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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I begin this letter by focusing on Karen Strege's imminent departure as Montana's State Librarian. It has been my honor to know her for three years of her eight-year tenure in Helena, first meeting her in 2001. As part of a Montana State University Libraries committee investigating the potential to increase the outreach mission of Montana State University as a land grant institution, I was impressed with her depth of knowledge of the information needs of Montana patrons, her enthusiasm and willingness to share her expertise and experience with others, and heart-felt encouragement. Karen hoped, as did we, that the University and State Library could cooperate in meeting the information needs of Montanans while attending to our respective missions and goals. I selfishly hoped that Karen would be with us for many more years, so all of us could learn from her. But, that is not to be. She moves on to another stage of her life and career, dedicating herself to her family. We all wish her the best of fortune in the coming years. Thank you, Karen!

In early October, the MLA Conference Planning Committee meets to select workshops, presentations, and other events for the 2005 Billings conference. As usual, the co-chairs of the Planning Committee have put in tremendous amounts of work already, arranging details many prospective events. I take this opportunity to publicly thank our two co-chairs for next year's conference, Cindy Patterson of Parmlly Billings and Eileen Wright of MSU-Billings. Please take the opportunity to thank them for their hard work for you and your Association. We cannot survive as a successful Association without such willing volunteers.

With regards to volunteers, your Association still needs a couple volunteers to work with Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson of Montana Legislative Services and the Marketing and chair of the Public Relations Committee. From the MLA Handbook, "This committee . . . assist[s] local libraries to enhance public perception of library programs and services, focusing especially on reaching individuals and/or groups that fund and/or govern libraries . . . and identif[ies] and implements methods and activities by which the Association itself can conduct an ongoing statewide public relations/marketing campaign to enhance public perception of library programs and services." The work is not onerous, but this committee is very important in keeping Montana libraries in the forefront of

Montanan's perceptions. Please contact me or Lisa to volunteer. We need you!

Thus far, I have a verbal/email agreement with Mitch Freedman, past president of the American Library Association, to give the keynote address for the 2005 Conference and a workshop of his choosing. He has suggested that he address possible approaches to improving compensation for library staff. Within the next couple weeks I should have a signed contract in hand.

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## State Librarian Appointed

The Montana State Library Commission has appointed Darlene Staffeldt to replace Karen Strege as the Montana State Librarian, effective October 16, 2004.



Darlene has worked at the State Library for 28 years in a number of positions. Most recently, Darlene was the manager of the Statewide Library resources Program, which includes the Talking Book Library and the Library Development Department. "I deeply appreciate the vote of confidence given me by the Library

Commission. As the next Montana State Librarian I will do all within my abilities and skills, drawing on 28 years of librarian experience to bring into realization the Commission's mission for the Montana State Library which is to help all citizens receive the information services they need to improve or enhance their lives," said Darlene.

The chair of the Commission, Al Randall, of Troy, said, "the Commission has appointed an excellent librarian to replace an excellent librarian. The Commission is confident that Darlene will provide the stability and leadership needed during these uncertain times.

Darlene received her Master's of Library Science degree from the University of Washington. She received the Shelia Cates "Librarian of the Year" award from the Montana Library Association in 1999 and the Governor's Award for Excellence in 1993.

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## Membership Renewal Reminder!

It is time to renew your MLA membership. Memberships run from July to June. Please renew now!

The membership application/renewal form can be found on page 7 or at:

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## Discussion List: WIRED-MT Information

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Norma Glock of Columbus High School library and other members of her Central Asia Institute task force are slowly making headway in raising money for purposes of supporting/building a library for the Central Asia Institute as agreed upon at the 2004 MLA Conference in Bozeman. A minimum of \$500 is needed to start an account specifically for this purpose. Otherwise the money is used for general support purposes at the Institute. Please consider donating to Central Asia Institute, P. O. Box 7209, Bozeman, MT 59771-7209, designating that it is for the Montana Library Association account. Thank you to the task force for their dedication!

