

SDLA ANNUAL REPORTS 2014

President's Report – Scott Ahola

I have enjoyed my tenure as the President of SDLA immensely. Planning the annual conference in Pierre was both rewarding and challenging. The local arrangements committee was quite capable and working with them has been a joy. Hopefully all of our hard work and determination will pay off and we will have a stellar conference.

The SDLA executive board met 4 times this past year and the issues that have cropped up: perhaps pursuing a new lobbyist – for right now we are in a holding pattern; the SDLA website continues to be a bit clunky and we are going to discuss this again at conference.

I believe Legislative Day 2014 went very well. We had a great showing of legislatures and Rawlins library put on a beautiful reception. I personally had some illuminating conversations with other librarians and a few of the legislatures.

One important thing that I (along with Sharlene Lien and the state librarians) have worked on this year has been a proposed change to the school library media administrative rules. It has been an interesting process – but I think the outcome will eventually be advantageous for school libraries.

Another interesting experience I had this past summer was attending ALA in Las Vegas, NV. The conference was very well organized and I met numerous awesome librarians. I also learned a bibliographic instruction tip on how to explain databases.

Later in the summer I participated by phone in the annual School Library Summit. I left this experience with a sense of hope for the future of school librarians.

I am looking forward to conference and hearing our keynote speakers. It is a diverse line up and hopefully will appeal to the whole group. What I found most interesting about planning conference was collaborating with the executive board and the local arrangements committee. I would like to offer both of these groups a huge thank you!

I wish Amber Wilde good luck as she becomes the new SDLA President. I will continue on as Past President and I look forward seeing how this new year will unfold.

Vice President/President Elect Report – Amber Wilde

I attended board meetings and conference calls throughout the year dealing with various SDLA issues and assisted with planning for this year's conference. Scott and I meet periodically so that I can assist with various duties and learn the role of president. In May, I attended the ALA National Library Legislative Day and served as South Dakota's lone representative at this event. I met with staff from the offices of Thune, Noem, and Johnson and was pleased with how receptive they were to library concerns. I look forward to taking on the role of President and continuing to work with all of the wonderful people in SDLA this coming year.

Past President's Annual Report — Jan Brue Enright

It has been a big year for SDLA, and it's been my pleasure to continue to serve as its past president. One of the new features has been our migration to different software for our membership webpage. I'm looking forward to hearing comments on how it is working for members. As with most things, there is an

adjustment period. I'm not convinced that we are using all of its capabilities, so please let me or another Executive Board member know your thoughts.

I'm grateful that the Board made the decision to continue with a biannual Branch Out event. This year's one-day conference was well-planned, well-attended, and got positive marks from attendees, hosts, and presenters. I like that we can focus on the paraprofessional and support staffs in our libraries who work so hard to keep libraries open and vital. A particular thank-you to Becky Folkerts and her planning committee for a creative and fun day.

2013 has had its challenges, as well. While the South Dakota Library Association and the South Dakota Library Network are separate entities, the fact is that in a small state like ours, the overlap means most of us are involved in both. My hope is that some of the pain of separation will dim as both groups re-focus their energies on serving libraries and the people who need library services in our state.

If I were to leave a wish list for Scott, Amber, and Kathy, it would be that the Strategic Plan be continually referred to and revised. That document and the process of developing it brought significant clarity to my role as president. It's a living document, so I hope it will continue to be assessed and modified and used as time goes on. I hope too that the question of hiring and getting our money's worth from the lobbyist be seriously considered. Last, I am so glad that I said yes to the call to run for office in SDLA. Thank you to all the members that have coached and encouraged me, helped out with random requests, and gently offered a different way of looking at things, just when I needed it. South Dakota has an amazing library world. Thanks!

Recording Secretary – Cindy Messenger

The Executive Board met:

- November 14, 2013 (Conference Call)
- January 23, 2014 (Pierre)
- April 16, 2013 (Conference Call)
- July 11, 2014 (Pierre)
- Will meet October 1, 2014 (SDLA Conference).

All meetings had a conference call option.

