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MLA on the Move!



As your MLA President, I have had the distinct pleasure of representing you in a spring tour of the state. For these visits, MLA has joined forces with MLNC as a matter of cost saving, sharing similar missions, and having a similar interest in spreading the word about changes in our respective organizations. Tracy Byerly, Executive Director of MLNC, has been traveling with me, covering many miles and talking to a lot of librarians across Missouri. In April we visited Hannibal and Springfield and in May we will visit St. Louis, Cape Girardeau, Kansas City, and Columbia.

As I travel across the state, I am trying to keep focused on several points, the most important of which is that, despite economic difficulties, MLA still remains constant in its support of its essential services. MLA still links Missouri's librarians to national library initiatives, as an ALA Chapter with an ALA Councilor. We are also the most obvious link to ACRL, PLA, the Freedom to Read Foundation, and other state library associations. This aspect of MLA is particularly important at a time when many librarians are being forced to drop their individual memberships in ALA. Furthermore, MLA is still supporting

library advocacy through the work of our lobbyist, Randy Scherr. Finally, MLA still provides education and professional development opportunities for libraries, librarians, library staff, and library friends.

While we remain focused on the essential services, we must realistically face the major changes caused by financial necessity. In November of 2009, the MLA Board decided that we had to become an all-volunteer organization, since hiring staff was no longer economically feasible. We are now in the process of trying to turn that necessity into an opportunity by implementing new ideas and being more responsive to our members.

During the first quarter of 2010, I am pleased to report that this new and changing organization has accomplished many things. A very successful Legislative Advocacy Day highlighted the efforts of our lobbyist and Legislative Committee, followed by testimony before the legislature, legislative updates, and other committee activities. Finances, while still of concern, are improving, with membership income at the end of February being 20% higher than it was in the previous year, marking the first up-turn in membership in a long while in spite of the still depressed economy. The MLA Office was appropriately and efficiently closed, removing that drain on our resources. Online payments were initiated for the first time, first for registration for Legislative Advocacy Day and then followed by individual and institutional membership. The Task Force on Structure and Governance continues to meet and develop a new proposed structure, conforming to Missouri laws governing 501c3 organizations as well as ensuring more reliably representative leadership. The Conference Committee is hard at work, developing an outstanding networking opportunity at the Lodge of Four Seasons on the scenic Lake of the Ozarks, October 6-8. Plan now to join us in declaring "Missouri's Libraries: Positively Indispensable!" and MLA membership positively indispensable as well!

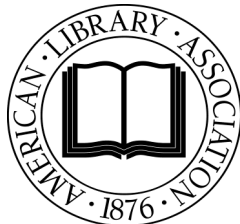
Remember: (1) MLA supports legislation via use of a lobbyist. (2) MLA is your link to ALA and other state associations. (3) MLA provides networking opportunities and conferences. (4) MLA is efficiently and responsively developing an online presence. (5) MLA is flexible and adaptable and responsive.

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Report from the 2009-2010 Taskforce to Examine MLA's Structure, Governance and Organization

The Taskforce to Examine MLA's Structure, Governance and Organization was given the charge to "review and revise the structure, mission, governance, management and overall organization model of the Association" and to provide a report "to the membership in 2010, which will include recommendations for change and improvement."

Since convening in late August 2009, the Task Force has combed over the surveys and forums in which membership was given the opportunity to express their opinions about MLA. Our conclusion from reviewing all of those documents and listening to members was that members wanted change that would provide more **communication**, more **control**, and more **accountability**. In our subsequent meetings, as we discussed possible models for an improved MLA, we kept those values in mind.

One of the first items tackled by the Task Force was to draft a working Mission Statement to guide our discussions which ultimately resulted in the following:

"The Missouri Library Association provides leadership as a member-driven organization to improve the visibility, accessibility, cooperation, and effectiveness of all libraries and information services throughout Missouri."

The phrase "member-driven" was chosen deliberately to address the concern expressed by many MLA members that our organization was not responding to the very people whom it was designed to serve. With its focus on designing a member-driven organization, the Task Force concluded that the members wanted the governing and management structure to provide more flexibility so members could define, plan and execute the services that would be most effective for them. After much discussion, two models emerged which accommodated that conclusion:

1. Governance would be through a Board comprised of elected representatives from newly formed regional groups or affiliates and the Board would be responsible for oversight of the association's activities. Regional activities (if desired) would be planned by utilizing member volunteers.
2. Governance would come from an Executive Board whose primary focus would be running the association with the assistance of a few key standing committees. The activities of the organization would be planned through the various subgroups (currently Divisions & SIGs).

