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# NEWSLETTER

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# A SLIMEY PRE-CONFERENCE

**The MPLA/SDLA/NDLA Annual Conference is offering one slimey pre-conference and two not-so-slimey ones! All three will be offered on Wednesday, September 25th.**

## **STORY TIME SLIME – 9:00 AM – 3:45 PM (\$75)**

This all-day session is tailored for anyone who works with children – librarians, teachers, or early childhood educators. Julie Gintzler from Steve Spangler Science is bringing “Story Time Slime” to the tri-conference. This session is designed with one guiding principle in mind: that people learn best by doing! Julie’s approach to teaching children and teachers is the same – make it hands-on and get involved. As an attendee, you’ll personally conduct more than 20 hands-on activities that are focused around the themes of air, water, color, weather, the senses, force and motion, and the environment. Julie combines her passion for teaching science with her love of great literature and creates incredible learning opportunities.

As a participant in this session, you will receive a take-home kit (\$40 value) filled with the learning tools you’ll need to implement Julie’s strategies for teaching hands-on science. Register early because space is limited!

## **THE INCLUSIVE LIBRARY: SERVING DIVERSE USER POPULATIONS – 9:00 AM – 11:45 PM (\$40)**

We live in a changing world and libraries are faced with issues of diversity each day. Join four University of South Dakota staff members (2 librarians, the Associate Vice President for Diversity, and The Director of Disability Services) as they address “The Inclusive Library: Serving Diverse User Populations.”

One of our core beliefs is that libraries should be open to all. This pre-conference will take that concept and ask participants to reflect on how well libraries serve diverse populations. Participants will learn about the concept of inclusiveness and how it relates to diversity, have the opportunity to discuss their own experiences related to diverse user groups and the library, and will participate in hands-on activities that could be used for game planning and enhancing diversity and inclusion as core values.

# A SLIMEY PRE-CONFERENCE

## THE POWER OF LEADING TO ACHIEVE GREAT SERVICE – 1:00 PM – 3:45 PM (\$40)

Giving great service is everyone's business. Join consultant, author, and speaker Dee Dee Raap in a half-day pre-conference session "The Power of Leading to Achieve Great Service." Dee Dee's belief is simple: Libraries matter because people matter. With a simple focus on values, attitudes, communication and teamwork, Dee Dee helps library leaders take the next step of transforming service into one of their best public relations and marketing strategies. In today's world, can you library afford to NOT provide great service?

**Register for the Tri-Conference and the Pre-Conferences at the Tri-Conference website:**

<http://www.sdlibraryassociation.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=31>

# TRI – CONFERENCE

## TOP TEN REASONS TO ATTEND 2013 TRI – CONFERENCE IN SIOUX FALLS, SD:

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Library Journal’s “Librarian of the Year” and Kansas State Librarian Joanne Budler will discuss the battle with publishers over ebook access.

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Preconference sessions for everyone: a full-day “Story Time Slime” that integrates hands-on science and children’s literature, a half-day session on “The Inclusive Library” and the final choice: “The Power of Leading to Achieve Great Service”.

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ALA will be well-represented: ALA Past President Maureen Sullivan is Thursday’s keynote speaker, sponsored by EBSCO; ACRL President Trevor Dawes leads two sessions, and Kathy Rosa from ALA will get us talking passionately about libraries.

7

After a lovely Awards Banquet on Thursday evening, attend the dessert reception at the Washington Pavilion in downtown Sioux Falls. Thomson Reuters is sponsoring this event which includes delicious desserts in a beautiful setting.

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All meals and breaks are included in the registration price. In addition, the conference hotel (The Ramkota) provides a free airport shuttle.

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Join all the tri-conference attendees for the Exhibits Opening Reception, sponsored by Ex Libris. The Exhibits area promises to be jam-packed with vendors whose focus in on libraries and librarians. Plus, it’s a great place to stock up on pens, post-it notes, and tote bags with pictures of cats on them.

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Do you like to visit libraries? On Wednesday night after the Exhibits Reception, jump on a bus sponsored by Agati to tour area libraries.

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YA library folks hit the jackpot with this conference: Rock star YA author Neal Shusterman is our luncheon speaker on Thursday. He’ll be in South Dakota just in time to sign copies of his latest in the “UnWind” series. Naomi Bates is a noted youth librarian whose Book Trailers have made her a YA favorite. Join Naomi for her 2 sessions. The youth book awards from both SD and ND selected Sharon Draper (“Out of my Mind”) as its winner. So guess what? Sharon is presenting twice at tri-conference!

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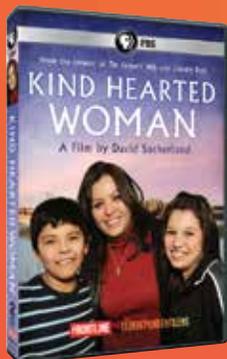
Are you interested in LEGOs and STEM in public libraries? Got it. Drumming in the workplace? Check. Genealogy in a small public library? No problem. LibGuides? All that and lots more!

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Travel Writer and PBS host Rick Steves kicks off our conference on Thursday afternoon by setting up our theme of “The Library: All Travelers Welcome”. OCLC is sponsoring Rick’s keynote.