E-Votes held:

- January 17, 2014 Approve the 2014 Legislative Platform
- January 29, 2014 Approve 2014 Conference Fees
- April 3, 2014 Approve the 2013 Financial Reports
- April 23, 2014 Approve Nominating Committee Ballot
- July 25, 2014 Approval to purchase FitBit for conference raffle
- June 25, 2014 Approve one membership for 2014 Branch-Out attendee
- August 11, 2014 Approve the price of tickets for FitBit
- September 2, 2014 Approve the proposed 2015 Budget
- September 3, 2014 Approve the Official 2015 Election Results

Minutes were recorded for each meeting. Upon approval of the Executive Board, the minutes were updated on the SDLA website.

Executive Secretary/Treasurer Report - Laura G. Olson

As of September 19, 2014, SDLA has 434 personal members, 53 institutional and 17 subscriptions. Compared to last year at conference time, there were 426 personal members, 53 institutional and 16 subscriptions. Institutional membership levels have stayed steady and Individual memberships are up largely because of increased participation of special library employees.

I processed online and paper registrations and payments for the Branch Out, the 2014 Conference, completed day to day bookkeeping, prepared documents for board meetings and facilitated the SDLA elections and Executive Board e-votes.

The Affiniscape membership management system was sold to YourMembership.com and our data has been somewhat successfully migrated. The software is designed for large associations with permanent employees. It has capabilities for extensive social networking, grass roots lobbying, marketing efforts, and online merchandising. It's modules for conference registration and planning are inferior to those we used in Affiniscape, and web editing is not easy for users who are not expert web designers. The price point has remained the same up until this point, but we can safely assume the annual fees will be increasing. Because our association is small, with constantly transitioning staff, it may be wise to re-evaluate our membership software within the next few years.

Accounts:

As of 9/19/2014:

Wells Fargo Accounts: \$80,442.29

Ameriprise Financial Money Market: \$15,761.77

Ameriprise CD: \$19,457.46

SDLA Leon Raney Endowment Fund: \$81,129.13

ALA Councilor – Vickie Mix

2014 ALA Council Documents and actions are available at <http://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/council/council-documents>

The American Library Association Midwinter Meeting was held January 24-28, 2014 in Philadelphia, PA. The Midwinter Meeting primarily focuses on business meetings of the organization, discussion groups, author forums, and Exhibitors.

The American Library Association Annual Conference was held June 26-July 1, 2014 in Las Vegas, NV. ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels reported there were 18,626 attendees. Historical attendance figures can be found at <http://www.ala.org/conferencesevents/past/pastannualconferences>. ALA President-Elect Courtney Young announced the creation of the Chapter Librarian Career Development Facilitator Program to partner with ALA Chapters to provide training for a national cohort of 25 librarians to become certified Career Development Facilitators (CDF). Created by the National Career Development Association (NCDA), the CDF program is a comprehensive training designed to address several facets of career planning and the job search.

ALA total revenues were reported at \$50.3 million. ALA revenues from operations for the year increased by \$612,000 to approximately \$50.3 million. The most gain came from grants and awards, and publishing-related advertising. However, revenue from membership dues has declined by \$169,000 as a result of a decline in membership.

The shared online advocacy network for state and federal grassroots advocacy will be moved to a new platform October, 2014 (<http://www.ala.org/offices/select-chapter-leaders-forum-documents-and-links#advocacy>). Vickie Mix, Chapter Councilor will serve as South Dakota's Engage representative.

ALA announced Strategic Initiatives for the organization at the Annual Meeting. Initiatives include Advocacy, Information Policy, and Professional and Leadership Development. A number of enabling strategies addressing assessment, evaluation, governance and organizational structures, public communication, revenue streams, member contributions, and sustainable infrastructures. Resolutions offered during the annual conference addressed stable funding for Air Force libraries, budget autonomy to Washington, DC to allow city services, including libraries, to remain open during a Federal Government shutdown, digitization of U.S. Government Documents, and reaffirming support for National Open Internet Policies and "Network Neutrality".

MPLA Representative – Brenda Hemmelman

I had the pleasure of attending the MPLA Leadership Institute in late April 2014. It was an amazing experience. I learned so much and made many new library contacts throughout the MPLA 12 state region. I highly recommend SD librarians apply to attend the next Institute, which will be in 2016. Thank you to SDLA for covering the registration fee.

