
Upon her employment at the Atchison Library, she narrowed down her areas of expertise to hold the positions of Children's Librarian and Homebound Services Librarian (Large Print, Talking Books, and Programming Services to Senior Citizens.)

From her hometown of Atchison she has received honors as Woman of the Year, Resident Hobo Queen, and she was Year 2000 recipient of the Atchison Elementary School "Friend of Education Award." She fondly responds to the title of "Miss Cindy" to all the children of Northeast Kansas where she' is involved

in community and church activities.

Cindy has presented workshops for teachers and librarians for many years on the local, system, and State level as well as MPLA in Salt Lake in 1998. She has recently been elected to the KLA Children's Section as an officer.

On a personal note, she has just celebrated her 1st Anniversary with her husband Raymond Hoverson and they have 5 children to make up the new family unit that lives on a farm in rural Doniphan County.



**Lorie Mitchell** is MPLA New Mexico State Representative Charlene Greenwood's Board Choice Award selection.

Lorie worked for the Carlsbad Public Library in library technology for three years until leaving to be a "stay-at-home mom." Lorie has contributed greatly to enhancing the New Mexico Library Association. Her help with the New Mexico Library Association Local Arrangements Committee for the 1999 annual conference in Carlsbad was outstanding.

She has continued to stay active in the New Mexico Library Association as Public Relations Committee Chair (after serving two years on the committee), newsletter editor, and web master. She has done a fantastic job with all three of these simultaneously-held positions.

(Continued on page 10)

---

## MPLA Candidates for ALA Positions

---

The Mountain Plains Library Association supports its member states in the promotion of leadership activities by those people who are willing to step forward to involve themselves in the issues of our profession: We consider MPLA a greater force, a greater voice when our members and member states are informed voters aware of worthy regional candidates on the upcoming ALA ballot. The support of quality candidates from our region really amounts to beefing up the representation for our geographic area in the ALA arena.

MPLA candidates seeking your support, with first year of membership in MPLA:

John D. Berry, Assistant Director Student Academic Services, Oklahoma State University, 202 Whitehurst, Stillwater, OK 74078: 1999.

Sharon Coatney, Library Media Specialist, Oak Hill School, 10200 West 124, Overland Park, KS 66213: 1987.

Wanda V. Dole, University Librarian, Mabee Library, Washburn University, 1700 College Ave., Topeka, KS 66621: 1999.

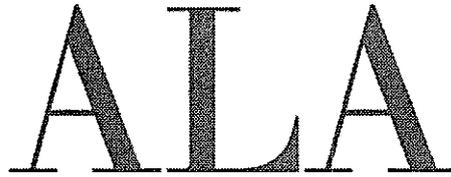
Marilyn L. Hinshaw, Executive Director, Eastern OK District Library, 814 W. Okmulgee, Muskogee, OK 74401: 1982.

Tom Kemp, Library Director, Heritage Quest Library, 669 West 900 North, North Salt Lake City, UT 84054: 2000.

Earl Lee, Head of Technical Services, Leonard H. Axe Library, Pittsburg State University, 1605 S. Joplin, Pittsburg, KS 66762: 1999.

Norman L. Maas, Library Director, Metropolitan Library System serving Oklahoma County, 131 Dean A. McGee, Oklahoma City, OK 73102: 2000.

James J. McShane, Public Services Manager, Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, 1515 SW 10th St., Topeka, KS 66604: 1999.



Jan Sanders, Director, Bartlesville Public Library:  
600 S. Johnstone, Bartlesville, OK 74003: 1991.

Sharon A. Saulmon, Head Librarian, Rose State Coll.,  
Learning Resources Center, 6420 SE 15, Midwest  
City, OK 73110: 1991.



