SDLAs New Logo Up for Vote

Kelly Henkel, editor

In addition to the annual SDLA vote on new officers, members will also vote “yes” or “no” on adopting a new logo for the organization.

SDLA president Kathy Wibbels explains, “The logo was designed by graphic artists from the Area Education Agency in Sioux City”. The project to create a new logo was undertaken as part of SDLAs strategic plan.

The board was pleased with the Sioux City graphic artists’ creation for the annual conference and decided to ask the artists to use that image as the basis for a new organizational logo. Wibbels said, “Linda Dobrovolny, a staff member, and I actually came up with the original idea/graphics when working on the conference logo and submitted our “pieces” to them. They put together what we asked for and designed the conference logo. When Danielle Loftus and I met with them for the SDLA logo, we gave them ideas. None of what they designed originally really caught our eye. After some comments from Exec Board members, we went back to the conference logo and had the artists make some changes that were suggested.”

The changes included adding icons to the tree that represent all South Dakota libraries. The executive board attempted to choose images that recall Public, Academic, School and Special libraries and that show both the traditional and modern library functions.

The board encourages all members to vote on the acceptance of the new logo along with choosing SDLAs new Vice President/President Elect, Recording Secretary and new Support Staff Chair.

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Mark your Calendars

- **July**
  - Summer Reading Programs all across SD!
- **September 15**
  - Professional Development Grant application deadline
- **September**
  - Library Card Sign-Up Month
- **September 28-30**
  - SDLA Conference in Watertown
FROM THE PRESIDENT...

KATHY WIBBELS

“Libraries...Rooted in our Communities” is the theme for this year’s SDLA Conference. Join us in Watertown September 28-30 and be a part of this networking event. It’s always good to renew old friendships and meet new colleagues as well as hear what’s happening nationally, statewide, and locally in our library world.

This year, all new SDLA members and first-time conference attendees will be the guests of the SDLA Executive Board at Thursday morning’s breakfast. I invite everyone in these two categories to go through the breakfast line and join us in the Harvest room where we will inform you about the work of sections, committees and councilors in SDLA and how you can become involved. We’ll give you tips on getting the most out of your first conference and answer questions about how you might become involved in our organization.

During our luncheon on Thursday, attendees have the opportunity to sit at tables where specific topics will be discussed. Some of the topics are Twitter, Maker Spaces, Getting a Librarian into Online Classrooms, and Libraries Transform. If you have a topic you’d like to facilitate, please let me know as I’d like the topics to be as diversified as possible. I still need more facilitators.

In order to make the entire conference more welcoming, we are scheduling room hosts for all breakout sessions. A room host’s duties are to introduce the presenter, pass out handouts if there are any, seat people that come to the session late, and make sure the session ends on time. While this seems like a small role to play, it creates a much more welcoming atmosphere. Please check the box “I would like to volunteer to be a breakout session host/hostess” when registering for conference.

We’ll get to see a bit more of Watertown as we stroll through the downtown on Wednesday evening, enjoying dinner and the Artwalk. Our reception at the Terry Redlin Art Center promises to be exceptional. Both events will be a great time to relax, network, and get to know Watertown a little better.

Last, but not least, we have a great line-up of speakers and breakout sessions that prove just how important libraries are in our communities. There is something for everyone at the conference!

On a much different note, all members have the opportunity to vote on a new SDLA logo that the Executive Board recommended be sent to you for an official vote. Creating a new logo is one of the tasks in our new strategic plan. Every member will have the opportunity to vote in favor of using the new logo or keeping our current logo. I look forward to seeing the results of both the logo vote and the election of officers.

I’ll see you in Watertown. Safe travels.

~ Kathy
ON BREAK
RUBY R. WILSON

I leave my office in the library
to walk around campus,
traveling concrete paths
past buildings of iron and brick
and greet the trees along the way.
I learn their names,
watch the light and wind
through their leaves and branches
in summer, winter, spring, and fall.

When it’s too cold to go outside
on bitter winter days
I walk inside
where the trees are books
leaning on each other
beside my path
filled with colors, smells, sounds,
and they are dead
until someone opens one up
to read it.

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Archives & Special Collections,
Hilton M. Briggs Library. “On
Break” was previously pub-
lished in Campus Sketches:
Images of South Dakota State
University in Word and
Photograph (2012)

Election Information

• VP/President Elect: Mary Francis (DSU) and Nita Gill (Brookings Public)
• Recording Secretary: Craig Johnson (USF) and Stephen Johnson (USD)
• Evan Washechek Support Staff Chair (Brookings Public), unopposed
• Vote on adopting SDLA’s new logo
• SDLA elections will be open from August 1 to September 1, 2016.
• Full bios available on the SDLA website
• Elections will be held electronically. You may request a paper ballot from
  Stephanie Brewer, EST, at sdlaest@gmail.com
• Go to the SDLA home page and log in to the Member Portal under Member
  Login to vote
In the News

**SWIMmer Participates in National Library Conference**

On June 25, 2016, I had the privilege of taking part in the “Welcome to Valhalla” panel with Marcela Peres (Lewiston Public Library, Maine) and Ivy Noelle Weir (Kennett Public Library, Pennsylvania), moderated by Eva Volin (Alameda Public Library, California) at the 2016 ALA Annual conference.