## New and Notable



### Kind Hearted Woman A Film by David Sutherland

This film follows Robin Charboneau, a magnetic 31-year-old Oglala Sioux woman living on the Spirit Lake Reservation in North Dakota. In sharing her story, this documentary will portray the realities of what it means to be a contemporary Native American woman living in two worlds. A co-presentation of FRONTLINE and INDEPENDENT LENS.

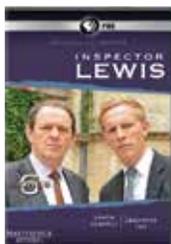
300 min.  
DVD \$34.99  
ISBN# 9781608838912



### Masterpiece Mystery!: Inspector Lewis 6 (Original U.K. Edition)

Lewis and Hathaway face three new mysteries inspired by the Inspector Morse novels of Colin Dexter. Episodes include: Down Among the Fearful; The Ramblin' Boy; and Intelligent Design.

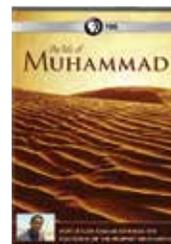
270 min.  
DVD \$29.99 ISBN# 978160883907



### The Life of Muhammad

This is the story of a man who changed the world forever. In a journey that is both literal and historical, retrace the footsteps of the Prophet, from his humble beginnings in Mecca to his struggles with accepting his Prophetic role; from his flight to Medina to his subsequent military and political successes and failures—through to his death and his legacy.

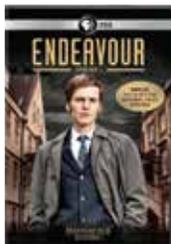
180 min.  
DVD \$24.99 ISBN# 9781608838790



### Masterpiece Mystery!: Endeavour Series 1

The continuing stories of rookie Constable Morse. Shaun Evans (The Take, The Virgin Queen) stars as the young Endeavour Morse, before his signature red Jaguar, but with his deductive powers already running in high gear. Four new episodes and the pilot is included.

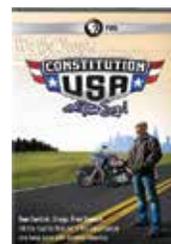
458 min.  
DVD \$39.99 ISBN# 9781608839230



### Constitution USA with Peter Sagal

Breathing new life into the traditional civics lesson, Peter Sagal travels across the country on a Harley Davidson to find out where the U.S. Constitution lives, how it works and how it doesn't ... how it unites us as a nation and how it has nearly torn us apart.

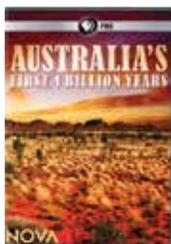
240 min.  
DVD \$29.99 ISBN# 9781608839018



### NOVA: Australia's First 4 Billion Years

Of all continents on Earth, none preserves a more spectacular story of its origins than Australia. With help from high-energy host and geologist Richard Smith, we meet titanic dinosaurs and giant kangaroos, sea monsters and prehistoric crustaceans, disappearing mountains and deadly asteroids. This is the untold story of the Land Down Under, the one island continent that has got it all.

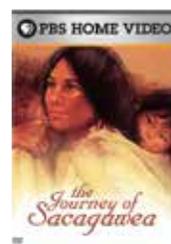
240 min.  
DVD \$29.99 ISBN# 9781608838486



### Journey of Sacagawea

Many mysteries surround her. More mountains, lakes and streams bear her name than any other North American woman. Across the Nation statues have been erected in honor of her memory. This program explores the life of Sacagawea from the rich oral history of the Augadika Shoshoni, Mandan Hidatsa and the Nez Perce Native American tribes, as well as the historical account taken from the journals of the Corps of Discovery.

60 min.  
DVD \$19.99 ISBN# 0793695074



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Summertime. Although my favorite seasons are spring and fall, I enjoy summer, too. As an academic librarian, I find that summer is a time to sit back, reflect, plan, and of course, go on a few road trips. This morning I'm working the early shift at my library's reference desk. It's quiet. I've answered one question and there is just one patron using a library computer. Many of my colleagues are at ALA or on vacation for a much needed break. I myself just got back this week from such a break. Do I have lots to do? Yes, but during the summer there seems to be more time to get things done. Weeding, writing, and lots of other projects keep me busy. Will I be ready for the onslaught of students in the fall? Yes, but for now I'm going to enjoy this lull because I know that when school starts things will get much more hectic. On my list of things to do this summer is to register for the upcoming MPLA conference. Although September seems very far away, it won't be long until summer is over and fall is here. I know the conference committee is looking forward to having MPLA members join them in Sioux Falls, so I hope you will join me in registering for the conference. I can't wait to catch up with all of my MPLA colleagues and meet the new MPLA members that I have been corresponding with. Summer is great but fall is coming. See you in September!

--JaNae Kinikin, President

# MPLA GRANT WINNERS

The Professional Development Committee provided \$600.00 to two MPLA members this year.

David Alexander attended the ARL Service Quality Evaluation Academy in New Orleans. David reported that he “was a participant in the week long training. One of the greatest benefits was networking with the 30 conference participants heavily involved in assessment of library services. Some participants brought print examples of their assessment activities and arrangements are being made to further exchange materials electronically. The other highlight was the session on conducting focus groups that included participation in a model focus group exercise.”