---

## MPLA Member Named Administvator of Nevada State Library and Archives

---

Nevada Gov. Kenny Guinn announced recently that Sara F. Jones of Elko has been named the new administrator of the Nevada State Library and Archives (NSLA), a division of the Nevada Department of Museums, Library and Arts. She assumed her new duties in March. Michael Hillerby, department director, made the appointment.

Jones most recently directed the Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library System, which provides services both to a city population and to rural and remote populations in northeastern Nevada. She is also past president of the Nevada Library Association. She replaces Monteria Hightower, who ret/red in October.

Jones holds a master's degree in library science from Syracuse University in New York and a bachelor's degree in communications from Boise State University. She was born in Rupert, Idaho, is a member of MPLA, and was a presenter at the October conference in Omaha.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 2001

- April 18 — 20: New Mexico Library Association, Albuquerque
- April 18 — 21: Oklahoma Library Association, Oklahoma City
- April 25 — 28: Montana Library Association, Kalispell, "Library Magic-We Have the Wand!"
- May 2 -4: Utah Library Association, Salt Lake City, "Preservation: Framing the Future"
- May 25 — 31: Medical Library Association, Orlando, FL
- June 14 — 20: ALA Annual Conference, San Francisco, "Libraries: Cornerstone of Democracy"
- August 8 — 11: Pacific Northwest Library Association, Corvallis, OR
- September 26 — 29: Wyoming Library Association, Cody.
- September 26 — 28: North Dakota Library Association, Williston
- October 3 — 5: South Dakota Library Association, Aberdeen
- October 4 — 7: Nevada Library Association, Las Vegas
- October 11 — 14: LITA National Forum, Milwaukee, WI
- October 16 — 19: ACRL, Washington, DC
- October 17 — 19: Nebraska Library Association, Kearney
- November 4 — 8: American Society for Information Science, Washington, DC
- December 5 -7: Mountain Plains Library Association/ Arizona Library Association Joint Conference.

### 2002

- January 18 — 23: ALA Midwinter Meeting, New Orleans, LA

## FUTURE MPLA CONFERENCES

- 2001 -Arizona Library Association, Phoenix, December 5-7.
- 2002 — North Dakota & South Dakota Library Associations, Fargo, ND, Oct. 2-5.
- 2003 — Nevada Library Association, Lake Tahoe.
- 2004 — Colorado Library Association, Snow Mass.
- 2005 -Wyoming Library Association, TBA.
- 2007 — New Mexico Library Association, TBA.

( I Haven't renewed your MPLA membership yet?

That's ok; do it today by credit card at [www.usd.edu/mpla/](http://www.usd.edu/mpla/)

Keep in touch with MPLA happenings via the listserv: to join, email joe edelen at [jedelen@usd.edu](mailto:jedelen@usd.edu)

The MPLA Manual is online!

<http://www.usd.edu/mpla/>

---

# THE GREATEST JOB IN THE WORLD COULD BE YOURS!

## APPLY TO BECOME THE NEXT MPLA NEWSLETTER EDITOR

---

Are you looking for a new challenge and a place to put all that creative energy to work? Serving as the Editor of the *MPLA Newsletter* might be just what you're looking for.

### Skills:

1. Proficiency with desktop publishing software and layout
2. English and journalism background/experience
3. Organizational skills
4. Ability to meet deadlines

### Duties:

1. Edits does all layout for the *MPLA Newsletter* on a bimonthly basis, receiving copy from MPLA Board and committee members, member states' newsletters, and other sources. Sends camera-ready copy to Executive Secretary for publishing and mailing.
2. Attends all Executive Board Meetings (no more than five times annually).
3. Manages Newsletter advertising accounts.

### Employment Conditions/Stipend:

1. Appointed by Board of Directors, subject to an annual review for reappointment.
2. Serves as an ex-officio (non voting) member of the Board.
3. Expenses paid to Board of Directors meetings.
4. Receives an annual stipend as set by the Board of Directors.
5. Has access to computer for desktop publishing.