The ASLD/PLD 2004 Fall Retreat takes place on October 17 and 18. Registration is open until 8 October, so that organizers can have an accurate count for meals. The form and schedule are found at . Please consider attending to take advantage of a great program. If you have any questions, please contact Carlene Barnett at or 406-275-4876.

This year we are actively seeking to recruit more school librarians/media specialists into the MLA. Whenever you have the opportunity to speak with these folks, please try encouraging them to join the Association. Please refer them to Anita Scheetz of Fort Peck Tribal Library 406-768-5551 and Magi Malone of Glacier Park's George C. Ruhle Library 406-888-6932, co-chairs of the MLA Membership Committee for additional information and to discuss benefits of membership.

Please feel free to contact me for any information, remind me of duties I may have neglected or forgotten, or just to confer with me about moving the Association forward.

*Richard "Rich" Wojtowicz, President*  
[richw@montana.edu](mailto:richw@montana.edu)

## UGF Hires New Director

The University of Great Falls is excited to announce that David Bibb has accepted the position of library director. David comes to us from Southeast Missouri State University, where he served as distance education and reference librarian. He brings considerable experience in grant writing, bibliographic instruction, and technology. In addition, David is the published author of numerous articles, including an upcoming piece entitled "Distance Learning Library Services," that will appear in the next issue of *The Journal of Academic Librarianship*. He holds a second master's degree in historical administration and museum studies and looks forward to delving into the local history scene. David, his wife Debbie, and their two cats, Nicholas and Alexandra, plan to arrive in Great Falls in early November.

*Heather Lawton, University of Great Falls*  
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## Fallon County Library News

Fallon County Library has been selected as a resource center for The Foundation Center. After the collection supervisor and the library administrator attend training in New York City in October, the Library will host a training session for the public. This foundation-search and grant-seeking database is available to the public free of charge. We are proud to have been selected to provide this service to the far eastern part of Montana.

Fallon County Library is in the process of organizing a book discussion group for young readers. Our only requirement is the ability to read chapter books. We are excited about this new venture and would welcome any suggestions you may have.

In October, in conjunction with Miles City Community College, the Library will host a one-day training session entitled "Selling on the Internet."

Sagebrush Federation will be meeting at Glendive Public Library in late October for a round-table panel discussion of Summer Reading Programs. This panel along with the MLA 2005 session on SRP's should provide a wealth of fresh ideas for our programs.

School has resumed and so has Fallon County Library's Story Time; this year's overall theme is Arthur. We anticipate an enthusiastic crowd of pre-school readers joining our coordinator for a fun-filled year of stories and crafts.

Vera Abrams, Fallon County Library  
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## MEA-MFT 2004 Educators Conference October 21-22, 2004 Helena, Montana

This year's conference has a variety of quality keynote speakers and sectionals that will invigorate and inform you on a myriad of topics. The SLMD of MLA is presenting a full slate of workshops and sponsoring two talented authors. Patricia Giff Reilly, Newbery Honor winner Lilly's Crossing and Montana author, Jodi Icenoggle 'Til the Cows Come Home will entertain and delight you. Montana Certification Program units and OPI renewal units may be earned by attendees.

I am requesting assistance to help staff the hospitality room from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. Please contact me if you would be willing to work an hour on either days.

Thank you!

Yvette Majerus, Chair  
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## Another Winning Ribbon



The Bitterroot Public Library's entry in the Ravalli County Fair Parade 2004 won another ribbon for the library. The parade's theme was "Colors of America." Figuring everyone else would be using red, white and blue, we chose "Color Your World @ Bitterroot Public Library" as our theme. Our library parade entry has won a ribbon every year for 15 years, except the time I

parked three blocks away from the judging street. We have a very creative and competitive staff and a loyal truck driver, John Langstaff and his 1955 Ford 3/4 ton truck. Someday we'll have to try the hand cart drill team or a gazoo band, but why stop a winning streak?



Gloria Langstaff, Director  
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## Attention Montana Academic Libraries!

Only 30 days left to apply for the ACRL Best Practices in Marketing Academic and Research Libraries @ your library Award!