Of those two models, the Task Force feels that the 2nd would be most effective. Our work is not yet complete and as we move forward with our discussions, we will continue to refine and expand the steps that will be necessary to make this an effective model for MLA. When the final proposal is ready to present to the membership, it will include the following:

- An elected governing board of 9 members (6 at-large Board members, ALA Councilor, President-Elect & President)
- Board responsibilities would focus primarily on fiscal management, strategic planning and policy development and the selection/supervision of management
- Management of the organization would be determined by the Board and may change over time, depending on the financial condition and needs of MLA
- The number of Standing Committees would be reduced and additional Ad-Hoc committees would be appointed as needed

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- Aggregations of members (currently Divisions & SIGs), all of equal standing, would be able to offer additional activities outside the MLA annual conference if desired
- Recommendations to provide funding for the Aggregations and a mechanism for the Aggregations to request funding from the governing board to support additional activities

We expect to have at least two more meetings to complete the charge given to us by the Board and to prepare detailed plans for writing bylaws and implementing the changeover. That report, in its final form, will be presented to the MLA Board at its July meeting at which time we will ask that it be presented to the membership for approval at the annual conference. Opportunities to discuss the proposal at the conference prior to the annual membership meeting will be available and, as always, members of the Task Force welcome your comments or attendance at our meetings.

For insight into the discussions that have occurred, you are encouraged to read the minutes from our meetings which are available at the Task Force blog - <http://mlataskforce.wordpress.com/>. The minutes from our last meeting (February 26, 2010), at which the preferred model was selected, may be of particular interest.

The members of the Task Force recognize the diversity of opinions and solutions championed by groups and individuals within MLA. We have all listened intently to your suggestions and to the comments from two year's worth of membership surveys and forums. We believe that, should the proposal be approved by the membership, the results will yield a solid foundation on which to rebuild our organization.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Monday, May 9th at Daniel Boone Regional Library. As always, you are welcome to attend and we certainly encourage you to contact any member of the Task Force to discuss the issues we are considering. A list of the Task Force members is available on our blog.

Respectfully submitted,

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ALA Councilor Report

Sex Offender Library Ban Overturned

A federal judge has invalidated a city rule that banned sex offenders from using Albuquerque, NM public libraries, finding that it violated the First Amendment as written.

The *Albuquerque Journal* reported April 2 on the ruling by U.S. District Judge M. Christina Armijo. The judge said at the conclusion of the 42-page opinion that she struggled to find the right legal balance between competing interests in the case, which was filed by the ACLU of New Mexico on behalf of a John Doe plaintiff in 2008.

ACLU Executive Director Peter Simonson said no one questions the city's goal, "but this regulation sacrificed library access for too many people who present no threat to library-goers. A regulation like this must be narrowly tailored. ... For many people, public libraries are, as one court put it, 'the quintessential focus of the receipt of information,'" Simonson said.

To read the full story online, click on:

<http://www.abqjournal.com/news/state/022358487910newsstate04-02-10.htm>

Then click on the Free Trial Access Pass on the lower right side of the screen to reach the full article.

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\$1 million Shortfall Creates Another Round of ALA Staff Furloughs

On April 7, ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels told a general staff meeting in the Chicago headquarters that overall revenues for FY2010 are now projected to be 4% less-- just over \$2 million out of a total budget of \$54 million-- than ALA anticipated when the budget was originally approved. About half of that amount is reduced revenue from ALA Publishing, and the other half is a projected loss in conference-related revenue, especially income from exhibit space and donations.

The good news, he added, is that the shortfall has been offset by \$1.1 million in cost-cutting measures, reducing the gap to only \$1.06 million. However, closing that gap means the Association will need to dip into its reserve account as well as require all staff to take a one-week furlough prior to the July Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.. ALA units will schedule the furloughs to minimize as much as possible the impact on programs and member services.

Fiels said that a second week of staff furloughs in August was a possibility, but that senior ALA management was putting off that decision until after Annual Conference. He praised the cohesiveness of staff who understood, he said, that the alternative was to eliminate five positions entirely.

ALA staff members took an unpaid week in 2009 to help bridge an even greater budget deficit of \$1.6 million; but were reimbursed for part of that loss when other cost containment measures proved more effective than expected.