### Application:

Send resume either by mail or electronically to:

Linda Rea, President

Mountain Plains Library Association

Hastings Public Library

PO Box 849

Hastings, NE 68902-0849

lrea@hastings.lib.ne.us

*Electronic attachments must be in Word Perfect or Adobe PDF.*



(Continued from page 6)

She has a Bachelor of Management from the College of the Southwest.



**Dr. Betsy Lomax** is a high school librarian at Omaha Public Schools, South High School. Betsy has made an impact at her school for having developed a Teen Parents and Family Literacy program for which she was named a Peter Kiewit

Teacher Achievement recipient. The \$6,000 award allowed her to purchase hundreds of picture books to use in classes with teen parents to help them learn how to make literacy a "family event." This program has been integrated in other classes such as English, art, ESL, and special education.

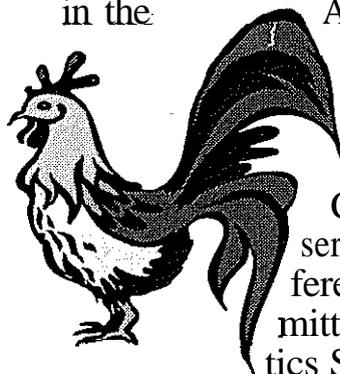
Betsy has also received awards for her work with students, staff, business, and community members to transform a segment of the South High School campus from a "dump site" into a habitat garden with a waterfall and ponds, wildflowers, native grasses, native fish, trees, and shrubs.

These programs, along with her avid interest in adolescent literature, have precipitated invitations to speak at conferences such as the National Association for Secondary School Principals, International Reading Association (Regional), Society of School Librarians International, and the Nebraska Library Association.

**Jeff Gilderson-Duwe** is the newly appointed Director of the Holdrege Public Library System in Holdrege, Nebraska. Jeff is said to have limitless energies and comes to Nebraska from the library that produced the likes of Jerry Kaup, MPLA's "President-for-Life", and currently the Director of the Minot Public Library.

**Robin R. Bernstein** has worked at the Bellevue University Library since 1978 and is currently the Library Director. She assumed that position in 1994 after receiving her M.L.S. from Emporia State University.

Robin has been very active in the Nebraska Library Association, serving on several committees including the Intellectual Freedom Committee, Nominating Committee, and the ad hoc committee for the Online C&U Directory. Robin is now the Vice Chair/Chair Elect of the College & University Section. In addition, she is very involved in the



American Library Association. She is currently serving her second term on the LAMA Membership Committee, and has served on an ACRL Conference Planning Committee and a LAMA Statistics Section Committee.

Robin has conducted numerous workshops ranging from library-related topics to computer-related topics for both the Eastern Library System and the Nebraska Library Commission.

Robin thoroughly enjoys her job and

(Continued on page 12)

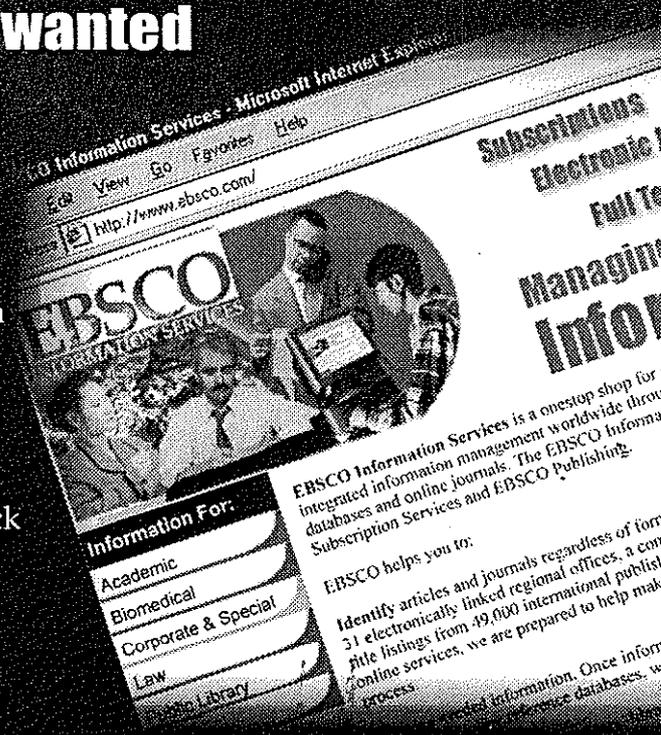
## For everything you ever wanted to know about EBSCO.