This one-time award will be presented at the ACRL National Conference in Minneapolis, Minn. in April 2005. Sponsored by the ACRL Marketing Academic and Research Libraries Committee and funded through the ACRL Friends Fund Committee, the award will be given to the academic/research library that demonstrates an outstanding best practices marketing program. Programs must have been in place for one year and selection will be based on the most complete documentation.

A \$2,000 award will be presented for first place and a \$1,000 award will be given for second place. Portfolios are due October 29, 2004. For more details, visit the Awards section of the ACRL Website at [www.ala.org/acrl](http://www.ala.org/acrl), or contact Megan Bielefeld, [mbielefeld@ala.org](mailto:mbielefeld@ala.org).

Lisa Mecklenburg Jackson  
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## New Great Falls Public Library Store

Look no further for that unique gift or ways to support your library. The Great Falls Public Library has recently opened a small "store", carrying a unique stock of merchandise. Currently, we have t-shirts bearing the artwork from last year's Great Falls Festival of the Book poster and book bags of varying sizes. We will be expanding the merchandise line with items made by local artists, as well as more functional items. Look for a grand opening in the near future.

## Farewell

The Great Falls Public Library announces that August 31 was the last day of Youth Services Librarian Bente Snow. Bente, who came to us from Denmark,



via Greenland, is on her way to Alabama, where her husband, an Air Force officer, has been stationed. Over the last three years Bente revitalized the Youth Services Department with her organizational skills, creativity and dedication. We will miss her presence and wish her the best of luck.

## Welcome

Great Falls Public Library is pleased to announce that Nola Huey has accepted the position of Youth Services Librarian. Nola began work on September 20. Nola grew up on a dairy farm in central Idaho, where she learned many lifelong skills including the value of reading. From 1990 to 1999 Nola taught second grade and third/fourth grade in Idaho and in Great Falls. She received her MLS degree this past August from Emporia State University. She is anxious to jump into the work of the Youth Services Department and is currently busy getting to know the young readers, their parents and staff of Great Falls Public Library. Welcome back to Montana Nola!

*Jude Smith, Great Falls Public Library  
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## New Technology at Madison Valley

Madison Valley Public Library has a new computer! Career Transitions, Inc. from Belgrade, MT has donated a new E-machines computer to help Madison County residents develop skills for job searching. Career Transitions, Inc. is a private non-profit job training organization, that promotes job readiness and lifelong learning through adult education training programs and high school job coaching.

The new computer has the program "Mavis Beacon teaches typing". This program can teach a beginner (child or adult) how to type, or it can help anyone improve typing skills. The computer also has Microsoft Word 2003, which has templates for making resumes and writing job search letters. The computer can also be used to access the Internet. Anyone may use the computer, but people wishing to develop job skills will have first priority. As with all of our computers, children under 18 must have a permission slip signed by their parents on file at the library. Parents need to come in with their children to sign the permission slip.

Career Transitions, Inc. can be reached at [www.careertransitions.com](http://www.careertransitions.com)

## More News From Madison Valley

There is something new at Madison Valley Public Library: a young adult book section! The library in Ennis recently received a \$1000.00 grant from the Montana Community Foundation for the purpose of purchasing young adult books. These are books intended for 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up. The books chosen were recommended by the American Library Association, and many were award winners. There are fiction and non-fiction books. Library Board member Gary Forney was instrumental in applying for and receiving this grant. For more information about the Montana Community Foundation, see their website at [www.mtcf.org](http://www.mtcf.org).

Twenty-two students from the Ennis 8<sup>th</sup> grade class came to the Library on September 2<sup>nd</sup> to have a look at the new Young Adult books. It was great to see young people so enthusiastic about reading

*Kathy Knack & Michelle Goggins,  
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## Lewis & Clark Activity Books

It's a brand new school year! Teachers or public librarians can still order the Lewis & Clark activity books. The books are \$2.00 with a sliding postage scale. Please e-mail Julia Herdina, Chair, Lewis & Clark Task Force at [jherdina@manhattan.k12.mt.us](mailto:jherdina@manhattan.k12.mt.us) to place your order. We will bill you. Your MLA has already sold approximately 1500 of these books, so get yours today!

