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## Welcome Exhibitors

The North Dakota Library Association, The South Dakota Library Association, and The Mountain Plains Library Association have begun planning for the 2002 Tri-Conference, *Exploring New Pathways to Information*. The Associations are inviting you to showcase your products and services at our Tri-Conference. Librarians from the 12 MPLA states plus Minnesota and Manitoba will be in attendance. We are anticipating 600+ registrants. The Tri-Conference will be held in Fargo at the Ramada Plaza Suites & Conference Center on Wednesday, October 2 – Saturday, October 5, 2002. Check the Tri-Conference web site for more conference information and updates at <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us/ndla/02conf.htm>.

### Exhibits Schedule

Wednesday, Oct. 2	10:00	Setup begins
	4:00 – 9:00	Exhibits open
	4:00 – 8:00	Conference registration
	7:00 – 9:00	Opening Social in Exhibits area
Thursday, Oct. 3	9:00	Exhibits open
		Morning and afternoon coffee break in Exhibits area
		Social in Exhibits area
Friday, Oct 4	9:00 – 4:00	Exhibits open
		Morning and afternoon coffee breaks in Exhibits area

There will be at least 2 no-conflict times scheduled for exhibits and as many receptions and the like will be scheduled as close to the exhibits hall as possible. It is our intent to make this as successful as possible for our valued supporters. Staff from the North Dakota State University Libraries will be available to assist in your needs. There will also be an exhibitor's hospitality room near the exhibit hall. The hotel is fully wired and security will be provided. As an exhibitor, you may also be interested in signing up for a live demo session to showcase your wares.

An opening reception on Wednesday evening and an exhibitor's social on Thursday evening on will be held in the exhibits area.

### Reserve your space now!

Please complete and return the enclosed registration form with your registration exhibit fee. Please return both before September 11. With your registration you will receive at the Conference a conference program, tickets to all meals except the Awards Banquet, a name badge, and exhibitor's ribbon. Exhibits will be in the Crystal Ballroom.

If you find that you can't make it to the Tri-Conference but would like to contribute to the Tri-Conference's success as a sponsor or cosponsor, opportunities are available. Special signage at the conference and in the conference program will recognize your generosity. Sponsorships of socials, breaks, door prizes or other amenities or other novelties are most welcome.

**Hotel Information**

Ramada Plaza Suites & Conference Center before 9/11/02 1635 42 <sup>nd</sup> St SW Fargo, ND 58103 Phone: 701-277-9000	Conference room rates if booked  Single \$71.00 Double\$81.00
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The hotel is located just west of the West Acres Shopping Center. There is a 24 hour free shuttle from the airport to the hotel.

Librarians from the northern plains to the southern plains and from the Missouri River to the deserts of the Southwest will be anxious to learn what's new, what can be done better and what to prepare for next as we continue *Exploring New Pathways to Information*.

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