One simple URL gives you access to the world of EBSCO — the products, services and information that have made us the recognized leader in integrated information management.

Whether you're looking for print subscriptions, full text databases or electronic journals, [www.ebsco.com](http://www.ebsco.com) is the only URL you need. Visit us; bookmark our site; come back again. You'll be glad you did.



Suite 120, 2801 Youngfield St. · Golden, CO 80401-2264  
(303) 237-1753 · (800) 727-1077 · Fax (303) 237-1752  
E-mail: [essden@ebsco.com](mailto:essden@ebsco.com)



## NewBreed Librarian

—Colleen Bell

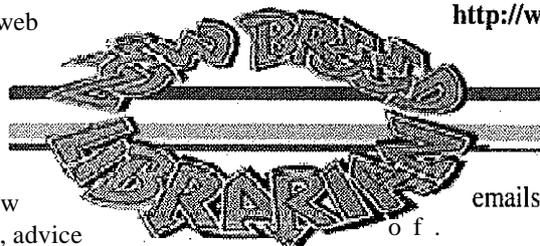
Juanita Benedicto and Colleen Bell, both librarians at the University of Oregon, are very happy to present NewBreed Librarian.

NewBreed Librarian is a bimonthly web publication intended to foster a sense of community for those new to librarianship, whether in school or just out. It consists of a daily news weblog and letters from our readers. Every two months, NewBreed Librarian offers a new issue with a feature article and interview, advice from Susu, and helpful tips for the more technical side of librarianship in our column TechTalk. New issues also highlight progressive librarians and other information professionals in the People section, advertising exciting and exemplary work.

NewBreed Librarian debuted February 1, 2001, and as it matures, we hope to develop a searchable database in the Jobs category and include samples of grad school admis-

sion essays, resumes, cover letters, etc. in Xtras. Most importantly, NewBreed aims to use the web to build community and foster collaboration among librarians. We're molding the Networks section with this objective in mind. Finally, we want the website to reflect the diversity of work that librarians do and provide an accurate picture of what librarianship is all about.

The URL is  
<http://www.newbreedlibrarian.org/>



We're excited about NewBreed, and hope that you are too. Send us your suggestions, praise, comments, technical troubleshooting emails, and anything else you can think

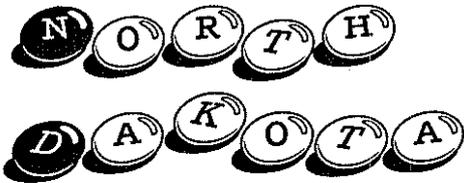
of. NewBreed Librarian was made possible in part by the Oregon Library Association, who provided funds to cover the initial start-up costs, and the University of Oregon Library, which provided the time, and more importantly the encouragement, to make this project happen.

Are you a NewBreed Librarian?  
<http://www.newbreedlibrarian.org/>



(Continued from page 10)

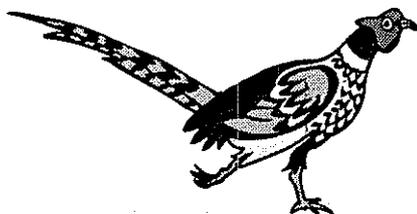
is extremely passionate about her work. Furthermore, she is strongly committed to providing the best quality service to all.