ALA managers are working to have an FY2011 budget proposal in place by May that "will minimize the negative impact on member programs and services - and the staff that support them," Fiels said.

"Libraries across the United States have been facing severe budgetary stresses due to the economic downturn that began in November 2007," Fiels said, "and ALA reflects that stress. Library recovery will lag behind the overall economy, but we are cautiously optimistic for 2012."

IFC Seeks Comment on Draft of New Interpretation of LBR

Martin Garnar, chair of the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, is seeking comments on a draft of a new Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights, "Prisoners' Right to Read." The proposal originated with the Library Services to Prisoners Forum of ASCLA (Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies). The IFC worked on the draft at its Spring Meeting in Chicago. The intent is to have the document ready to take to ALA Council for adoption during the 2010 Annual Conference in Washington DC in June.

The text of the draft Interpretation is available on ALA Connect at <http://connect.ala.org/node/98679>, and you can log on and leave comments there. The committee would appreciate receiving comments no later than Friday, June 11, 2010. All comments will be reviewed and the final draft of the Interpretation will be completed during the IFC's scheduled meetings in Washington.

Save Libraries in Your State

Don Wood at the ALA Chapter Relations Office has sent out the following information: [ALA Chapters](#) have created—or helped create—websites dedicated to [saving the libraries in their states](#). Among them are Illinois, Michigan, and Ohio. As more become known, links will be added to CRO's list.

You can also access the Chapter Relations Office [Legislation and Advocacy](#) page and [Advocacy](#) page (wiki), and the pages of the ALA [Office for Library Advocacy](#) to find related links that include tips on how to spread the word to save your libraries!

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Summer Reading: “Make a Splash”

Libraries all over the state are gearing up for this year’s Summer Reading Program. The theme this year is “Make a Splash” and CSRT would like to share a few of the books we think will really “make a splash” with kids this summer.

I’m the Biggest Thing in the Ocean

By Kevin Sherry

This is a story about a giant squid that compares himself to all of the other creatures in the ocean, proudly noting that he is bigger than all of them. Unfortunately for him, and all of the other animals we see in the book, he is not bigger than the whale that eats them all. Not even that can keep this squid down, though, as he still finds a way to rally and end the book cheerfully.

The Pout-Pout Fish

By Deborah Diesen

“I’m a pout-pout fish

With a pout-pout face

And I spread my dreary wearies

All over the place”

This is the catchy refrain repeated by the “pout-pout” fish, a glum looking, googly eyed fish, that kids will adore. All of his friends try to cheer him up to no avail. He continues being a “pout-pout” fish until a beautiful stranger shows up and turns his frown upside down.

The Three Little Fish and the Big Bad Shark

By Ken Geist

This is a lively adaptation of the old favorite, The Three Little Pigs. The pigs are swapped for fish and the wolf becomes a shark, but the story follows the original tale. Three fish swim off to seek their fortunes and build houses of their own. The first is made of seaweed, the second is made of sand, but the third fish takes up residence in a sunken ship. The Big Bad Shark follows each one of course, and the fish have to outsmart him to keep “the skin on their finny fin fins”.

Walter the Farting Dog: Banned from the Beach

By William Kotzwinkle, Glenn Murray, and Elizabeth Gundy

Slightly older kids (especially the boys) will really get a kick out of Walter the Farting Dog. Walter’s family takes him on vacation to the beach with them. But when Walter’s farts blow away Mr. and Mrs. Crabbe’s umbrella he is banned from the beach. He spends the day stuck inside, until he realizes his family is in trouble. He breaks out of the house and rushes to the rescue, using his “special powers” to help save the day.

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Reference and Information Services Special Interest Group 2009 Annual Report

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Activities

RISSIG established four action items for 2009:

To conduct a statewide survey of the state of reference services in Missouri, with results to be presented at the 2009 annual conference and subsequently published in a refereed journal (supports MLA Vision #'s 1 and 3)

Due to time commitments, this action item has been deferred to 2010.

Create a SIG wiki and foster an effective team environment (supports MLA Vision 31)

A SIG wiki was created at <http://mlarissig.pbworks.com>. The wiki serves as a central site for managing the group's activities. The group feels the wiki is essential in order for the group to accomplish larger goals in coming years. Specifically, the wiki is helping the SIG to:

Develop an enduring set of group practices and communication tools;
Facilitate the development of an "institutional memory" for the SIG;
Help ensure shared officer participation in the SIG.

