Message from the President

Montana Library Community:

Kim Crowley is finishing up her term as the President of MLA and she is passing me the baton! I’m thankful that you’ve entrusted me with this position and I’d like to let you know about a few things that will be happening this year.

Your MLA Board and Committee Chairs will meet in June with 3 goals: setting the budget, furthering the strategic plan, and increasing continuity of MLA leadership. Last summer MLA hired a professional strategic planner to help us navigate the process of writing and implementing our own plan. The Board will meet with him again to be held accountable for assigned tasks and to revise any pieces of the plan that have proven to be unworkable. This year, both outgoing and incoming Officers and Committee Chairs will attend this retreat to ensure quality cross-over regarding the duties and expectations of MLA’s many positions.

Looking forward, this is a legislative year and MLA will be front and center with efforts to protect and promote Montana libraries. Please monitor Wired-MT to learn what MLA is doing and what you can do to help.

Lastly, save the date! The annual MLA conference will be April 17 – 20 in Missoula at the Hilton Garden Inn. The super-star conference planners are Honore Bray, Director of Missoula Public Libraries, and Barabara Theroux of Fact and Fiction Bookstores and of the Friends of the Missoula Public Libraries. The conference theme this year is “Homegrown Inspiration.” The focus will be on showcasing Montana authors, organizations, patron services initiatives, etc. – anything by Montanans for Montanans! Start thinking about what you’d like to present at the conference this year – this is the year to be involved!

Anne Kish
Incoming President
Montana Library Association
The Passing of a Colleague

JANE HOWELL
1944-2012

It is with deep sorrow we note the passing of former MSU Billings Library Director Jane Howell.

Jane passed away at her home in Billings after a courageous battle with cancer. Her presence in all things related to the university, her passion for the Wine Fest, her love of knowledge, her commitment to students, her support of the public radio and her lilting British accent will be missed by all of us.

Jane was born Aug. 17, 1944 in England, grew up there and earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from the University of Leeds in 1965. She met her husband, Joe Howell, when he was studying in England during the 1960s. After they married in 1968, they moved to the University of Virginia, where Joe started his on his Ph.D. When he was drafted into the Army, they wound up at Fort Carson, Colo. After Joe's service, they moved to Denver University, where Joe got his Ph.D. in mathematics, and Jane, a master's of library science degree. In 1980, the couple came to Billings with their two small children, Christopher and Sarah. Joe got a job with the faculty at what was then Eastern Montana College and after working at Parmly Billings Library for a short time, Jane took a part-time job with the EMC Library in 1982. In 1990, she became director.

As director, she worked tirelessly to improve access to information and utilize cutting-edge technology tools for faculty and student research. She made many significant contributions to her profession, serving on the boards of state, regional and national library associations. She presided over the Montana Library Association from 1994-1995 and served as Montana Chapter Chair for the Association of College & University Libraries and the American Library Association. Jane pioneered numerous collaborative efforts, including the establishment of OMNI (a group of eastern Montana libraries sharing an online catalog) the first such venture in the state of Montana. She also helped establish BAHSIC (Billings Area Health Sciences Information Consortium), a cooperative effort between MSU Billings and local and regional medical libraries.

Jane also served as President of the Montana Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, and worked collaboratively with the local chapter of the American Association of University Women. In addition, her enthusiasm for and efforts in behalf of the construction of a joint community library, operated by MSU Billings and the City of Billings, was contagious and her support for that project never wavered.

She and Joe were also staunch advocates for the freedom of speech, diverse programming offered by Yellowstone Public Radio and support of student scholarships through the MSU Billings Foundation. Jane and Joe were active in the annual MSU Billings Foundation Wine and Food Festival and contributed at the wine store or through leadership positions. (The photo at left shows the couple preparing for the 2007 Wine Fest).

Jane retired in 2010 and the Montana Board of Regents conferred on her the title of Administrator Emeritus. Brent Roberts, current library director at the MSU Billings Library, summarized Jane's impact this way: “We have lost a giant. The shadow of Jane's influence is huge — she was involved in so many things, from all levels and types of libraries, to ACLU, to AAUW, to the Wine Festival, to assessment and accreditation. She touched all our lives and was a great friend and mentor. She gave us a vision of what we could do and what we could be and encouraged us as we pursued our goals. We will miss her, but we see her legacy every day.”