Mary **Hegle Drewes**, is the Distance Education Librarian at the Chester Fritz Library at the University of North Dakota. Mary Drewes was chosen by Melody Kuehn, MPLA's North Dakota Representative.

"Mary Drewes currently serves on the NDLA Executive Board and is a fairly new resident of North Dakota. Her workmates respect her and I know Mary can make a difference to North Dakota and the MPLA region," says Melody.

Mary has worked for the Chester Fritz Library for 2 years. Other experience includes Reference/B1 Coordinator, Simon Schwob Library, Columbus State University, Columbus, GA and Reference/Cataloger, Arizona Western College, Yuma, AZ. She has an MLS from the University of Arizona and she wants to continue working as a librarian in the area of Distance Education, as a science liaison and in the overall area of education.



**Pamela Drayson** is the recently - appointed NDSU Director of Libraries. Pamela was chosen by Melody Kuehn, North Dakota Representative. "Pamela Drayson is a fine addition to North Dakota. She is enthusiastic, well-educated, and up to the challenge", states Kuehn.

Pamela has served two terms on the BCR Board of Trustees in Denver. She was president of the Kansas City Metropolitan Library and Information Network.

Pamela has worked for the NDSU Libraries in Fargo, North Dakota, for six months. Her previous experience includes adjunct instructor for Emporia State University's School of Library and Information Management for 14 years. Her former management positions were in community college and research institutions. Prior to that she worked extensively in hospital and medical libraries.

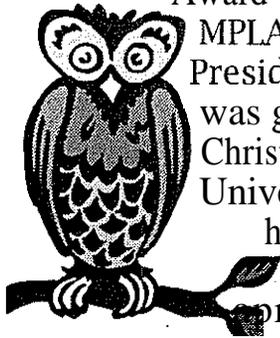
Pam has a Master's in Library Science from the University of Missouri - Columbia with a second Master's in Management/Public Administration from Central Michigan University. She is currently working to complete a doctoral degree in Adult & Continuing Education from Kansas State University.



**Christy Valentine**, a beginning professional librarian of special merit, has been selected for the Mountain Plains Library Association Board Choice

(Continued on page 13)

(Continued from page 12)

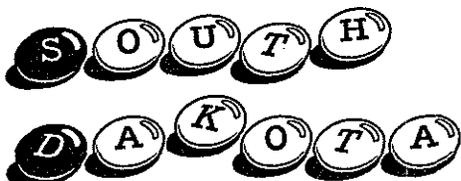


Award by Debbie Iverson, MPLA Vice President/President-Elect. The award was given after two of Christy's colleagues in the University Libraries named her as a new colleague who showed special pron-ri-se in librarianship.

Christy began work at the University of Wyoming Libraries in July 2000. She finished her B.A. in psychology at Adams State College in Alamosa, Colorado in 1998 and her M.A. in Information Resource and Library Science at the University of Arizona, Tucson in 1999.

Christy worked during her undergraduate days at Nielsen Library at Adams State College and was encouraged to pursue a graduate degree in librarianship by her colleagues in that library.

In her personal time, Ms. Valentine enjoys touring historic sites in the western United States, dancing, and hand crafts. She looks forward to getting to know her colleagues in the MPLA.



-Suzanne Miller, South Dakota State Librarian, is South Dakota's recipient of the MPLA Board Choice Award. Deb Hagemeyer, the South Dakota Library Association Representative to MPLA, nominated Suzanne for this honor.



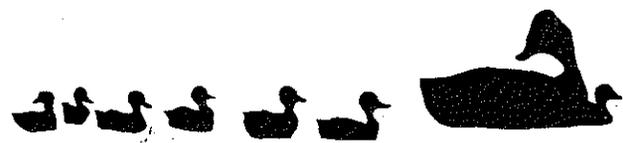
Tom Fay has been selected to receive an MPLA Board Choice Award by Linda Deacy, MPLA Representative from the Nevada Library Association.