The Internet Librarian conference in Monterey, California provided Julie Erickson with the experience of attending “an extremely well run conference with great sessions, a small venue which makes navigating sessions, easy and quick and is well attended by "famous" librarian bloggers in addition to "regular" library personal. Julie states that the “Internet Librarian is a conference that I strongly recommend other MPLA members attending if they are interested in learning about the latest in internet technology, trends and strategies.”

Would you like to receive financial assistance for any of the following?

- Formal course work leading to an advanced degree in library science or a related discipline.
- Formal course work not leading to an advanced degree but directly related to an individual's library position.
- Attendance as a participant or a presenter at a library or scholarly workshop, seminar, or conference, including the MPLA annual conference.
- Visits to another library to receive or provide significant advanced training in library services or procedures.
- Library related research projects.

The guidelines can be found at <http://www.mpla.us/committees/profdev/grants.html>

# NEW MEMBERS

## MARY BRAUN

BOZEMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOZAMAN, MT

## HOLLI KAY DUGGAN

MATERIAL SERVICES STUDENT SUPERVISOR  
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA - LINCOLN LOVE LIBRARY  
LINCOLN, NE

## JENNIFER HIMMELREICH

EMERGING LEADER/MLIS STUDENT  
SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY  
SHIPROCK, NM

## LINDSAY GOINS

DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT  
PIONEER LIBRARY SYSTEM  
NORMAN, OK

## LENORE ST. JOHN

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COORDINATOR  
TULSA CITY COUNTY LIBRARY  
TULSA, OK

## SCOTT AHOLA

SPEARFISH, SD

## JAMES BRITSCH

REFERENCE & INSTRUCTION LIBRARIAN  
ROSEMAN UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCE  
SOUTH JORDAN, UT

## KATHY BRUCKMAN

LIBRARY SERVICES ASST.  
DAVIS COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM  
LAYTON, UT

## TEGAN DAVIS

YOUTH SERVICES & SPANISH SERVICES MANAGER  
PARK CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
PARK CITY, UT

## JASMING JUSTIC

ADULT SERVICES LIBRARIAN  
PARK CITY LIBRARIAN  
PARK CITY, UT

## CAMILLE SPARKMAN

LIBRARIAN  
CENTERVILLE BRANCH DAVIS COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM  
CENTERVILLE, UT

## JEANETTE SUNDERLAND

CIRCULATION MGR  
LEHI PUBLIC LIBRARY  
LEHI, UT

# NEW MEMBERS

## LORI BRASSAW

LIBRARY DIRECTOR, UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF EASTERN UTAH LIB  
PRICE, UT

## KRYSTAL A. PEDERSON

BRANCH MANAGER  
SIOUXLAND LIBRARIES, PRAIRIE WEST BRANCH  
SIOUX FALLS, SD

## ANGI WAGER

VS LIBRARIAN  
SALT LAKE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES BINGHAM CREEK LIBRARY  
WEST JORDAN, UT

## MARY PATRICIA WHEELER

TECHNICAL SERVICES LIBRARIAN  
MINOT PUBLIC LIBRARY, ND

## KAYLA WILLEY

METADATA LIBRARIAN  
BYU  
PROVO, UT

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# CALL FOR PAPERS!

## MPLA PROFESSIONAL FORUM AT THE 2013 MPLA/SDLA/NDLA TRI-CONFERENCE

Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) announces a call for papers for the MPLA **Professional Forum**, an event of the MPLA/SDLA/NDLA Tri-Conference in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, September 25-27, 2013. The **Professional Forum** is designed to present new ideas, innovations, and case studies in librarianship that would benefit the profession. Librarians from all types of libraries are encouraged to participate.

Papers of 2-6 pages should be sent electronically to the committee to be peer reviewed. Three papers will be selected for presentation at the conference. All presenters will receive a one-year MPLA membership. In addition, a cash prize of \$100.00 will be awarded to the winning paper/presentation.

The presentations will be given on Friday September 27, from 8:30-9:20 am. Each presenter will have 10 minutes to present and 5 minutes to field questions from the audience.

### Guidelines for Papers

- Specific problems are clearly identified and specific solutions are discussed
- Themes can include locally implemented experiences (successes or failures), theoretical models, statistical studies, or state of the art reviews.
- Although formal research methodology is not required, papers should develop clear positions or concepts. Generalities within librarianship should be avoided.

### Papers will be judged by a three-person panel on:

- Significance/relevance of topic (20 points)
- Development of concept and quality of organization (20 points)
- Clarity of ideas and objectives (20 points)

### Final presentations will be judged by the same three-person panel at the annual conference on:

- Consistency between the paper and the presentation (10 points)
- Objectives evident, with clear ideas and concepts (10 points)
- Quality of organization (10 points)
- Quality of presentation, use of visuals, etc. (10 points)

### Submission Requirements:

- Papers must be original-not published or presented elsewhere
- Authors agree to make a presentation at the conference
- Papers (2-6 pages in length) must be submitted electronically to Lori Phillips ([lphil@uwyo.edu](mailto:lphil@uwyo.edu)) no later than August 22, 2013.