Valhalla, the sister group to the Valkyries, a professional group of women in comic book retail, was formed after some of the Valkyrie members began leaving their retail positions, but wanted to continue conversations around women and comics. The founders of the Valkyries opened up Valhalla to former members of the overarching group and others who work with comics in various capacities, including curators, librarians, and more. Membership to Valhalla is open to women of all backgrounds and orientations, including the LGBTQ+ community.

The majority of our conversation focused on creating safe spaces in libraries for open conversation about comics and graphic novels. Valhalla establishes a safe space for conversation between members without fear of being ostracized or confronted for different viewpoints, or even from being forced to defend our position as women who read comics. All of the panelists experienced being patronized or criticized for our love of comics, gaming, or other aspects of fandom. Valhalla creates an environment where no one needs to fear any of these in talking about their favorite comics, among other things.

We also discussed public programming around comics and graphic novels collections, working with publishers to get materials in the door, comics resources, partnering with local retailers and creators, and more. Being able to not only put my personal interest in comics and graphic novels to use, but being able to speak about the role of librarians creating safe spaces, recommending titles, and planning programming around this genre was a great experience.

For more information regarding how you too can get involved with Valhalla...http://bewarethevalkyries.com/valhalla/

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**FROM MPLA REPRESENTATIVE...**

**BRENDA HEMMELMAN**

The MPLA executive board is undergoing a new strategic planning process. The first focus group was convened at the MPLA Leadership Institute in May. Two more focus groups are planned to look at the organization, discuss strengths and weaknesses, and goals for the future. If you have thoughts that you would like me to communicate with MPLA leadership, please contact me at Brenda.Hemmelman@state.sd.us.

Another very successful MPLA Leadership Institute has just concluded with three SD librarians attending: Maria Gruener of Watertown Regional Library, Mary Johnson of O’Gorman High School, and Ana Olivier, Augustana University.

MPLA/CALCON, our joint conference with Colorado, is creeping ever closer. Check out the conference website at http://calwebs.wix.com/calcon16. There is still time to register!

MPLA continues to fundraise for the organization through the King Sooper grocery card http://mpla.us/services/mpla-king-soopers/krogers-grocery-card-program.html and Amazon Smile initiatives.

Don’t forget that grant money is available for MPLA members http://mpla.us/quick-links/grants.html. Not a member yet? Join us at http://mpla.us/services/membership/. First time members are always half price!
Brookings School Library personnel gathered to celebrate the retirement of Kristen Leite from Mickelson Middle School Library, after eight years in the Brookings School District. Before that, she was the librarian at Sioux Valley School District in Volga for 24 years.

Gathered for the Fancy Nancy Retirement Party are Royanna Stratmoen, Dakota Prairie; Kristen Leite, MMS; Jean Kirschenman, BHS; Vickie Newman, Medary; Melinda Mette, BHS; Holly Lunden, Hillcrest; and Steve Wills, Camelot.

Submitted by Jean Kirschenman, Brookings High School Library

The Edith B. Siegrist Vermillion Public Library staff and Board of Trustees regret to share that long-time director, Jane A. Larson, has retired from her position. Many patrons and friends are already aware that Mrs. Larson has regrettably been absent from the Library for several months due to a serious and unforeseen medical issue. She continues to recover at home in Meckling.

Jane has served the community as Director of the Library for past 32 years. In that time, she steered the Library through enormous change and growth, including overseeing a major renovation and expansion of the Library, completed in 2013. A public reception to honor her service is planned for the Fall, and will be widely advertised.

Submitted by Wendy Nilson, EBS Vermillion Public Library

On Thursday, August 4th Edith B. Siegrist Vermillion Public Library held a public reception for retiring staff member Shelly Koller. Says Acting Director Wendy Nilson, “Shelly has been the heart & soul of the library and will be greatly missed.”

Shelly Koller joined the staff at the Library in 1991 as the Circulation Supervisor. In her time with the organization she has seen a number of profound changes take place within the Library, from the introduction of digitized records, to the implementation of various state-wide searchable databases, to the major renovation and expansion which took place in 2013. She is one of the most recognizable faces in the library due to her position at the Circulation Desk, and is the staff member with whom the vast majority of patrons interact during their visits. “Jane Larson hired me in the 1991 and I am grateful to have had the opportunity to work at the Library. I will truly miss my job, all the wonderful patrons I have met, and the friendships I’ve made over the years.”