Text Provided by MSU Billings News Service
School Tours at Madison Valley Public Library
By Kathleen Knack, Director
Madison Valley Public Library

Madison Valley Public Library invited the Ennis Kindergarten - 5th grades to visit the library Tuesday, April 24. K - 8 Principal Mr. Hilton arranged the tours for each class, with a total of 169 students and teachers visiting the library! The visit was in honor of National Library Week, which was April 8-14, but the school was on Spring Break that week.

Library Director Kathy Knack gave each class a tour of the library, highlighting areas of interest to each age group. She told them about the Summer Reading Program, which will run from June 15 - August 24. There will be three separate drawings for Kindle Touch e-readers, and other fun prizes, for grades 2-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Students just need to check out library books, read them, and fill out an entry form for each book read.

The more books they read, the better their chances of winning. Students may also enter the contest with audio books checked out from the library, as well as e-audio and e-books checked out on MontanaLibrary2go.org. In addition, they may also count books they read and listen to on the Tumble Book Library, available on the library's website at mvlibrary.org.

The class tours were sponsored by the Friends of the Library, who helped with the event and provided treats for the students. The students seemed to have a lot of fun learning about the library!

Groundbreaking for New Parmly Billings Library
By Dee Ann Redman, Assistant Director
Parmly Billings Library

YOU ARE INVITED!

The groundbreaking for the new Parmly Billings Library will take place on Thursday, June 28, 2012 at 5:00 pm. Please join us for the official start of the library construction project.

The groundbreaking will take place at the new library building site, north of the existing library building at 510 North Broadway. Come for the groundbreaking, and then head over to Alive After Five for a great summer downtown evening in Billings!
The job market is more competitive than ever, and internships can give new Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) graduates a leg up in their job searches.

“Internships allow students to give different LIS career pathways a test drive, gain practical hands-on experience, build relevant skills to add to their résumé, and engage in valuable professional networking opportunities,” said Jill Klees, San José State University career center liaison to the School of Library and Information Science.

The San José State University School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) invites members of the Montana Library Association to take advantage of this mutual learning experience by becoming internship supervisors and sharing their knowledge with aspiring information professionals.

Internship supervisors collaborate with SLIS faculty to provide rich, structured field learning experiences for students in a variety of professional settings. As interns gain new knowledge, explore career options, and expand their professional connections, they also participate in a two-way exchange of knowledge with their site supervisors and other employees at their host institutions.

“Interns not only contribute their time and work to our library, but also give us an opportunity to stay up-to-date on what is being taught in graduate schools and receive fresh input about current practices,” said Alba Scott, internship supervisor and librarian, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

Graduate students enrolled in the ALA-accredited, fully online MLIS program at San José State University can select from more than 225 internship opportunities each semester. SLIS students live across North America, including Montana. Learn how you can host an intern: http://slisweb.sjsu.edu/interns

The School of Library and Information Science at San José State University offers robust curricula for aspiring information professionals including two fully online master’s degrees, a fully online certificate program, and a doctoral program: Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS), Master of Archives and Records Administration (MARA), Post-Master’s Certificate in Library and Information Science, and the San José Gateway PhD Program.

Let the learning begin:
slisweb.sjsu.edu/mla
Montana Shared Catalog News

By Ken Adams, Director
Montana Shared Catalog

The Montana Shared Catalog Members meet in Lewistown: MSC member library directors and staff gathered in Lewistown May 3-4 at the Yogo Inn for their semi-annual business meeting. Attendees viewed the presentation by the RFP Committee’s top scoring vendor, SirsiDynix, and then voted unanimously to recommend to the State Library that the MSC continues with SirsiDynix as their system vendor. The State Library Network Advisory Council met May 15 and agreed to accept and forward the recommendation to the State Library Commission.

Recent MSC “Go-Lives”: Ashland School Library, Henry A Malley Memorial Library in Broadus, Ekalaka Public Library, Prairie County Library in Terry and Sun River Valley Schools in Simms and Fort Shaw. Absarokee Schools, Baker Schools and Darby Schools are working towards go-live dates by the start of the next school year. A big “thank you” to Hannah Nash and Michelle Cunningham of Miles City Public Library for their help in training and assisting with the libraries in Ashland, Broadus, Ekalaka and Terry. The same goes for Shelly Vick from Power School for all her help with Sun River Valley Schools.