For more information contact:

Lori Phillips

University of Wyoming, 307-766-3859, [lphil@uwyo.edu](mailto:lphil@uwyo.edu)

or

Cindy Osborne

High Plains Library District, 970-506-8480, [cosborne@highplains.us](mailto:cosborne@highplains.us)

# CONFERENCES

The courage to take risks by innovating services in creative ways, effectively executing new ideas and insuring that they enhance our value to the community is something that reaches across all boundaries, all types of libraries and all job descriptions. This year, the Colorado Association of Libraries Conference has been organized to capture the energy and passion of the Library community by providing inspiration and the opportunity to generate new ideas. Incorporating speakers from outside Library-land like Erika Napoletano, folks from the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Diane Nelson from Kazoo & Company Toys and Jenny Briggs from New Belgium Brewery will come and share inspiration from their industry that applies to the challenges faced by all types of Libraries today! Innovative technology speakers Carson Block & Nate Hill will share with us the future of technology and help us come up with ways new and emerging technology can be incorporated into library services. And these are just a few of the engaging speakers we will hear from! Mix all that in with breakout sessions, workshops and hands on brainstorming sessions and you have a brand new conference experience!

You may be thinking, “That’s great, but what if the speaker I want to see is competing with something else I want to see?” Not to worry! I said this conference was about innovation, right? Well, instead of a traditional conference program that involves selecting the session you want to attend from 4-5 choices and only coming together as a large group for keynotes, lunch and passing periods, we will experience the conference together in the main ballroom. No tough decisions necessary! This pre-planned program was designed to take us through a series of topics: Dare, Fortify, Engage, Pitch and Launch! All designed to bring us together on a journey from inspiration and courage all the way through to putting your ideas into action.

The theme of the conference, Full Steam Ahead is about gearing up for the future and learning from a variety of inspiring speakers along the way. The “Dare” segment focuses on challenging attendees to have the courage to be creative in the face of change. In order to transform our services, our model, our culture in ways that ensure libraries stay valuable in the community, creativity, flexibility & risk are essential. Our opening Keynote and the kickoff to the Dare segment is Todd Henry. The founder and CEO of Accidental Creative, a company that helps creative people and teams generate brilliant ideas. He regularly speaks and consults with companies, both large and small, about how to develop practices and systems that lead to everyday brilliance. Todd’s work has been featured by Fast Company, Fortune, Forbes, HBR.org, US News & World Report, and many other major media outlets.

Todd’s book, *The Accidental Creative: How To Be Brilliant at a Moment’s Notice* offers strategies for how to thrive in the creative marketplace and has been called “one of the best books to date on how to structure your ideas, and manage the creative process and work that comes out of it” by Jack Covert, author of *The 100 Best Business Books of All Time* and founder of 800-CEO-READ. We are very excited about CALCON13 and we hope you are too! We would love to have you join us for the conference, learn with us, be inspired with us, and leave charged up and ready to face the future with us!

Check out the CAL Website for more information at  
[http://calwebs.site-ym.com/events/event\\_details.asp?id=288506](http://calwebs.site-ym.com/events/event_details.asp?id=288506)



# CONFERENCES

## IFCPP 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE, SEMINAR, EXHIBITS & CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

AUGUST 3-7, 2013

The International Foundation for Cultural Property Protection is very pleased to announce that its 14th Annual Conference will be held in sunny San Diego, CA! This year's conference will feature 3 days of all new security, safety, and emergency preparedness programs (Aug 5-7), leading expert presenters, updated and advanced-level certification courses, and MOAB (Management of Aggressive Behavior) classes, as well as weekend and nighttime group activities and excursions to Balboa Park and other area cultural attractions.

Join us for the leading conference on the protection of cultural, public, and educational institutions, hosted by the world's only non-profit trade association dedicated to cultural property protection.

Session topics include: Emergency Preparedness, Disaster Planning, Package Inspection, Event Security, Technology Considerations

Gain low and no-cost tools to enhance your protection program - addressing timely concerns of institutions of all size and scope!

Register by July 8 with the following discount code and receive \$25 off your full conference registration: Discount2013

Register 2 people from the same organization and receive \$200 off the second registration, using the code: 2fer

### REGISTER NOW!

The conference will be held at the beautiful Hilton San Diego Resort & Spa, a 4-Diamond Mission Bay Resort, offering a very special group rate of \$169 per night if booked by July 5. Don't wait - book your room now as space is limited: [Click Here to Reserve Your Room!](#)

Or call 619-275-8919 and mention the group code: IFC

### REGISTER NOW!

For questions or additional information, please contact us at 303-322-9667, 800-257-6717, or [info@ifcpp.org](mailto:info@ifcpp.org)

Or visit our conference page at: <https://www.ifcpp.org/2013-annual-conference/2013-conference-update>

Note: Membership required to register - take advantage of our free 60-day trial membership, or select another category and receive a 6-month extension on any term!

# AROUND THE REGION

## COLORADO



High Plains Library District's Lincoln Park Library in partnership with the City of Greeley installed a bicycle repair station in early June. The station consists of seven tools and an air pump. Even before a positive article was published in the Greeley Tribune, word of mouth from local cyclists provided high usage numbers and words of appreciation.

High Plains Library District Foundation hosted the 2nd Annual Taste of Art on June 8th. The Midsummer Night's theme created a festive atmosphere. It was a wonderful event thanks to the work and support of many volunteers, local entertainers, and business sponsors.

## MONTANA



Summer reading programs are going strong in the state. The little ones are "digging into reading" in amazing ways.