Recruit useful, exciting and cutting edge programming for the 2009 annual conference (supports MLA Vision #1)

RISSIG devoted considerable energy this year toward 2009 MLA Annual Conference programming.

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Ten well-attended programs were sponsored / co-sponsored, including:

"Net Gen'ers are Calling - Can You Answer?"

Wednesday, October 7, 2009, 2:15pm-3:00pm

Speaker: Alice Ruleman / University of Central Missouri

Co-sponsored by RISSIG and CITSIG

From Writing to Wiki: The Evolution and Upkeep of a Reference Notebook

Wednesday, October 7, 2009, 2:15pm-3:00pm

Speaker: Melissa Muth and Cindy Thompson / UMKC

Co-sponsored by RISSIG and MACRL

Subject Guides: The Way You Want Them

Wednesday, October 7, 2009, 3:15pm-4:00pm

Speaker: Melissa Muth and Cindy Thompson / UMKC

Co-sponsored by RISSIG and MACRL

Statewide Cooperative Database Purchasing Effort for Public Libraries

Wednesday, October 7, 2009, 3:15pm-4:00pm

Speakers: Jean Morrison, Barbara Reading, Carolyn Chittenden, Seth Hershberger

Co-sponsored by RISSIG and the Missouri State Library

Models of Reorganization of Academic Reference Departments

Thursday, October 8, 2009, 8:45am-9:30am

Speaker: Patricia Gregory/St. Louis U. & Judy Fox / Washington U.

Emerging Technologies Education for Missouri: A Focus Group Session

Thursday, October 8, 2009

Speakers: Carol Smith, Jodie Borgerding, Cynthia Dudenhoffer, Brandy Sanchez

Co-sponsored by RISSIG and CITSIG

The Piano Made Us Do It! Student Performances at the Library

Friday, October 9, 2009

Speakers: Carol Smith, Karla Massia, Alice Ruleman, Dawn Cumpton / U. of Central MO

Co-sponsored by RISSIG and MACRL

Leading a Science Fiction Discussion Group: Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451*

Friday, October 9, 2009, 10:30am-11:30am

Speaker: Tom Pearson

MOSourceLink

Friday, October 9, 2009, 2:00pm-2:45pm

Speaker: Kate Pope Hodel

Co-sponsored by RISSIG and GISIG

United Way Missouri 2-1-1 Health & Human Service Information and Referral Service

Friday, October 9, 2009, 3:00pm-3:45pm

Speaker: Martha Love / Springfield-Greene County Library

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Business Meeting

The RISSIG annual business meeting was held at the 2009 MLA Conference on Thursday, October 8, 2009, from 8:00-8:30 am. A recorder for 2010 was elected. Officers discussed possible action items and projects for 2010, as well as program ideas for future conferences.

2010 Officers

The following individuals will serve as RISSIG officers for 2010:

Patrick Wall (Chair)
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2010 AWARD NOMINATIONS NEEDED!

The Missouri Library Association takes great pride in the accomplishments of its members and enjoys the opportunity to recognize their achievements and contributions to libraries. The MLA Awards Committee hopes that there will be plenty to celebrate at this year's Awards Banquet on Thursday October 7 at the Lodge of the Four Seasons in the Lake of the Ozarks. For the Awards banquet to be a successful event, we need your help in nominating candidates for the available awards.

Here are some of the awards from which you have to choose:

Francis "Bud" Barnes Outstanding Legislator Award is sponsored by the Legislative Committee and is given annually to a Missouri legislator in recognition of exceptional contributions to the welfare of Missouri's libraries.

Meritorious Achievement Award recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution to libraries in Missouri.

MLA Literary Award celebrates a Missouri writer or an individual who has written an outstanding book on some aspect of Missouri life.

Outstanding Library Employee Award is given to a library employee who has made a significant contribution to the improvement or advancement of library and information services.

Outstanding New Librarian Award recognizes a librarian who has made a significant contribution to the improvement or advancement of library and information services.

Public Relations Achievement Award is conferred on a Missouri library for an outstanding public relations effort during the previous year.

Ronald G. Bohley Award is presented by MLA and the Missouri Library Network Corporation (MLNC) to an individual or individuals whose actions have led libraries to work better together and who exemplify the best efforts to reach out beyond their own institution to promote cooperative activities among libraries.

