

## Conference Planner's Report October 2019

Planning for the 2020 Annual conference is well underway. The Conference Steering Committee consists of Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Rachel Rawn, Karen Gonzales and MLA President Mary Anne Hansen. Program selection committee members include MLA President, Mary Anne Hansen; Stephan Licitra, ASLD Chair; Rachel Rawn, PLD Representative; Brittany Alberson, SLD co-chair, SLD Representative, Gavin Woltjer, MLA Vice President and Jo Flick, Montana State Library Representative. Mary Anne has chosen **Beyond Hindsight: Envisioning a Collaborative Future** as her theme. The conference will be held at the Downtown Holiday Inn, Missoula April 1-4, 2020. Karen Munro ACRL President will be the Keynote Speaker and Montana author Debra Magpie Earling will be the Author Brunch speaker.

### Conference Logo



A Google Docs site was set up for the selection committee to read the program selections. A spreadsheet was added for Jo Flick to add the Certification credit categories and then for use at the committee meeting. The selection committee will be meeting at 1 pm Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at Chico Hot Springs Resort to select programs. 54 programs were sent in for consideration in the annual conference workshop schedule. 1 tour was received for consideration. Approximately 42-46 programs will be selected.

In August 2019 a new program proposal form was created to provide workshops for all MLA sponsored events on one form. It is hoped that the form will make it easier for those wanting to proposal a program to do it at any time during the year. Deadline dates for each event has a deadline on the form.

Conference planners Doug and Debbi Kramer will be contacting speakers with contracts, vendors with conference information, setting up the conference schedule, selecting meals and working with hotel staff in the coming months with all the conference details. Conference registration will open on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

The steering committee and planners will select speaker gifts, collect donations for the conference swag bag and contact area corporations, businesses for conference monetary donations, arrange the Welcome Reception, Cates Event and other conference related events.