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OLA/MPLA Joint Conference

The next MPLA joint conference is April 19-21 in Oklahoma City with the Oklahoma Library Association. *Explore the Possibilities* is the theme. ALA President and MPLA member Camila Alire will be a featured presenter at the conference. On Monday, she will present a pre-conference workshop on Frontline Staff Advocacy. On Tuesday, she will be the speaker for the Legislative Luncheon, will present an afternoon program on "Serving Your Latina Communities: Whose Responsibility Is It and Why?", and then will speak at the ALA Forum. Monday night, April 19th will be an awards banquet with featured speaker, Nancy Miller. Nancy Miller is a veteran television series producer and writer. She most recently created the TNT series, *Saving Grace*. As a native of Oklahoma City, she set *Saving Grace* in her home city and incorporates many local references in her scripts. She has also written for *The Closer*, *Profiler*, and *CSI: Miami*.

MPLA Board Meeting

The MPLA Board met via teleconference on January 27, 2010. I was unable to attend due to having to fill in for a sick co-worker at the booth at the KMOT Ag Show. Here are the highlights from the minutes of that meeting.

The Summer board meeting at this time is cancelled. We are going to have 2 board meetings at the conference. The first board meeting is April 18th @ 3pm and the second one is for the incoming board members under Elvita as President @ Wednesday 11:30 – 1pm at the conference, too.

In order to explore ways of saving money, the newsletter will be available online only for at least year. By not printing and mailing the newsletter, MPLA will be able to save a considerable amount of money.

MPLA is trying something different by creating just three types of roundtables for the upcoming conference. Each is described below in title and who might be interested in which one to join. We will have a scheduled time at the conference to meet. The Hot Tub roundtable gets to meet twice: once at the hot tub and once at the scheduled meeting. Make sure to come to the roundtable session and have a great time networking with fellow MPLA folks.

Hot Tub Roundtable

- New Members
- Distinguished Mentors
- Leadership Institute Alums
- Anyone who wants to laugh

Serving the Public Roundtable

- Reference & Adult services
- Children Services
- Young Adult Services
- Diverse Population

Technical Staff Roundtable

- Technical Services
- Collection Development

Leadership Institute Winners

The 7th MPLA Leadership Institute will be held April 25-30, 2010 in Estes Park, Colorado. The institute will be facilitated by nationally-known organizational development consultant Maureen Sullivan. On behalf of the selection committee, I am pleased to announce the two candidates for 2010 MPLA Leadership Institute, Sarah Devereaux and Wendy Wendt. Sarah is the Head of Interlibrary Loan and a reference librarian at the Bismarck Public library. Wendy is the director for the Grand Forks Public Library.