MSC Phase XIV New Libraries: The following libraries have applied to join the MSC and approved to begin implementation in FY2013: Baker Public Schools, Jefferson High School (Boulder), George McCone County Memorial Library (Circle), Missoula County Public Schools, Target Range School (Missoula), Valier Public Library and Wibaux Public Library. After these new libraries are added, the MSC will consist of 166 libraries and branches located in 89 communities across Montana. The membership demographics will show that 49% are public libraries, 41% are school libraries and 10% are Academic/Special libraries.

Cataloging Party in Darby: Darby School District libraries have been working to get 80% of their materials cataloged so that they can start fully using the MSC system. It is a hard job when there is only one librarian for both schools. So, on Mar 9, a team of MSC catalogers traveled to Darby and had a cataloging party. A full day of cataloging to help the libraries reach their goal. In one day, Judy Parker (Darby Schools Librarian and 6 volunteers cataloged 1,152 books. A huge thank you to our catalogers: Jo Frankforter (Bitterroot Public Library), Susan Murray (OPI Resource Library), Paulette Parpart (Missoula Public Library), Desiree Dramstad (North Valley Public Library), Melody Condron and Amy Marchwick (MSC staff). (Photo at right)

Training: In-person, classroom training sessions were held this spring in Kalispell, Belgrade and in Big Sky during MLA. More classroom sessions are being planned for this summer in Glendive, Helena and Havre. In addition, bi-monthly webinars are being presented by Amy on various MSC specific topics.

Facebook “Social Library” app: The MSC recently began implementing the SirsiDynix “Social Library” Facebook app for those libraries requesting it be added to their Facebook pages. The app allows patrons and students to search their library’s catalog and place/view/cancel holds. They can also access their library account to view/renew items checked out and to view/pay bills. All this is done without leaving the library’s Facebook page and allows the user to use Facebook utilities such as; “Like”, “Comment” and “Share.” As of mid-May, the app has been implemented on the Facebook pages of the following member libraries: Aaniiih Nakoda College Library, Belgrade Community Library, Bitterroot Public Library, Big Horn County Library, Bozeman Public Library, Bridger Public Library, Flathead County Library System, Harlem Public Library, Missoula Public Library, Mineral County Public Library, Montana State Library and North Valley Public Library.
Symphony System Upgrade: MSC technical staff is planning a major software upgrade to the MSC’s “Symphony” integrated library system later this summer. The upgrade will move the current, 3.3.1 version to Symphony version 3.4.1, which contains several, anxiously awaited software enhancements and bug fixes. During the upgrade, staff will also “segment” the database to account for the growing number of bibliographic records (1 million plus) in the system.

Janice Bacinto Retires from UM-Helena College of Technology
By Mary Ann George, Library Assistant
UM-Helena College of Technology

Janice Bacinto recently retired from the University of Montana Helena College of Technology Library. Her library career spanned three decades and included public, medical and academic libraries. She graduated with an MLS from the University of Iowa in 1976 and held positions at Nampa Public Library, Lewis & Clark Library, Montana Legislative Council, Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, Capitol Hill Day School (Washington, D.C.), St. Peter’s Hospital (Helena), and the University of Montana-Helena. She was credentialed a member of The Academy of Health Information Professionals at the Distinguished Member level and served as Chair (2001) and Secretary (1997) of the Medical Library Association/Pacific Northwest Chapter. She also served the Montana Library Association as Chair (1984-85) and Secretary (1995-96) of the Academic and Special Libraries Division and organized the first MLA Legislative Reception in 1983.

Janice also served as a member of the Montana State Library Networking Taskforce (1997-2001) and was an evaluator in selecting the first statewide periodical database collection in 1998.

During her tenure at UM-Helena, Janice oversaw the construction of a new library and helped grow and nurture her program to serve an ever expanding institution both in course offerings and students.

