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KLA/MPLA Joint Conference - Libraries: Dynamic People, Places, and Ideas

The 2009 joint Kansas Library Association (KLA)/ Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) conference was held April 1- April 3 in Wichita, KS. The theme was Libraries: Dynamic People, Places, and Ideas. The conference was jam packed with great sessions. Next year's MPLA meeting will be joint meeting with the Oklahoma Library Association in Oklahoma City, April 19th-21st.

Board Meeting March 31st

I wasn't able to attend this board meeting because of the weather. Here are the highlights from the minutes of the meeting and my discussions with Eileen Wright and Rob Banks.

The Leadership Institute:

In late 2008 Rob Banks signed a contract with YMCA of the Rockies, in anticipation of resuming the Leadership Institute in Spring 2010. So far vendors are unwilling to commit the \$10,000 financial support that makes this a feasible activity for us. Our agreement with YMCA of the Rockies includes deadlines at which point there are penalties for breaking the contract. In place of having a week long Leadership Institute, MPLA is looking having an intensive two day preconference for the 2010 MPLA/OLA conference. This option will be discussed during the July board meeting.

MPLA 2.0

MPLA has a profile on Facebook. Come, be our friend.

MPLA 2.0 is now available. MPLA 2.0 is an online community for Mountain Plains Library Association members. Think of MPLA 2.0 as a social network for MPLA members to meet, discuss, get news, collaborate, communicate and gather information of interest to librarians and libraries. Members can login and post messages, join discussion groups, view and contribute photographs, and even tweet to each other.

How to Get to MPLA 2.0

From the MPLA homepage www.mpla.us, select MPLA 2.0 at the top left. Registration Invitation Code: The registration invitation code is 'mpla20'. (The invitation code is required to eliminate spam attacks in the MPLA 2.0 community). You must enter the invitation code when registering for Soapbox and Talk. Registrations will be activated after verifying MPLA membership.

MPLA Shirts

MPLA is selling shirts embroidered with the MPLA logo. There are men's and women's long sleeve and polo shirts available in royal blue with gold logo embroidery. The cost is \$26 per shirt. You can view the MPLA Online Store at <http://shop.mpla.us>

Membership Information

MPLA has added two new members from North Dakota as of April. Current membership in the Mountain Plains Library Association for North Dakota is 49 members.

Future Events:

The MPLA Summer Board Meeting will be Saturday, July 25 in Denver.