Stillwater County Library has a new library director, Della Haverland, who previously worked at the Rosebud County Library. Sarah Milligan, the ex-director, has moved to Reed Point Public Schools where her expertise will be put to good use. These moves are indicative of what is happening around the state as many librarians have retired and the newer librarians move to different jobs.

# AROUND THE REGION

## NEBRASKA

Nebraska Librarians recently went on a "field trip" to ALA annual in Chicago. 26 Librarians took a chartered bus to the Windy City and spend 6 days in downtown Chicago with thousands of other librarians. Some of their experiences will be in the August issue of Nebraska Libraries, the new online Nebraska Library Association publication. A full reporting will be in the October issue.

Nebraska Library Association is preparing for our annual conference this year in Kearney, Nebraska. The conference program is being set and registration for the conference is now open. Those interested can register online at [www.nebraskalibraries.org](http://www.nebraskalibraries.org).

The Omaha Public Library received a \$407,175.00 grant from IMLS to create a sustainable community engagement model for public libraries. Check out the blog at <http://communityengagement.us> to see our efforts.

The Nebraska Library Association and the Nebraska Library Commission are pleased to report that their efforts to add additional state aide to Nebraska libraries for e-book funding has been approved. \$150,000 additional dollars will be divided amongst the State's three Overdrive libraries in Omaha, Lincoln, and Greater Nebraska.

# AROUND THE REGION

## NEVADA



In June, Washoe County Libraries partnered with Nevada Humanities, Nevada's nonprofit state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, to support the annual Chautauqua presentations by offering Chautauqua workshops for young people.

The Summer Reading Program is in full swing and will continue through August 31. Special events include the appearance at six library branches of "Sagebrush Sam" Macaluso, the self-proclaimed oldest miner in Nevada. Mr. Macaluso is a former teacher who spends time traveling around the state, gathering stories while he prospects for whatever treasures lie beneath the surface of the earth. His appearances will include sessions on gold panning in Nevada and California; growing crystal gardens; a history of "Rock Art" in Nevada; and a presentation called "Edible Geology," in which food will be used to help explain the three types of rocks – igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic. Captain Jack Spareribs (a pirate, of course) will also make an appearance.



The Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library system featured a Family History basics workshop, and recently hosted a reception for the Young Adult Art Exhibit (pictured) at the Elko County Library. The July 10 reception, which was well attended, offered young artists the opportunity to display all kinds of art.

On June 7th, The Elko County library said goodbye to librarian Laura Okiwho who retired after thirty-seven years of service. Although not a member of MPLA, Ms. Okiwho was active in the Nevada Library Association and the Nevada Young Readers program. She has been a tireless advocate for libraries at local, state, and national levels, and will continue to speak up for books and reading as a member of the

Friends of Elko County Libraries.

The Douglas County Public Library System kicked off its summer reading program with a visit from Magician Larry Wilson with his Top Secrets for Wizards in Training. On June 25th, The Dragon Theater Puppets presented "I Dig Dinosaurs" at the C.V.I.C Hall in Minden, Nevada, and a highlight of the "Reading Rocks" program will be a family story time (with rock painting and stories of magic rocks) at the Mormon Station State Historic Park in Genoa, Nevada. Reading is everywhere!



The Las Vegas Clark County Library District brings storytelling to its many branches. Norman Foote is bringing comedy, puppets, and props to three libraries, Tony Daniels' "Reading is Magic" will feature stories, sleight of hand, and lots of audience participation, and Jim Cogan brought his wonderful stories of excitement and laughter to the Paseo Verde library in Henderson.

# AROUND THE REGION

## NEW MEXICO



Santa Fe Public Library's Dig into Reading summer reading program started with Sticky the Gnome, one of the wonderful nomadic garden gnomes living at Southside Library. ABC Library celebrates the summer reading program with concerts, a library passport contest, storytelling, and workshops for babies, kids, and adults. Marshall Memorial Public Library in Deming is also participating in Dig into Reading with a variety of activities including learning about archaeology. Preservation Archaeologist Dr. Deborah L. Huntley from Archaeology Southwest will present an Archaeology Truck Show at Bayard Public Library as part of its Summer Reading Program. Ruidoso Public Library

is co-operatively programming with the Boys and Girls Club and the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department to offer programs to children that are educational as well as physically beneficial. The library's program, Blazing New Trails, offers crafts, storytelling, demonstrations, movies and a fashion show. Thomas Branigan Memorial Library has developed programs for all ages. The Beneath the Surface program is for kids in grades 6 and the Dig into Reading program is for kids in grades 7-11. Groundbreaking Reads is a series of six free programs for adults covering everything from cooking with chiles to New Mexico history, researching family history and do-it-yourself arts and crafts projects. In addition to these programs, Gov. Susana Martinez and the Public Education Department have launched four summer reading challenges for New Mexico grade school students. Each challenge has a prize. For more information see <http://readingchallenge.ped.state.nm.us/>



Kai Brown presented a photo safari through Africa at the Capitan Public Library on July 7. She shared information on various African animals from her South African safari, as well as conservation measures being taken to maintain the decreasing populations of elephants, giraffes, rhinoceros, cheetahs and lions. New Mexico children's musician Andy Mason opened Capitan Public Library's Summer Reading Program on June 6.

At the Ruidoso Public Library on June 14, members of the Lincoln County Paranormal and Historical Society (LCP) presented a program on their investigations at Fort Stanton as well as some documentation gained at White Oaks. The tools used in their investigations were displayed and explained.