MPLA started a new fundraising project in 2014 with King Soopers/Kroger Grocery Gift Cards! The King Soopers (Kroger) Neighborhood Reward Program offers fundraising for non-profit organizations. Purchase grocery cards from MPLA, use and re-load them, and MPLA receives a 5% rebate. There is no extra cost. For instance, a \$25 gift card is redeemable for \$25 in merchandise. A card can be reloaded for any amount up to \$500 and can be used indefinitely. (A card linked to MPLA cannot be purchased at stores - it is only available through MPLA). For information about purchasing a grocery card. An order form is available as well. Your card will be mailed from MPLA within 5 days of your payment.

MPLA has a new newsletter editor as of August 2014. She is Amadee Ricketts from the Durango Public Library. MPLA also has a new way to submit news for the MPLA newsletter. Forms have been developed and can be found at <http://mpla.us/forms/newssubmission.html>. You can also continue to submit your SD library news to me for the MPLA newsletter. Brenda.Hemmelman@state.sd.us The MPLA Board met in June in Las Vegas prior to the ALA annual conference for a very productive meeting. Included were updates on the upcoming AzLA/MPLA joint conference in November, changes to the newsletter editor position and procedures, discussion of membership issues and state representative duties.

MPLA is on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. Find us, like us. MPLA will also soon reveal a new look to the website.

Remember that new MPLA memberships are always ½ price. MPLA has a great Jobline that is continually updated, and money available through professional development grants.
<http://mpla.us/>

Recording Secretary – Cindy Messenger

The Executive Board met November 9, 2012, April 15, 2013 (Conference Call), August 2013, and will meet September 25, 2013. All meetings had a conference call option.

Minutes were recorded for each meeting. Upon approval of the Executive Board, the minutes were updated on the SDLA website.

Bylaws and procedures were updated and posted on the SDLA website as approved by the Executive Board.

Book Marks Annual Report – Melissa Weber

The quarterly publications for Book Marks have went well. We have received positive feedback via email and face-to-face on the layout and content. I have been receiving submissions from various SDLA members, as well as feature articles from SDLA members. I appreciate this and hope to continue receiving these as it makes the newsletter member driven. We have had to use two different print shops due to time constraints for one and staff issues for another, but it has worked out that one has always covered the other so we were able to publish our newsletters.

The number of newsletters we are printing has dropped due to the rise in members who receive it via email. The most recent issue was delivered via USPS to 209 members, via Courier to 64 members, via RSS to 2 members, and via email to 215 members. I have sent the past couple of issues via email to everyone on the member list to insure they were getting the information for elections, conference, etc. in a timely manner.

The SDLA website has switched to a new platform. It has been a challenge to keep the website current, and this is an area of improvement that needs my attention. I was able to drop by Branch Out in August which is a great opportunity for those who are unable to attend the conference or who just want more educational opportunities. I also created an SDLA bookmark for Branch Out attendees and the conference program. I am in the midst of updating pictures on the member site.

I have enjoyed my time as Book Marks editor, especially meeting so many great librarians who I might not have had the opportunity to meet!

Federal Relations Coordinator – Daria Bossman – No Report

Public/Trustee – Maria Gruener

Chair-elect Maria Gruener of Watertown Regional Library took over for Chair Marjorie DeJong in July. Erika Rorvik of Moody County Resource Center was elected as chair-elect. The Public/Trustee Section continues to support the Prairie Pasque & Prairie Bud programs. The 2014 Children's Book Award Committee consisted of:

Katherine Eberline – Chair (15)
Becky Pittenger (16)
Renaeh Lehman (16)
Kathleen Bergeson (16)
Deb Hepper (14)
Barbara Schuler (16)
Dianne Hemminger (14)
Donna Johnson (14)
Ginny Sannes (14)
Marta Stirling (14)

Michelle Schoenfelder (15)
Gloria Thvedt (16)

The Children's Book Award Committee met in August and recommended changes to the procedures that would help make the process run more smoothly. These include changing the Prairie Bud to an electronic vote of yes/no, basing the Prairie Pasque vote on a three point system, changing the number of members on the committee to 12 reading members with a non-reading State Library liaison, and creating a co-chair with a representative from a K-12 school to make chair transitions smoother. There will be two openings on the committee at the end of this year from the Reading Council and SDEA. Anyone interested in filling the positions or being on the committee in the future should contact the public section chair.

School Library Media Section-- Sharlene Lien

As School Section chair, I participated in the January on-site meeting in Pierre which was also SD Library Legislative Day. It was a great opportunity to meet with Legislatures across the state and speak with them about the importance of libraries. I was also able to participate in one conference call during the summer. I am also part of a group working on assessment tools which is a previous Summit meeting goal and participated in two conference calls.