Tom has been a Nevada Library Association member since 1989 and has been involved in Nevada Network Automation Group since its inception as a focus group in 1993. For the past year he has been involved in the Southern District and is currently developing the new NLA website. He is the NLA President-elect and Publicity Chair for the 2001 NLA conference.

Tom began his library career in 1983 as a page for Overton Library, now a part of Las Vegas-Clark County Library District; was a computer technician@ network specialist and then network manager for LV-CCLD; Computer Network Specialist for CLAN; and currently is IT Manager for the Henderson Public Library District.

He has a BA in Fine Arts from UNLV and is currently an MLIS student through the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee Distance Education Program. He was the recipient of an NLA scholarship in 2000 that will help support his library school studies.

We welcome Tom to MPLA and are certain that his professionalism, enthusiasm, and dedication will greatly enhance our organization.



(Continued on page 14)

(Continued from page 13)

## ARIZONA

Dr. Betty Marcoux, Associate Director, University of Arizona School of Information Resources and Library Science (SIRLS) is the Arizona winner of the Board Choice Award. Betty was chosen by Jane Kolbe, Arizona Representative to MPLA.

Dr. Marcoux brings her national leadership and experience with Information Power as well as her experience with the Library School to MPLA. Before taking the Adjunct Professor position at the University, Betty was

the Library Director at Rincon/University High School in Tucson since 1986. She has written and spoken widely on library issues. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Arizona in 1999.



## COLORADO

Michelle Wilde has been selected for the Board Choice Award by Suzanne Taylor, MPLA Representative from the Colorado Library Association.

Michelle has been the Physical Sciences Librarian at Colorado State University Libraries in Fort Collins for one year. She received a bachelor's degree in English from Oregon State University. After her graduation, she participated in a UC-Berkeley Intensive Summer Russian Program followed by a year in Russia studying at St. Peters-

burg State University. She obtained a master's degree in Library Science from Indiana University - Bloomington.

Michelle came to Colorado State from the University of Missouri-Rolla where she was the Coordinator of Library Instruction and a Reference Librarian. Michelle loves Colorado and is particularly impressed by her colleagues' commitment to service. Personally, she is very interested in instruction in the sciences.

We welcome Michelle to MPLA and are sure that her professionalism, enthusiasm, and dedication will greatly enhance our organization.

## OKLAHOMA

Ron Keys Humanities-Social Sciences Librarian at Oklahoma State University was selected as a Board Choice Award Winner by MPLA New Members Round Table Chair David D. Oberhelman.

Sharon Saulmon has been chosen as a recipient of the MPLA Board Choice Award by MPLA Board Member Basha Hartley.

Sharon is the President of the Oklahoma Library Association this year. Her theme is Navigating the Information Future. Sharon has instituted Job Shadow Day and other efforts to encourage prospective librarians. Sharon's devotion to her profession has been exemplary during her outstanding career as a Public and an

(Continued on page 15)

(Continued from page 14)

Academic Librarian. She is currently Head Librarian at Rose State College. She mentors students, staff and other professionals.

Sharon has been a longtime champion for Freedom of Information in Oklahoma and holds awards from OLA, ALA and the Freedom to Read Foundation.

Sharon received an M.L.S. from the University of Oklahoma and an M.B.A. from Central State University and her accomplishments, publications and honors are lengthy.

The most amazing thing, however, about this remarkable woman is that her home was destroyed in the May 3, 1999 tornado, and that her work and her efforts have continued uninterrupted in the year and a half she has spent rebuilding her home. The Oklahoma Library Association is in good hands with Sharon at the helm.



Ms. Cheryl **Heser** is MPLA Montana Representative Paula Duffy's Board Choice Award winner.