Janice was often looked to by all UMH staff for sensible, thoughtful advisement on issues that were often outside her library office. She advised the campus on assessment, accreditation and of course, where to get the best buys in town. She will be missed by all and we are all lucky to have had the opportunity to work with her.
Friends of the Great Falls Public Library Book Sale
By Jude Smith, Public Relations
Great Falls Public Library

It's good to have friends. The Great Falls Public Library counts itself as lucky to have such supporting ones as the Friends of the Great Falls Public Library. The group just completed its fifth annual used book sale. You might say this three-day spring event is starting to feel like a tradition. People anticipate it now and donations exceeded previous years both in quality and quantity.

Sales were also brisk with profits exceeding $3000 and last year's profits by almost $700. The proceeds from this sale help sponsor various library projects and events not otherwise possible. These include sponsorship of our Library Store, various cultural events such as Montana Repertory productions, summer reading, and miscellaneous projects that include Wii gaming and our email newsletter subscription, to name just a few.

Special thanks go out to all the members of our Friends who helped, but especially to the core group of members who worked tirelessly and joyfully to make this book sale a successful community event.

Between the Covers
By Jude Smith, Public Relations
Great Falls Public Library

It’s that time of year again, a joyous time for readers of all ages as libraries around the state roll out the red Summer Reading carpet. Here at the Great Falls Public Library all manner of fun awaits booklovers from the tiniest tot to the senior readers. Included in the festivities are grand prize and weekly drawings, great prizes, several donated by the community members, and enticing programs. The program will conclude with a party in the Library Park on August 15. We’ll give away our grand prizes; have a dunk tank, a live radio feed, games, food vendors and more. This program is sponsored in part by the Friends of the Great Falls Public Library.

One of the most magical components of summer reading is the setting created by Youth Services Librarian Nola Huey and her assistant Megan Christy. They outdo themselves with each new summer reading season. With borrowed decorations, elbow grease and lots of imagination, they have created an inviting summer setting, as pictured below.
Cut Bank Director Awarded MLA Grant
By Mary Drew Powers, Chair
Professional Development Committee

Congratulations to Della Dubbe, Director of Glacier County Library in Cut Bank. She applied for and received an $800 Professional Development Grant to attend the Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA) Conference in Anchorage, Alaska in August. This year's theme for the PNLA Conference is “Into the Wild: Surviving and Thriving in Uncertain Times.”

Wish it were you…traveling to Alaska, getting inspired by three days immersed in the Library Universe, AK style? It could be. All Della did was plan ahead a little bit. She took advantage of her MLA membership and applied before the April deadline for a Professional Development Grant from MLA. She took that simple bit of initiative and now she's funded to go.

Della is also giving back to her profession as she ran for and was elected to the PNLA Representative position within MLA. She'll represent MLA at PNLA meetings, and represent PNLA within Montana.

The next deadline for Professional Development Grants is in October. Have a hankering for PLA midwinter, or maybe you’re sending other staff there? Have them apply by the October 1st deadline; we'll have fiscal year 2013 funds by then and October is the first (better funded) grant cycle in the fiscal year.

Want more information? Check out the link to “MLA Grant Information” on MLA’s home page: www.mtlib.org or email Mary Drew Powers, Professional Development Committee Chair, at mme.ref.lib@gmail.com

Not Just for Those with Degrees: ALA Emerging Leaders Program
By Mary Drew Powers, Chair
Professional Development Committee

The application for the American Library Association's Emerging Leaders 2013 Program is now available. The ALA selects no more than 50 people each year to participate in its leadership development program. The program “enables newer library workers from across the country to participate in problem-solving work groups, network with peers, gain an inside look into ALA structure, and have an opportunity to serve the profession in a leadership capacity.”

What does this mean for you? If you are a library paraprofessional under 35 years of age OR a new library professional of any age with fewer than five years of experience, you may be eligible to take advantage of this opportunity. In Montana, two recent ALA Emerging Leaders were Sarah Daviau of Lincoln County Public Libraries, and Connie Behe of Flathead County Library System. There is also the possibility of monetary support from MLA. Subject to its own application process, the Professional Development Committee has budgeted $1000 for a qualified applicant who has already been accepted into ALA's Emerging Leaders Program.