This summer, I was also able to attend the School Library Summit meeting in Vermillion that was held during the end of Bootcamp. Discussion focused on three areas in which the State Library and SDLA could work together on for the next year: School Library Development, Grant Writing, and Collaborating Partnerships. A survey ranking the importance of the three areas showed that participants found all three areas of similar importance (results were 35%, 33% and 32% respectively). A majority of time has been spent working towards a change in the Administrative Rules for a School Library Media Endorsement. There are two vastly different expectations in these rules and stakeholders have been working diligently to correct this. As a result, I have been part of a conference call with the Department of Education for the first reading of a proposed rule change and a conference call in which we discussed the best way in which we can meet our goal of the proposed change. At this time, we will continue to work over the next year to gain support from administrators and other stakeholders so that when this endorsement comes up for review, we can rectify any inconsistencies in the endorsement expectations.

Bylaws & Procedures – Cindy Messenger & Laura Olson

No changes were made to procedures or bylaws.

Finance/Membership Committee – Amber Wilde

My chief responsibility was setting the 2015 budget. Laura Olson was a huge help in this endeavor – Thanks Laura!! This budget was approved by the executive board. Jan and I are planning a social/meet and greet at the conference for new members.

Support Staff Section – Becky Folkerts

In October 2013, a survey was sent out to all the members of the Support Staff Section along with participants from Branch Out 2012 in Pierre. There were 28 respondents to the survey. The first

question asked a preference for when Branch Out was held. 18 chose "A day within the week of August 4-8th, 2014" and 9 chose "Either April 23rd or April 24th". There was no one that suggested any other dates which was the third option. The next question asked which city was preferred. 14 respondents picked Mitchell, 2 picked Chamberlain, 2 picked Pierre, and 10 selected "Other Location Suggestions". Some of the other locations suggested were Sioux Falls (4), Rapid City (3), Brookings (1) and I don't know (2). When asked what type of presentation was of interest, each type listed got equal desirability. There was interest in keynote speakers, sessions on self-improvement, training and techniques, discussion panels and topic roundtables. Topics that respondents felt would get them excited about attending Branch Out were book mending, library-community relationships skills for support staff, staff development and growth, ILL best practices, teen reading programs, sessions about library program comparison across state, story time, customer service, computer/technology, and networking with social media. Programming for Branch Out 2014 was developed keeping these survey results in mind.

Branch Out 2014 was held Thursday, August 7, 2014, at McGovern Library on the Dakota Wesleyan University campus in Mitchell, South Dakota. The planning committee included staff members from McGovern Library at Dakota Wesleyan University- Kevin Kenkel, Judy Lehi, and Kelly Henkel plus staff members from Mikkelsen Library at Augustana College- Ana Olivier and Becky Folkerts. 37 people registered for Branch Out and there were 11 presenters, 2 of which presented keynote addresses.

Schedule:

9:00-9:30 am	Registration	
9:30-10:30 am	Session 1	"How to Get Kids Excited About Reading" presented by Jason Glaser "ILL Best Practices, Tips and Tricks in OCLC's WorldShare Plus More" presented by Rachel Manzer, Bell Jacobson, Becky Folkerts "Help Your Patrons Find Current Historical State Government Information the Easy Way!" presented by Brenda Hemmelman
10:40-11:40 am	Session 2	"E-Books and Other Electronic Resources" presented by Jeff Cosier "Yoga" presented by Mary Lou Greenway "Database Slam" presented by Julie Erickson
12:30 am-1:30 pm	Keynote	"Like a Colder New York: Authors in Fly-Over Country" presented by Jason Glaser
1:45-2:45 pm	Session 3	"Young Adults/Adults: Tips and Good Sources for Finding Good Books" presented by Ana Olivier, Jason Glaser "RaDicAl Cataloging" presented by Nina Mentzel
2:55-3:55 pm	Keynote	"Deep Collaboration" presented by Valerie Horton
4:05-4:30 pm	Wrap-up	Ice Cream Social and Door Prizes

A conference evaluation survey was sent out about a week after Branch Out. 17 participants responded. The majority of respondents felt Branch Out was informative and useful. Networking with coworkers, good speakers, learning new tips, great location were some of the respondents' favorite things about Branch Out. Things to improve on for next Branch Out included better session signage, more in depth sessions for complicated topics, and improved lunch/coffee breaks. One comment suggested by several respondents was to take time for introductions of participants in each session- especially if they are smaller sessions.