Show Me Youth Services Award was recently developed by the Youth Services Division and will be administered by the Awards Committee. This award recognizes a library employee, Friend, or Trustee for service and/or advocacy for children or young adults.

Virginia G. Young Outstanding Service Award is sponsored by the Trustees and Friends Division and recognizes an individual trustee for exemplary service to libraries in Missouri.

For a complete list of awards, please visit the Awards page of the MLA web site at <http://molib.org/Awards.html>. Nominations can be submitted online so please consider submitting a nomination or two by the July 1 deadline. Please be sure to include the name of the award for which the nomination is made and provide supporting documentation if required. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Awards Committee Chair, Mollie Dinwiddie at 660-543-4140 (FAX: 660-543-4144) Dinwiddie@ucmo.edu. You can also contact the other members of the Awards Committee: Barbara Brain, bbrain@slcl.org, John, Furlong, jfurlong@bplmo.org and Katy Smith, kesmith@stlcc.edu.

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Technical Services Continuing Education Opportunities

The Technical Services SIG is an affiliate member of the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS), a division of ALA. ALCTS has many opportunities for continuing education workshops and discussions, some of them free! With a variety of formats, you can choose the format that will work best for you.

- **Web course:** A Moodle-developed site is composed of self-paced modules with facilitated interaction led by the instructors. There are predetermined start and end dates and a suggested pace which includes interaction with the instructors and your classmates. Students regularly use the forum and chat room functions to facilitate their class participation. Section quizzes are offered and feedback given, however, there is no final class grade. Each course has 8 contact hours, and costs \$109 for ALCTS members and \$129 for non-members. Upcoming courses include:
 - Fundamentals of Electronic Resources Acquisitions
 - Fundamentals of Collection Development and Management
 - Fundamentals of Acquisitions

- **Webinar:** Webinars are run on the GoToWebinar platform, and are presented in real-time by an instructor. You need an internet connection and speakers to participate in a webinar. Each webinar lasts about one hour, and costs \$39 for ALCTS members and \$49 for non-members. The group rate for members and non-members is \$99. Upcoming webinars include:
 - The Consortial-campus View: Reinventing the IR from All Directions
 - Disaster Response
 - Perpetual Beta: IRs Then and Now

There are also two free webinars in May in honor of Preservation Week.

E-Forum: e-Forums are three-day, moderated, electronic discussion forums that provide an opportunity for librarians to discuss matters of interest on an ALCTS discussion list. These discussions are free of charge and available to anyone who wishes to subscribe to the listserv. The next e-Forum topic is Using Web 2.0 Tools to Enhance Technical Services Work.

For a list of all ALCTS continuing education opportunities and to register, please visit <http://ala.org/alcts>.

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Legislative Update

As you can imagine, the top legislative issue in Jefferson City this year is the state budget. As funding for libraries has been challenged, this session has required a few more phone calls, letters and trips to Jefferson City. Here are a few of the highlights from the past few months.

SB 735 – The Bill requires public libraries to adopt policies on the placement of books and other materials that are considered obscene or pornographic for minors. The hearing for SB 735 took place on

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The Santa Fe Trail in Missouri

MARY COLLINS BARILE



Southern Frontier Humor

An Anthology



New from University of Missouri Press

The Santa Fe Trail in Missouri

Mary Collins Barile

This book offers an easy-to-read introduction to Missouri's chunk of Santa Fe Trail, providing an account of the trail's historical and cultural significance. Barile tells how the route evolved, stitched together from Indian paths, trappers' traces, and wagon roads, and how the experience of traveling the Santa Fe Trail varied even within Missouri. Readers will also encounter some of the major people associated with the trail, such as William Becknell, Mike Fink, and Hannah Cole, with quotes that bring them and their era to life.

ISBN: 978-0-8262-1880-3

160 pages, 35 illustrations, \$16.95 paper

Missouri Heritage Readers Series

The Dead End Kids of St. Louis

Homeless Boys and the People Who Tried to Save Them

Bonnie Stepenoff

"An admirable work. . . The organization, writing, passion for the subject, and research make this a valuable treatment of St. Louis social history unavailable anywhere else." —Lawrence O. Christensen, author of *A History of Missouri: Volume IV, 1875 to 1919*

"Artfully written and well researched. Their poignant stories offer a unique perspective on urban life and the American underclass." —William E. Foley, author of *Wilderness Journey: The Life of William Clark*

This book tells the story of "lost" boys who struggled to survive on the streets as St. Louis evolved from a booming late-nineteenth-century industrial center to a troubled mid-twentieth-century metropolis. Small, loosely organized bands from the tenement districts wandered the city looking for trouble and often found it. Geography also provided for unique accommodations—sometimes boys found shelter in the interconnected caves underneath the city. Stepenoff traces the history of several efforts aimed at assisting the homeless boys and details how historical events such as industrialization, economic depression, and wars affected this vulnerable urban population.