## State Library News

### New Land Ownership Maps Available

The Montana Natural Resource Information System (NRIS) of the Montana State Library has completed a cooperative project with Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks (FWP) to produce two new electronic land ownership maps for Montana. One map depicts private land ownership for any contiguous tract greater than 40 acres owned by a single party. The other map provides detailed identification of public land ownership and lands managed under public and private trusts and easements. To view the maps, visit the NRIS website at: [nr.is.state.mt.us/gis/ownmaps.asp](http://nr.is.state.mt.us/gis/ownmaps.asp). A link to this site is also available through the FWP website at: [fwp.state.mt.us/hunting/hunteraccess/toolkit.html](http://fwp.state.mt.us/hunting/hunteraccess/toolkit.html). The new maps will enable hunters to better identify ownership and boundaries of Montana's public and private lands.

### Fall Workshop 2004 Wrap-Up

Montana State Library's 6th annual Fall Workshop on September 24-25 brought 114 people to Great Falls: 75 from public libraries; 18 from school libraries; 3 from combined public/school libraries; 5 from academic libraries; 6 from special libraries; and 7 public library trustees. It was a great group. Thanks to everyone who came and to everyone who shared their expertise by being a workshop presenter. A special thanks to the director and staff of the Great Falls Public Library for their help and support with the workshop — from the loan of equipment to hosting the Friday evening dinner!



**Cathi Burgoyne** (center), Carroll College Library, demonstrates a mending technique to **Marilyn Campbell** (left), Flathead County Library, and **Julia Herdina** (right), Manhattan Community Library during the hands-on portion of the Mend It! Save It! workshop.

## Trustee Workshops in Missoula and Billings

Two workshops for public library trustees are scheduled for this fall. The one-day workshops are scheduled in two locations: Missoula on Saturday, October 23 and Billings on Saturday, November 6. All trustees and public library directors are invited to attend the most convenient workshop location. Montana State Library is very excited to have Jeanne Goodrich, trainer/consultant from Portland, as the primary speaker. Jeanne will talk about the role of trustees as library advocates and will introduce trustees to important advocacy and communication techniques to use when working with members of the community, city/county officials, or state representatives. Registration materials are available on the State Library Web page at: [msl.state.mt.us/ldd/Training/Trustee/2004Info.pdf](http://msl.state.mt.us/ldd/Training/Trustee/2004Info.pdf)

These trustee workshops are funded by a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the Montana State Library Commission. Contact Tracy Cook at [tracycook@mtlib.org](mailto:tracycook@mtlib.org) for more information.

## Collection Management Honor Roll 2004 December Deadline

If your library wishes to be considered for the 2004 Honor Roll, a current and approved collection management policy needs to be on file at Montana State Library by December 31, 2004. One other requirement to make the Honor Roll is that a library must have a minimum of 50% of its holdings on the OCLC database. The holdings statistics are provided by OCLC's Western Office and will be requested in January. For more information about the Collection Management Honor Roll contact Sue Jackson at the State Library.

## 2005 Summer Reading Program Manuals Are Here

With a one-time source of funding, Montana State Library purchased copies of the 2005 Collaborative Summer Reading Program manuals for each public library in the state. The manuals, entitled *Dragons, Dreams & Daring Deeds*, have arrived in Helena and distribution to libraries is underway. Additional copies of the manual can be purchased by contacting the Cooperative Summer Library Program (Barbara Huntington, Wisconsin Division of Libraries, 608-267-5077 or [Barbara.Huntington@dpi.state.wi.us](mailto:Barbara.Huntington@dpi.state.wi.us)).

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## PNLA News - October 2004

The Montana Library community will soon be bolstered by new leadership expertise by four Montanans receiving training in October. Attending the Pacific Northwest Library's first Leadership Institute at Dumas Bay, Washington will be Heidi Sue Adams from Kalispell Medical Center Library, Victoria Koch from



Deaconess Billings Clinic, Shelma Seidel from Havre-Hill County Library, and Susan K Watne from Helena Public Schools. Jan Zauha, Bozeman and John Finn, Great Falls are serving as mentors for the workshops.