Submitted by Wendy Nilson, EBS Vermillion Public Library
In the News

News from H. M. Briggs Library, SDSU
Submitted by Linda Kott

On April 26, the library hosted an event to announce Boy Meets Depression by Kevin Breel as the Common Read selection for 2016. Students, staff, faculty, administrators, and community members are encouraged to read the text and explore the themes of resiliency and hope, awareness of mental health, identity, support and resources, and expression. Co-curricular events, including a talk by the author, will be held this fall.

Finals Study Breaks for students were held on the evenings of May 1-3. Briggs Library has provided this end-of-semester respite since 2003. This spring, students enjoyed study chow (gorp), lemonade, and coffee in the library’s lobby before returning to their studies.

Alan Rickman, Hugh Jackman, and the Star Wars robots, including new recruit BB8, emerged as the winners when students voted on their favorite READ posters. The library purchased the students’ choices and they are displayed in the lobby.

Join us in celebrating Hobo Days past. Library and Archives personnel will be digitizing materials to preserve SDSU’s unique homecoming celebration. The public is invited to contribute by lending all manner of personal memorabilia—clothing, banners, buttons, newspaper clippings, photographs, artwork, home movie footage, oral histories, etc. You can view the collections as they grow on the Digital Library of South Dakota and Historypin. This effort is made possible by a National Endowment for the Humanities Common Heritage grant. Those interested in sharing their artifacts may bring them to the library during Hobo Day on October 22 or contact Jessica English (605-688-5094, jessica.english@sdstate.edu). For more information visit: www.sdstate.edu/sdsuarchives/historichoboday.cfm.

The YARP committee has met and chosen its 2016-17 SD Teen Choice Lists. We think your teens will love these engaging and diverse titles. Voting for the list will go from October 9, 2016, to April 1, 2017. Check out the list on the SD Sate Library webpage: http://library.sd.gov/LIB/YAS/yarp/201617/index.aspx#.V5kGFgLx65k
Conference News

The SDLA board and conference local arrangement committee in Watertown are working this month to get all the details ready for this year’s conference— “Libraries...Rooted in our Communities.” Registration is open through September sixteenth. Register before September 1 to secure your early bird discount. This year’s conference offers a variety of workshops and sessions:

**J. Jeff Kober** author, columnist, speaker, facilitator and coach  
Keynote: Things I Wish I Could Tell My Librarian  
Breakout session: Understanding the Compass of Your Library Patron

**Mike Burgeson** Patrol and Training Lieutenant for the Yankton Police Dept.  
Pre-conference Workshop: A.L.I.C.E. training

**William Ottens** Librarian and blogger  
Keynote: Librarian Problems: We’re All In This Together  
Breakout session: Social Media for Small Libraries

**Megan Egbert** Programs Manager for the Meridian Library District, ID  
Pre-conference Workshop: Creating Makers  
Breakout session: Making Readers

**Eric Stroshane** MPLA President  
Keynote: Rooting Data Privacy in Libraries  
Breakout session: Tools for Teaching Privacy Practices to Patrons

**Katy Webb** author  
Breakout session: Self-Publishing: fad or growing trend?

We hope to see you at conference this year!

SDLA  
NEW MEMBERS  
Becky Drury  
Eric Stroshane  
Evan D. Washechek

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A block of rooms has been reserved at the Watertown Best Western Ramkota Hotel at a rate of $89.99 + tax. Please call the hotel directly at 605-886-8011 by Aug. 29, 2016 and specify the SDLA Conference to secure this rate.
Surprise Visitors at Faith Library Summer Reading Program
Submitted by Angela Ostrander

The Faith Library Summer Reading Program celebrated Ninjas and Safety on Tuesday, June 28. The Faith Police Department visited the Faith Public/School Library. Participants received the opportunity to take a look at the police vehicles and push the siren. Chief Police Matthew Van Der Linden and Policeman Matthew Kindsvogel discussed with the 27 participants topics of safety, stranger danger, how to call for help and answered questions from the children. After the visit, youth created Ninja Headbands and puppets, then enjoy some outside time along with snacks and prizes.

The Summer Reading Programs for children ages Pre K - 5th grade ended on Thursday, June 30 with a Sports Fan Celebration, ice cream sundaes and Summer Reading Program completion awards. The program may have ended, but everyone is encourage to visit the library Mondays through Fridays from 9 AM - 1 PM and in the evenings on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-8 PM. The teen and the adult programs will continue to meet on Tuesdays (teens) 5-7 PM and Mondays (adults) 6-8 PM until July 26.

Thanks to everyone for supporting literacy at the Faith Public/School Library and a special thank you to our police and fire departments that help protect us!