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184 pages, 18 illustrations, \$29.95 cloth

The Missouri Mormon Experience

Edited by Thomas M. Spencer

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***WebJunction Missouri* provides a new forum for sharing ideas and offers training**

In December, the State Library launched *WebJunction Missouri*, a community partner site for library staff, trustees and volunteers to share ideas and find information to help in meeting the challenges of providing excellent library service.

The site, mo.webjunction.org, is also the new home for the statewide CE Calendar, combining offerings from the Missouri State Library, MLNC, MOREnet, KCMLIN and others into one convenient calendar, with links to each organization's registration pages. The calendar is customizable to display your top interests, as well as generate RSS feeds when new topics are posted. Online classes are also available, with over 200 offerings available through the Missouri catalog at a discounted cost. Become a member of *WebJunction Missouri* today, and start posting your news, ideas, and to take advantage of the low cost training opportunities this resource offers.

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Nominating Committee Update

The 2010 Nominating Committee has begun soliciting for MLA Board Representatives and Officer positions to begin serving in 2011. Below are the current available positions and terms:

President-elect 2011-2013 (moving up to President and Past-president over three years)
Secretary 2011 (one year term)
Treasurer 2011-2012 (two year term)
Member-at-Large 2011-2012 (two year term)
ALA Councilor 2011-2013 (three year term)

At this time the Nominating Committee is pleased to report that member candidates have been secured for the Secretary, Member-at-Large and ALA Councilor positions. President McCaslin has requested that MLA strive for contested elections this year as competitive elections are a sign of a healthy organization. It is the Nominating Committee's hope that you will consider running for office. The experience, knowledge and networks built will significantly impact your professional development.

If you are interested in any of the available positions please feel free to contact me. Most importantly - [please consider serving your Association!](#)

All the best,

Kimberlee Ried, Nominating Committee Chair
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March 2, 2010. Testimony in both support and opposition was heard. Opposition to the bill focused on this being a "local control" issue and that existing legislation already provided adequate local oversight through library boards. Thank you to those from Missouri libraries who were present in opposition to SB 735. The Chair of the committee charged us to collect existing collection development policies from libraries and share them with Sen. Cunningham on how Missouri public libraries handle collection concerns in their respective communities. Aside from the charge from the committee chair, no action was taken regarding the bill.

State Aid to Libraries – On April 8, 2010, the Senate Appropriations Committee discussed the line item in HB 2012 on state aid for public libraries. The House position on this line item was just over \$4 million. Sen. Green (D-St. Louis) offered that in lean times, this is a line item that should be removed. Sen. Bray (D-St. Louis) then asked a number of questions on how this money gets allocated and how districts use this money. Sen. Rupp (R-St. Charles) then made a motion to cut only 10% from this line item (we regard this as a positive move to get ahead of any other motions to cut more money from this line item). The Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Sen. Mayer (R-Dexter), mentioned he had a soft spot in his heart for libraries and agreed that this was more appropriate and refused to allow Sen. Lembke (R-St. Louis) offer a counter motion to remove \$3 million from this line item. The events that transpired were actually more positive than what we were looking at as a worst case scenario, given the budget crunch that the state is in and the amount of funding cuts other programs are experiencing. This line item is now locked in between the approximately \$3.6 million Senate position and the \$4 million House position when it goes to conference (information from Randy Scherr).

Sales Tax Bills – There have been several hearings on the different versions of the Library Sales Tax bills. The bills range from being limited to two counties that could benefit if one version passes, to making the benefit of the sales tax bill available to all but two counties (two different counties) if a different version is passed. Due to the State Budget this year, there is greater opposition to these bills than last year.

MOREnet – The Senate Appropriations Committee decided to reduce the FY11 MOREnet appropriation in House Bill 2003 (HB3) to the current FY10 withhold amount; a total reduction of 46.5% or \$5.9 million. Final decisions about appropriations will be made in the House and Senate conference committees which is expected the week of April 19th (information from John Gillespie).