The beautiful weather for the first-ever Washington State Library/PNLA Conference at Wenatchee, Washington added to the educational wine-tasting at Ohme Gardens, the Lake Chelan river cruise, and the many workshops and meetings held during the conference. The president's gavel was passed to Jan Zauha as she began her term as president during the board meeting held after the conference. Plans for next year's Sitka conference, August 3-6, are underway and a preliminary program will be up on the

PNLA website, [www.pnla.org](http://www.pnla.org), soon. It is not too early to make plans to attend this conference.

A presentation of the history of the Young Readers' Choice Award, sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Library Association, will be given by Norma Glock at the Montana Education Association Conference in October. Nearly every state has a young readers'/ children's choice award, but PNLA has the distinction of sponsoring the first young adult readers' choice award. Information about this award is also available on the PNLA website.

PNLA is currently looking into the concept of becoming a clearinghouse for library staff and library organizations in the Pacific Northwest interested in short term job exchanges. For more information or any ideas or thoughts on this topic e-mail Mary DeWalt, PNLA past president, at [mdewalt@adalib.org](mailto:mdewalt@adalib.org). This may eventually be extended to international job exchanges.

*Norma Glock, PNLA Representative*  
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## 2005 MLA Awards and Honors

I had a boss once who said that a vital early part of the planning process was knowing when it was time to start thinking about thinking about the project. That time is now for the annual MLA Awards.

In the December FOCUS we will officially open the nominations for the awards:

- 1) Sheila Cates Award for Librarian of the Year
- 2) Library of the Year
- 3) Trustee of the Year
- 4) Special Friend of the Year Award
- 5) School Administrator of the Year
- 6) Intellectual Freedom Award
- 7) Interest Group Excellence Award
- 8) Honorary Life Membership

Please start giving some thought to worthy candidates for the various awards. Montana is such a great state for library activities, innovations, cooperation, dedication, etc., etc.: I hope we can have a vigorous slate of nominees. If you want more information about the criteria for the different awards, go to the MLA homepage [www.mtlib.org](http://www.mtlib.org), click on "Handbook" and check out the skinny under the Awards and Honors headings.

Also, to the best of my knowledge, Liz Babbitt and myself compose the membership of the Honors and Awards Committee. If you are on the committee, please let me know—you will be warmly welcomed, let me assure you. Please contact me if you have any questions.

*Jan Dawson, Honors and Awards Chair*  
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## Election 2004!



If you aren't already registered to vote, it's too late now. You should be ashamed of yourself. Gee whiz, I sound like my mother. But truthfully, you have missed out on an important function of being a U.S. citizen. If you are registered to vote, Do It! It doesn't matter which side of the political plate you stand on, when November 2 rolls around, it's very important to swing for the fences. All elections are important.



*John Finn, Focus Editor*  
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**Montana Library Association**

**Membership Application / Renewal Form**

MLA fiscal year runs July 1 to June 30

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## Central Asia Institute Needs MLA's Help

We can help fight the roots of terrorism with books and schools by keeping our pledge to help the Central Asia Institute. At our last conference in Bozeman, MLA voted to "assist and sponsor" a library for a country being sponsored by the Central Asia Institute. We have a good start, but we need to collect \$300 more for a total of \$500 to open a specific MLA account with CAI. If you believe that education and literacy can do more than guns and armies to defeat terrorism and enrich the lives of boys and, especially, girls in the third world, please donate to the Central Asia Institute in MLA's name. Our goal? To one day fully support a library or school in Pakistan or Afghanistan in the name of the Montana Library Association.



Learn more about the Central Asia Institute at: [www.ikat.org](http://www.ikat.org). You may send donation checks to:

**Central Asia Institute  
PO Box 7209  
Bozeman, MT 59771**

Be sure to indicate that the donation is for the MLA account.

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*Jim Heckle, Director  
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