Check out Emerging Leaders selection criteria and application at the ALA site: http://www.al.org/educationcareers/leadership/emergingleaders.
Early Registration ends Friday, June 29, 2012.

http://www.pnla.org/events/conference2012/index.html

Congratulations to Della Dubbe, newly elected PLNA Rep, and to Anna Doyle, winner of a one year PNLA membership. If you would like more information about PNLA membership, YRCA, LEADS, the Quarterly (peer-reviewed), the following are your current MLA contacts:

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It has been an amazing opportunity, for me, to serve as Montana’s PNLA representative the past five years. I have met wonderful people and developed a deep appreciation for State and Regional organizations and their decision-making process. Thank you!

Until we meet again,

Mary Lou Mires
Montana Library Association Honors 2012 Award Recipients
By Kim Crowley, President
Anne Kish, Vice-Pres., President-Elect
Samantha Pierson, Past President
Sarah Daviau, Secretary-Treasurer
Debbi Kramer, Administrative Director

Individuals and libraries from across the state were honored for hard work and dedication to their communities on April 12, 2012 during the Montana Library Association’s annual conference at Big Sky. Each year librarians around Montana nominate co-workers, administrators, trustees, and volunteers who they feel made outstanding contributions and provided leadership to their libraries.

Renee Goss, Director, Sidney Richland County Library received the Sheila Cates Award for Librarian of the Year in recognition of her tireless work. The Sheila Cates Award for Librarian of the Year is conferred upon a librarian in recognition of outstanding leadership and accomplishment in library service.

This is a quote from the staff: “As the staff of the Sidney-Richland County Public Library, it is our pleasure to nominate Renee Goss, Sidney-Richland County Library, for the Sheila Cates Librarian of the Year Award. Renee is truly exceptional, a leader and a visionary who has had a profound influence on the development of the Library and our community. Over 20 years, Renee has dedicated herself to being on the forefront of developments in library services, especially technology, and has consistently sought out leadership roles in our community as well as in the wider Montana library community. Her efforts have resulted in positive changes at a faster pace than many in rural Richland County could have ever expected, and we can say without a doubt that our community is a better one for her influence.”

Linda Steffas, Library Assistant, Whitehall School Libraries was honored with Montana Library Association’s Outstanding Support Staff of the Year Award. This award is conferred upon a Montana library support staff employee in recognition of outstanding service to the library profession and excellence in job performance.

Linda Blomquist nominated Linda Steffas with the following statement: “It is with pleasure and sadness that I nominate Linda Steffas for Paraprofessional of the year. She has stated that this is her last year at our school and I will miss her comforting presence. Linda has worked with 5 different librarians (including with me for 16 years) over her thirty plus years at the Whitehall School District. At times she has been assigned to be a classroom aide but most of her time in the district she shines as a library paraprofessional. (She successfully passed the state required aide testing program.)”

Sidney-Richland County Library received the 2012 Library of the Year Award. Library of the Year is conferred upon a Montana library, library system, or library network for distinguished achievement in service.

Richland County Family Resource Center nominated Sidney-Richland County Library. A quote from the nomination letter states: “the Library is unique in that they have reached beyond traditional resources and knowledge to find collaborative and innovative partnerships with area programs and agencies. This partnership has helped guide programs that coordinate and integrate parent resources and classes with the Library’s programs and collection. The Library provides a neutral, non-threatening and stigma free environment for patrons.”

Ellen Rae Thiel of Boulder received the 2012 Special Friend of Montana Libraries Award. The purpose of the award is to recognize individuals or groups who are not members of the Montana Library Association and who have rendered outstanding service in support of library interests within Montana. The award is conferred simply as a reward for a job well done.

In the nomination letter, Jodi Smiley states “Ellen Rae has been a friend of the Boulder library of many years. She has also served multiple terms on the Library Board. She has held every office in our “Friends of the Library” group.
Ellen Rae along with other individuals recognized the need for our community to have a library. She helped raise funds to build our library and is currently helping to raise funds to expand our library. She continues to be a champion for the Boulder Community Library, but more importantly, she is a champion for all libraries.”

Darlene Staffeldt, retired Montana State Librarian from Clancy, received Honorary Lifetime Membership in the Montana Library Association. Honorary Life Membership is given to a librarian who has made an outstanding contribution of lasting importance to librarianship or who has rendered outstanding service to library interests.