The h'Art Sisters Artist Exhibit is the first professional art show in the newly remodeled Bayard Public Library. Artists Mariah Walker, Nancy Wachholz, Karen Muench, BJ Allen, Donna Schmide and Caroly Paez have works in this show.

# AROUND THE REGION

## NEW MEXICO CONT.



Jeanette C. Smith, the Grants/University Relations Officer at the New Mexico State University Library in Las Cruces, will receive at ALA the 2013 ALA Ken Haycock Award for Promoting Librarianship. This special honor is given annually to an individual for “significant contribution to the public recognition and appreciation of librarianship through professional performance, teaching and/or writing.” Ms. Smith has an MA from both the University of Minnesota – Duluth and the University of Minnesota – Minneapolis. She has spent almost four decades working in the library field. She has been involved with public and academic libraries, and has reached the rank of distinguished achievement professor at New Mexico State University. Ms. Smith has promoted library history and librarianship through her book, *The Laughing Librarian: A History of*

*American Library Humor*, which examines the elements of humor in librarianship between 1876 and 2000.



University Libraries’ faculty member Zoe Chao is one of forty mid-career librarians who have been selected to participate in *Leading to the Future*, led by American Library Association (ALA) President Maureen Sullivan and Association of College Research Libraries Content Strategist Kathryn Deiss. This inaugural ALA Leadership Institute is designed to help participants develop and practice their leadership skills in areas critical to the future of the libraries they lead and allow them to form a vibrant learning community and network.

Russ Davidson, PhD, former University Libraries’ Latin American/Iberian Curator, has donated \$25,000 and pledged an additional \$225,000 to the University Libraries to establish an endowment in honor of his longtime friend and renowned Latin American bookseller, Howard L. Karno (1930-2012). The Howard L. Karno Endowment for Latin American Pictorial Collections will provide funds to enrich the library’s holdings of rare and specialized Latin American visual resources. These include prints, posters, photographs, broadsheets, fine press imprints, illustrated books, artist books and cover art.

# AROUND THE REGION

## NORTH DAKOTA

The North Dakota State Library is funding statewide access to two new online resources: Zinio (RBDigital) and NoveList (EBSCOhost). Zinio brings full-color, full-text issues of popular magazines to patrons on their mobile devices, laptops, and home computers. NoveList Plus and NoveList K-8 Plus provide librarians and patrons easy access to great reading recommendations, including read-a-likes, reviews, and lists. Both resources will be available through all public libraries in North Dakota starting in July.



The North Dakota State Library, in a joint effort with the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council, established a grant for the Military Family Contact program. The program is providing 38 libraries in North Dakota with laptop computers equipped with video conferencing capabilities. These computers are dedicated for use by military families to contact loved ones proudly serving in our military forces around the world.

The North Dakota State Library has enrolled our state's 83 public libraries in ALA's United for Libraries, providing resources and support for their Trustees, Friends, and Foundations.

Steve Axtman, Training Coordinator for the North Dakota State Library, recently taught a two-day summer class on Information Literacy and Research. The class was available for CE credit and was held in both Bismarck and Devils Lake.

Seventeen libraries in North Dakota who had previously qualified for a Gates Grant have received Surface Pro tablets and/or Epson scanners as part of the wrap up of the grant. ND State Library Field Services staff delivered the hardware, assisted local librarians in their setup, and provided instruction in their use.

This August, the North Dakota State Library Field Services staff will be holding a day-long seminar on strategic planning for library managers and board members. The seminar will be hosted by six libraries throughout the state: Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library, Dickinson Area Public Library, Minot Public Library, Grand Forks Public Library, Leach Public Library (Wahpeton), and the Alfred Dickey Public Library (Jamestown).

North Dakota Library Association (NDLA) has hired Laurie Robertsdahl as their new Executive Secretary. Ms. Robertsdahl has extensive experience in office management, marketing, and accounting and is a welcome addition to our executive team.

NDLA is forming an ad hoc committee to steer the overhaul and modernization of our website. Will Martin (our current Academic and Special Libraries Section Chair) is helping it.

First Lady Betsy Dalrymple visited the Jamestown Middle School to promote the Stutsman County Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program. The United Way has donated \$10,000 to support the program and other donors have collectively contributed over \$7,000 more.

After over 30 years of dedicated service, Gerry Wagness has retired as director of the Lakota City Library. The new library director is Angela Spanier.

Steven Hammel is the new director of the Valley City-Barnes County Public Library.

The Gackle Public Library will celebrate the grand opening of their new location on July 4th.

The Fargo, West Fargo, and Moorhead public libraries and the Plains Art Museum are engaging in a summer-long celebration and exploration of Herman Melville's great novel *Moby-Dick*; or, *The Whale*. The community is encouraged to read the book along with *Ahab's Wife*; or, *The Star-Gazer* by Sena Jeter Naslund. A series of book discussions and related events are scheduled over the next five months, including the opening of T.L. Solien's "Toward the Setting Sun" exhibition at the Plains Art Museum.

The Forman Public Library recently won a Libri Grant to add an assortment of new books for young readers to their collection.

The Ellendale Public School Library will be making e-books available to faculty, students, and parents of students, paid for in part through a grant from the Ellendale Public School Foundation.