Cheryl graduated from Eastern Montana College (MSU-Billings) in 1970 with a B.A. in English, returned for a teaching certificate, and spent most of the next 26 years teaching and substitute teaching in Montana. After two summers at Western Montana College for a librarian endorsement, her final teaching job included 5 ½ years as School Librarian at Rosebud School. In

1998 Cheryl became Director of Rosebud County Library in Forsyth, Montana, where she is still serving.

Cheryl is active in Montana Library Association, where she has served in several offices. She is currently Chairman of the Public Relations and Marketing Committee, where she promotes public relations for libraries through workshops, articles, and personal projects.

She and her committee are also active both in the state and region with projects for the upcoming Lewis & Clark Bicentennial observation. She is a strong advocate for libraries of all types.

In her spare time, she is a devoted mother and grandmother and an enthusiastic reader, music teacher and accompanist, and backpacker.

**Sheila Bonnard**, newly appointed librarian at Montana State University--Great Falls, is MPLA Academic Section Chair Kathy Kaya's choice for Board Choice Award Winner.

Sheila lived in Alaska for over 20 years, working as a community education director and as a 7-12 teacher/librarian. She also worked for a year at Western Washington University as the librarian for Woodring College of Education.

Sheila has a Master's degree in Library Science & Information Resources from the University of Arizona, an M.Ed. from the University of Montana, and a B.S. in Botany/Biology Teaching from Montana State University.





Bulk Rate  
 Non-Profit Org.  
 U.S. Postage Paid  
 Permit No. 63  
 Vermillion, SD 57069

I.D. Weeks Library  
 414 East Clark Street  
 University of South Dakota  
 Vermillion, SD 57069-2390

Librarians Benefit with MPLA!

- ▽ Opportunities for professional development
- ▽ Continuing education programs
- ▽ A forum for the exchange of ideas
- ▽ Professional development grants
- ▽ Support of regional library efforts
- ▽ News of people and programs in member states

COMPLIMENTARY COPY

ARIZONA COLORADO KANSAS MONTANA NEBRASKA NEVADA NEW MEXICO NORTH DAKOTA OKLAHOMA SOUTH DAKOTA UTAH WYOMING

✂ Special! \$-Price New Member Offer ✂

New members calculate dues below, then reduce them by 50%!

MPLA Dues Schedule

(Membership year is calendar year)

PERSONAL MEMBERSHIP — Open to anyone interested in library service. \$15/yr. for those salaried at \$15,000 or less. Add \$1.00 for each \$1,000 above \$15,000.

RETIREE, STUDENT, TRUSTEE MEMBERSHIP — \$15.00/yr.

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP — Libraries, business firms, and other institutions supporting the Association. Institutional members also receive FREE advertising for job openings in the Newsletter! Membership fee is based on total annual budget.

Under \$100,000 .....	\$50/yr	\$300,000 - 499,999 .....	\$100/yr
\$100,000 - 299,999 .....	\$75/yr	\$500,000 - up .....	\$125/yr

Name \_\_\_\_\_  New  
 Position/Title \_\_\_\_\_  Renewal  
 Institution \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business Address \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code F a x ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Mailing Address:  Business  Home

- Section(s):  Academic  Technical Services  State Agencies, Systems, & Cooperatives  Public Library/Trustee  
 New Members Round Table  Children's & School  Preservation, Archives, & Special Collections  Government Documents

Interest Group:  Interlibrary Loan

It is important to indicate section preferences if you would like to vote for section officers!

- I am interested in serving on the following committee(s):  
 Awards  Finance,  Bylaws & Procedures  Continuing Education  
 Electronic Communications  Intellectual Freedom  Professional Development  Public Relations/Membership

Mail to: Joe Edelen, MPLA Executive Secretary  
 I.D. Weeks Library, University of South Dakota  
 414 East Clark Street, Vermillion, SD 570692390

For information on paying by credit card, go to the MPLA web site at [www.usd.edu/mpla/](http://www.usd.edu/mpla/)

The MPLA Newsletter is printed on recycled paper.