Budget:

Income:	Registration	\$1520.00 (collected)
		\$ 120.00 (outstanding)
	Total	\$1640.00

Expenses:	Speakers	\$ 724.90
	Luncheon	\$ 464.59
	Total	\$ 1189.49

Registration numbers were up slightly from the last Branch Out in Pierre. There were registrants from public, academic and special libraries- only one from k-12 schools which was disappointing. I hope that Branch Out continues to have growth.

Branch Out was a success because of the assistance provided by Kevin Kenkel and his staff and because of the generosity shown by the majority of the presenters who volunteered their time at Branch Out. We also had some wonderful door prizes provided by Mitchell area businesses.

Academic/Health/Special Libraries Section – Danielle Loftus

As a result of a survey the previous section chair generated about topics and speakers of interest for annual conference, information literacy was selected by this section as a topic around which to build conference programming attractive to different audiences. Thursday’s luncheon keynote, Paul Zurkowski, a lightening round, and a discussion panel all address many components of information literacy.

In-coming chair, Timmi Johnson organized the section’s annual Poster Session. This year an award for “Best Poster” was approved by the Executive Council. A \$50 Barnes and Noble gift card will be presented to the winner; the winner will be announced at the General Business Meeting. A rubric to judge the poster entries was developed by the in-coming chair.

Professional Development Grants – Vicki Carlson

The Professional Development Grants and Scholarships Committee received five applications for grants and scholarships between January–September 2014.

The committee awarded available funds as follows:

\$450 Professional Development Grant to Kathy Jacobs, Yankton Community Library, to attend the Public Library Association’s National Conference in Indianapolis, IN.

\$500 Scholarship to Dana Yanez-Soria, Yankton Community College, for her studies toward Master of Library and Information Sciences at the University of North Texas.

\$400 SDLA Conference Grant to Angie Sewell, Colman-Egan School District, to attend 2014 SDLA Conference in Pierre.

\$400 SDLA Conference Grant to Angela Ostrander, Faith Public/School Library, to attend 2014 SDLA Conference in Pierre.

Submitted by Vicki Carlson, chair

Committee members:
Danielle DeJager-Loftus
Linda Dobrovlny

Public Relations Committee – Jane Norling

- Members:
 - Jane Norling, Lynn Klundt, Marguerite Cullum, Laura Olson and Melissa Weber
- The committee accepts nominations for SDLA awards and selects the award winners.
- Laura Olson handles the plaques, flowers, and stipends for the awards night.
- Melissa Weber helps prepare and distribute press releases regarding awards presented at the annual conference, as well as general convention activities.

Please consider nominating that special person that makes a difference in South Dakota libraries.

Intellectual Freedom Committee – No Report

Library Issues – Kathy Jacobs-Wibbels

Two issues surfaced during the 2014 legislative session, public libraries as community safety zones and public library districts.

Senator Rampelberg, along with six other senators and five representatives, sponsored SB 173, Public Library Districts, which sought to authorize a process to establish public library districts. It was forwarded to the Senate Local Government Committee where it was amended and passed. It was later defeated on the Senate floor. SDLA supported this bill.

Senator Tieszen, along with thirteen other senators and twenty-two representatives, sponsored SB 125, which sought to establish libraries as a community safety zone. This bill passed in both the House and the Senate and was signed by the Governor on March 31, 2014. It too was supported by SDLA.

Legislative Day was held January 23. We tried to make a better connection with the legislature by actually attending sessions during the afternoon. We invited Dennis Duncan, SDLA lobbyist, to speak to librarians prior to the reception at the Pierre Rawlins Public Library. Dennis was unable to attend but his partner Larry Nelson spoke. While I had high hopes that we could gain talking points with legislators through Larry's presentation, I was a bit disappointed in the outcome. A total of sixty-five registered at the reception, but the number of attendees was higher. We took advantage of this quality time to speak with legislators about our concerns. Thanks to all those who traveled to Pierre and those in Pierre who helped with the day and the reception.

Legislative Day for 2015 is set for January 22. The State Library has booked the Rotunda so we will have more quality time in the Capitol.