# AROUND THE REGION

## OKLAHOMA



July 1 brought a change in leadership to the Oklahoma Library Association. We welcomed our new OLA president, Lynda Reynolds, Director of the Stillwater Public Library in Stillwater, Oklahoma to the helm. After an exciting Leadership Retreat in June, OLA is looking forward to the 2013-2014 year.

The Connie Van Fleet Memorial Scholarship was established and announced at the OLA annual conference in the spring. The scholarship will be awarded annually to an individual currently employed in a library who would like to begin working on a graduate degree. OLA members raised \$7950 of the \$10,000 goal in just three short days.

The most notable and horrific event in Oklahoma in the past few months was the tornado that struck the city of Moore and surrounding areas on May 20, 2013. This tornado was 1.3 miles wide, had peak winds estimated at 210 miles per hour, killed 23 people and injured 377 others. The Briarwood and Plaza Towers elementary school libraries were damaged by the tornado and libraries and businesses around the country have responded to the crisis and the need to rebuild by hosting book sales, blood drives, bake sales and by donating books and other library materials. Oklahoma sends a big Thank You! to everyone in the MPLA region who responded in Oklahoma's hour of need.

Three public libraries in Oklahoma: Okeene Public Library, Hinton Public Library and Alva Public Library were among 75 libraries nationwide chosen to participate in Phase II of the Pushing the Limits program, a four-part reading, viewing and discussion series for adults. Sponsored by Dartmouth College, The Association for Rural and Small libraries, the Califa Group, Dawson Media Group and Oregon State University, and funded by the National Science Foundation, each library was granted \$2,500.00.

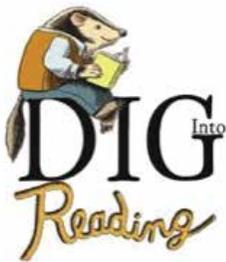


Sandy Tharp-Thee Perkins, the director of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Library, was among 12 people honored by President Obama as a Museum and Library Champion of Change in June. Sandy is an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation and oversees "an indigenous library that profoundly demonstrates outstanding service to its community."

Kennedy Elementary School, a Norman elementary school, received a \$5,000 grant from the Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries. The money will be used to purchase books that fill cultural gaps in the school's collection. 200 grants were awarded nationwide by the foundation, which supports the expansion of printed collections in school libraries.

# AROUND THE REGION

## OKLAHOMA CONT.



Oklahoma libraries embraced the summer and children across the state are Digging Into Reading! Special programs, concerts, story times, Lapsit programs and all sorts of fun reading related events happened in public libraries everywhere this summer. Sponsored by the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Sonic, the OKLAHOMAN and newspapers in Education, kids and teens around the state enjoyed a fun-filled, rocking and reading good time!

Oklahoma Congressman Markwayne Mullin kicked off his own initiative encouraging children in the 2nd District to read this summer. "The more you read, the better you become at reading, the more your vocabulary increases and the more you learn," Mullin said. "With this summer reading program and the program already in place in public libraries, I hope 2nd District students spend a lot of time reading." Congressman Mullin kicked-off the summer-long program by participating in story times at three public libraries, McAlester, Eufaula and Sallisaw, in the 2nd District and in addition to stories and fun, donated a copy of House Mouse, Senate Mouse by Peter W. Barnes and Cheryl Shaw Barnes to each library.

Stacy Ford and Sarah DiLorenzo, librarians at NormaPublic Schools, each received an American Association School Librarians /Bound to Stay Bound travel grant to attend the AASL National Conference in Hartford, CT in November.

The Information Matrix Camp, sponsored by the Oklahoma Library Association and Rose State College, and funded by an IMLS grant, gave 30+ middle school-aged students an exciting week filled with visits to libraries of all kinds in the Oklahoma City metro area. Matrix Camp is a library camp designed to show young students that there are many facets of librarianship and to encourage them to consider librarianship as a future career.



Oklahoma librarians joined together in wishing Dr. Anne Prestamo a fond farewell and congratulations in opening the newest chapter of her illustrious career. Dr. Prestamo, currently Associate Dean for Collection & Technology Services, Claud D. Kniffin Professor of Library Service & Education at Edmon Low Library, Oklahoma State University, accepted the position of Dean of University Libraries at Florida International University in Miami, Florida. While at OSU Dr. Prestamo also served as a reference librarian and was Head of Digital Library Services. She is an OLA past president and has worked with and represented the library community in Oklahoma since 1996.

Congratulations to OU SLIS Alumni Lenore St. John on being featured in American Libraries, an ALA publication, as one of the Emerging Leaders in the library field. Lenore is the Children's Services Coordinator at the Tulsa City-County Public Library.

# AROUND THE REGION

## SOUTH DAKOTA

Wall Community Library sponsored a baseball team for the summer, the 796ers.



The South Dakota State Library held its' annual Library Institute on the campus of Northern State University in Aberdeen June 3-7.

The SD State Library held its' second annual School Library Boot Camp on the campus of the University of SD in Vermillion July 21-24.

Major leaking closed Deadwood Carnegie Library in May. The building is 108 years old and leaking began after a hail storm in which hail stones broke through a spray-on seal which had been applied while the library awaits a new roof.