Your Calls Make a Difference – With the ups and downs of this legislative session on the things ring true (pun intended), your calls, letters and presence make a difference. We have seen several examples in regards to the sales tax bills, State Aid, MOREnet, and SB735 where our legislators made direct reference to contact they received from the MO Library community during the hearings. THANK YOU! to those of you who have helped out in this way. It has made a real difference this year.

Legislative Wiki – <http://sites.google.com/site/moliblc/> Most libraries in Missouri are either a political subdivision or a department of a political subdivision. Consequently, the actions and activities of the Missouri General Assembly can have a significant operational or financial impact on your local library. Missouri's librarians have to be aware of proposed changes in statutes as well as funding recommendations. The purpose of this site is to help Missouri's librarians become aware of such issues and to help them know how to communicate concerns about these issues to legislators. This site is maintained for the 2010 Session by the Legislative Committee of the Missouri Library Association.

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2010 MLA Conference - Save the Date!

The 2010 Missouri Library Association Conference will be held October 6-8 at the Lodge of Four Seasons on the beautiful Lake of the Ozarks. The waterfront resort has a variety of amenities, from 54 challenging holes of championship golf to the soothing atmosphere of Spa Shiki, both recognized throughout the Midwest and beyond for their excellence. Beautiful Japanese gardens provide a quiet backdrop for the resort. Japanese landscape artist Buffy Murai designed the Lodge scenery. Murai once added his watercolor talents to film backdrops for "Sayonara" and "Around the World in 80 days". Inside, during the early days, the Lodge continues its air of uniqueness with hand-carved furniture from Madrid. Today, guests find comfortable Lodge rooms with furniture custom-made in Guadalajara, Mexico. Young artists are sought after to create custom pieces for the Lodge, continuing its tradition of exclusive, irreproducible decor. They even have a 250 seat movie theatre that shows free movies nightly for all guests. What a great place to have a conference!

The Conference Arrangements Subcommittees have been working diligently to put this conference together. However, they cannot do it alone. A call for volunteers to help at the conference will go out later this summer, and there are still places they can put you to work if you would like to volunteer to help plan for the conference. They need your good ideas. If you would like to suggest performers, direct your information to Alicia Morgan (morgana@trailslibrary.org). If you have table talk ideas, you can submit them to Randall Yelverton (randally@cclid.us). Also, if anyone has ideas for keynote speakers, send them to Carolyn Chittenden (carolyc@cclid.us). You can also write Carolyn if you would like to volunteer your time and join the conference committee.

This year's conference looks to be outstanding with tremendous professional development opportunities. Be on the lookout for updates in the July and September *MO INFO*.

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Library Celebrates Endowment Milestone

Adair County Public Library has reached a major milestone of \$100,000 in an endowment fund started by the Library in 1994. "We are thrilled to have this support from our community," stated Library Director Glenda Hunt.

A celebration was held on Monday, April 12, during National Library Week, recognizing the 34 endowments given by individuals and groups/organizations and as memorials. The endowment fund was started in 1994 with \$8,750 in donations and no growth for six years. Nearly \$20,000 was added in 2002 and the endowment fund has steadily grown since then.

The Library Board set up guidelines of a minimum of \$1,000 to establish an endowment. Only the interest is spent each year, never the principal, so an endowment is a continuous gift for the Library.

Adair County Public Library was established in 1984 and a fifteen-cent levy approved in April 1986. The Library began in July 1, 1986. A new building opened November 1, 1989, under the leadership of the first library director, Marilyn Prosser. Prosser now serves as a branch manager in the Springfield Greene Library System.

"We have come a long way in a short library history time frame. And to have achieved over \$100,000 in our endowment fund during these tough economic times for our nation, state and community is even more gratifying," stated Hunt "We definitely need to celebrate this achievement," concluded Hunt.

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Planning Calendar 2010

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| June 3-4 | Bi-Annual Meeting | MPLD | Cape Girardeau |
| June 15-17 | Annual Conference | MOBIUS | Columbia |
| June 15 | Articles for July <i>MO INFO</i> Due | MLA | Online submission |
| June 24-30 | Annual Conference | ALA | Washington, D. C. |
| July 1 | Awards Nomination Deadline | MLA | Online submission |
| July 23 | Board Meeting | MLA | Videoconference |
| October 6-8 | Annual Conference | MLA | Lake of the Ozarks |
| Missouri State Library Continuing Education Calendar: http://mo.webjunction.org/catalog/ | | | |