Sue Jackson wrote “Darlene is the best known librarian in Montana. She has been dedicated to serving the interests of libraries in the state for thirty-five years before retiring in September 2011. She did this in a progression of positions at Montana State Library, including Montana State Librarian from 2004-2011. Throughout her career, Darlene championed the rights of all citizens to have easy access to accurate information and worked tirelessly to ensure that libraries of all kinds were able to provide this service to their communities. She encouraged resource sharing and collaboration through ILL reimbursement, WLN, Collection Management Honor Roll, and expansion of federation membership to all types of libraries. She served as one of our profession’s staunch defenders during numerous legislative sessions fighting for state support of libraries and funding for the periodical database all libraries can now offer to users. One of her passions is the Sheila Cates Scholarship Program and at every annual fund raiser she put herself out there to cajole all of us to dig a little deeper and give a little more so others can pursue library education and a library career. She has been a role model and mentor for new librarians and a long-time supporter of the librarian certification program. She has encouraged us all to advance our skills and knowledge, and has shared her expertise doing workshops and presentations on many library topics. Darlene set the bar high and made us want to be better librarians.”

Sara Groves and the Montana State Library received the Media Award. The Media Award conferred to honor a production for broadcast or a work for publication which best underscores the value of libraries to community and society.

Karen Gonzales nominated Sara and this is part of her nomination letter: “I’ve been asking for a statewide program to support early literacy services since the last century. Sara and the State Library have accomplished this and more. The posters, bookmarks, manuals, website and on and on are just phenomenal. We are so lucky to have someone like Sara Groves working for us…all of us. She is a real treasure.”

Amy Collins, Social Studies teacher at Geraldine School, was honored with the Pat Williams Intellectual Freedom Award. This award is conferred upon an individual or group who has made significant contributions during the past year to the enhancement of First Amendment rights.

In 2011, a Geraldine School parent objected to use of Sherman Alexie’s book The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian in the classroom. Ms. Collins immediately sought help in preparing her defense of the title. She created a handout of materials that included the ALA principles of Intellectual Freedom, as well as reviews and awards and made a successful defense of the title as it relates to curriculum delivery. As a result of her efforts, the Geraldine School Board voted to take no action on the challenge because the book had already been approved as part of the curriculum.

Lyn McKinney and Billings Senior High Library Media Program received the School Library Media Award for 2012 and a $500 cash award from Follett.

Virginia Waples’ nomination letter states: “Lyn McKinney and the BSHS Library work hard at making connections with high school students and staff. They also provide leadership, support, and inspiration for the Billings School District libraries, and play an important information resource and leadership role in the wider community. Lyn’s leadership has extended beyond the school district to membership on the statewide Network Advisory Council and the national DDC Editorial Policy Committee.”
Sheila Cates Scholarship Applications Due
By Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Chair
Cates Scholarship Committee

The Montana Library Association instituted the Sheila Cates Scholarship in 1994 to provide financial support to Montana Library Association members seeking a graduate degree in library and/or information science or a graduate school library media program. The scholarship fund was established in memory of Sheila Cates, who served as Library Development Coordinator at the Montana State Library from 1985 until her death from cancer in 1993. Sheila was named Montana Library Association’s Librarian of the Year in 1993. Individuals selected to receive an award from the scholarship fund must show potential for emulating Sheila Cates’ contribution to Montana libraries.

The application for the Sheila Cates Scholarship is available on the MLA Webpage: http://www.mtlib.org/Handbook/catesscholcrit.asp.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: POSTMARKED BY JULY 1, 2012.

In order to be eligible to receive an award from the scholarship fund, the applicant must:

- Be a member of good standing in the Montana Library Association (dues must be current);
- Have applied to or be enrolled currently in a graduate library and/or information science program or a graduate school library media program;
- Be an active member of MLA (attend meetings, work on committees, etc.).

The Cates Scholarship Committee (Anita Scheetz, DeeAnn Redman, Della Dubbe, Mary Guthmiller, Jim Kammerer, Joann Flick, Mary Anne Hansen, and Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson), selects recipients.