Thanks to all of the SDLA members who contacted legislators and/or attended Legislative Day. Thanks also to the Library Issues committee members who are listed below:

Vicky Anderson
Alissa Adams
Stephanie Bents
Angela Ostrander
Annie Brunskill
Vickie Mix
Mary G. Johnson
Rea Weyrich

Nominating Committee Annual Report – Nancy Sabbe

Members: Nancy Sabbe, Robin Schrupp, Kay Christensen, Annie Brunskill

The 2014 slate included the following names:

Vice-President/President Elect:

Kathy (Jacobs) Wibbels, Director, Yankton Community Library, Yankton, SD

Danielle Loftus, Associate Professor, USD, Vermillion, SD

Recording Secretary:

Nita Gill, Adult Services Librarian, Brookings Public Library, Brookings, SD

Linda Kott, Information Services Librarian, SDSU, Brookings, SD

Academic/Health/Special Section, Secretary/Chair Elect:

The election for Secretary/Chair-Elect will take place during the annual section meeting. Timmi Johnson, USD, is the current chair-elect.

School Library/Media Section. Chair Elect:

Laura Allard, Memorial Middle School, Sioux Falls, SD

Public Library/Trustee Section. Secretary/Chair Elect:

Erica Rorvik, Moody County Resource Center, Flandreau, SD

Support Staff Section. Chair Elect:

Tonya Olson, USD, Vermillion, SD

Information about the candidates for the office of Vice-President/President Elect and Recording Secretary were included in the April, May, June issue of Book Marks and on the SDLA website.

Balloting took place online. SDLA members were also given the option of requesting a paper ballot. Voting instructions were included in the July, August, September issue of Book Marks and on the SDLA website.

Thank you to all the candidates who volunteered to lead our association.

Congratulations to Kathy (Jacobs) Wibbels who has been elected SDLA Vice President/President Elect and to Nita Gill who has been elected SDLA Recording Secretary. Congratulations to Laura Allard, Erica Rorvik, and Tonya Olson who will serve as Chairs-Elect of their respective sections.

Auditing Committee – Judith Howard, Jane Healy

On May 2, 2014 Judith Howard and Jane Healy met and examined the financial records of the South Dakota Library Association for the calendar year 2013. We examined expenditures and income and the associated backup information relating to individual charges/deposits. We also examined statements from the financial institutions with which SDLA conducts business. In addition we examined the records for the South Dakota Library Association Leon Raney Endowment Fund.

To the best of our knowledge, we believe that the records are being kept in a manner consistent with best practices and specific recommendations made by professional auditors as a result of past audits. The records were well organized and very easy to use and follow.

The committee also reviewed the 990EZ tax form that was prepared by the Executive Secretary. To the best of our knowledge, all information was accurately reported.

We believe that the financial statements submitted at the end of the year fairly and accurately reflect the financial condition of the Association on December 31, 2013. We commend the Executive Secretary for a job well done.

Children's Book Award Committee Report – Katherine Eberline

The South Dakota Children's Book Awards, sponsored by the South Dakota Library Association, invite students in the elementary grades to read and vote for their favorite book of the year. The Prairie Bud Award is for students in grades K-2, while the Prairie Pasque Award is geared for students in grades 3-5. Both of these awards encourage students to read and vote for their favorite book from a list of nominated titles. Students must read at least five titles from the list for their grade level to qualify to vote. Each year the Prairie Pasque and Prairie Bud awards are given to the books receiving the most votes from South Dakota students, in their respective grade category.

Eighty-two schools across the state participated in voting for the awards. 10,528 students in grades K-2 voted for a book nominated for this year's Prairie Bud Award. In grades 3-5, 4,572 students took place in the Prairie Pasque Award voting.

Students from grades K-5 voted for their favorite books during the 2013-2014 South Dakota Children's Book Awards competition. Following are the results of the Prairie Bud/Prairie Pasque voting:

Prairie Bud winner: Press Here by Herve Tullett

Prairie Pasque winner: Harry Houdini: The Legend of the World's Greatest Escape Artist by Janice Weaver

Nominees for the 2015-2016 Prairie Bud and Prairie Pasque lists were chosen by the Children's Book Award committee members during a meeting at the State Library in Pierre on August 8th. Also proposed changes to the committee by-laws were discussed and presented to the Public Section Chairperson for consideration. These include a small change in the membership of the committee and a change in the voting procedure.