The South Dakota Department of Education, in partnership with MetaMetrics®, is coordinating a summer reading initiative to bolster student reading achievement during summer break. 'Read! SD' will raise awareness of the summer loss epidemic, share compelling research on the importance of personalized reading activities and provide access to a variety of free resources to support targeted reading and the initiative as a whole. The SD State Library is a division of the SD DOE.

<http://doe.sd.gov/octe/readsd.aspx>

Overdrive's Digital Bookmobile visited South Dakota, June 21 at Rawlins Municipal Library in Pierre and June 22 at Watertown Regional Library.

The South Dakota State Library celebrated its' 100th anniversary in conjunction with the Digital Bookmobile in Pierre on June 21.

South Dakota Broadband Initiative (SDBI) awarded technology grants to 18 Community Anchor Institutions (CAI) across South Dakota. Included were three SD libraries: Jackson County Library, Leola Public Library and Sturgis Public Library.

The Freeman Public Library hosted an Antique Critique Roadshow. Three local auctioneers with experience and expertise appraised items from more than 30 people.



# AROUND THE REGION

## UTAH



Utah Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC) was awarded the 2013 Gerald Hodges Intellectual Freedom Chapter Relations Award. Chairperson Wanda Huffaker received the award on behalf of Utah's committee at the special awards dinner Friday evening, June 28, at ALA's annual conference in Chicago. The award consists of \$1,000 and a special citation. Huffaker says the committee plans to use the money to set up more IF trainings in the state in the coming year. The Hodges Award recognizes an Intellectual Freedom-focused organization that has developed a strong, multi-year, ongoing program or a single, one-year project that exemplifies support for Intellectual Freedom, patron confidentiality and anti-censorship efforts.

Creative Libraries Utah is a 2013 ILEAD USA project focused on greater cooperation between all Utah libraries (academic, public, and school) and increased sharing of uniquely created library content and programming. Creative Libraries Utah has founded a site, which will easily archive and disseminate library creations for the betterment of all libraries in the state. Their website <http://creativelibrariesutah.org> states: "Redundancy is not only the enemy of budgets, but of creativity. All librarians need more time to program and create and by sharing resources and ideas we can do more." This project is being spearheaded by Tegan Davis at Park City Library; Dustin Fife at San Juan County Library; and Kristen Stehel at Utah State Library.



The Garland, Utah Public Library was turned into an 'Alice in Zombieland' theme party on Thursday June 27. Teens and tweens gathered for a special tea party complete with zombie fingers, worms and a graveyard cake! The kids learned how to turn themselves into zombies with toilet paper and Elmer's glue. The librarians also provided pictures of Alice in Wonderland that they could color into zombies and an Alice in Zombieland trivia game. A fun night for all!

Ever wonder the best way to garner more cooperation between your library and the schools in your area? Multiple representatives of various library communities have produced a very helpful document. Representatives from the Utah Library Association (ULA),

# AROUND THE REGION

## WYOMING

On the first day of summer the WYLD celebrated Marc Stratton's 25 years of wizardry in the WYLD Network office at the State Library. Congratulations Marc! WYLD is a collaborative effort to provide access to the collections and services of every Wyoming Library. WYLCAT includes over 100 libraries, more than a million titles, and access to multiple online resources.



On June 19th Karen Kitchens at the Wyoming State Library demonstrated a new resource for researchers looking to learn more about trademarks in the State of Wyoming. Wyoming Trademarks is an online database co-created by the Wyoming State Library and the Wyoming Secretary of State's office to allow the public to search the state's trademarks.

Wyoming State Librarian Lesley Boughton was the inaugural recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from SirsiDynix. The award was presented at the WYLD Annual Meeting in Casper, Wyoming.



# MPLA 2014 LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

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**DEADLINE** } **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2013**

The 9th MPLA Leadership Institute will again be facilitated by nationally known organizational development consultant Maureen Sullivan. Ms. Sullivan has over 25 years of experience in leadership development and is the Past President of the American Library Association. She helped establish the ACRL/Harvard Leadership Institute and is a faculty member for its annual program.

#### **Criteria for applicants:**

- Employed in a library organization in MPLA's 12-state region
- Current member of one of MPLA's 12 affiliated state library associations
- Minimum of 5 years in a library-related job with progressive experience
- Record of experience that demonstrates leadership potential
- Expected continued contribution to the profession
- A thoughtfully completed application
- Two letters of recommendation

#### **Registration:**

- MPLA members = \$550; Non-MPLA members = \$650
- Includes lodging and all meals
- Attendees pay for their own transportation costs. Individual libraries, state libraries, and state associations have assisted attendees with registration and/or transportation costs in the past. It is up to the individual attendees to pursue these or other sources of financial assistance.

#### **Selection and notification:**

30 participants will be selected through a process involving states and the MPLA Leadership Institute Committee. Notifications will be sent by December 15, 2013.

**Application form:** <http://www.mpla.us/leadership/leadershipapp2014.doc>

For more information, head over to: <http://www.mpla.us/leadership/index.html>

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# MPLA OFFICER ELECTIONS

Mountain Plains Library Association is conducting its annual officer elections. We are electing a Vice-President/President-Elect and a Recording Secretary. The ballot will list the candidates for each position, as well as a link to some biographical and candidate position information.

Email ballots have been sent to MPLA members. That email contains a token (link) to vote in the election and you can only use that token to vote one time. The candidates and bio statements are listed below.

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