



# Montana Library Association

*From the Mountains to the Prairies*

## **MLA BOARD REPORTS**

Office held/Chair of: School Library Division

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### **Progress or Successes Since Our Last Meeting:**

A successful summer retreat was held at MSUB Library on August 5, 2016 with SLD Co-Chair Lynde Roberts spearheading the event. Attached is a spreadsheet of registrations and attendance for the retreat.

Jennie Stapp, State Librarian and Colet Bartow from the Office of Public Instruction were in attendance to provide information and answer questions during the working lunch.

Workshops were given on Maker Spaces in the library by Elizabeth Waddington and book Repair by MSUB staff and students.

An informative presentation was given by Dr. Ann Ewbank of MSU Bozeman on the importance of the new Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and the impact and importance of including future federal money for school library funding and professional development. Dr. Ann Ewbank has spearheaded a committee to advocate for school libraries and ESSA. Since the summer retreat, a letter has been presented to the MLA Board for approval to submit to the Superintendent of Public Education, Denise Juneau. Ann will be at this board meeting to explain the process and answer questions as needed.

### **New Issues:**

As mentioned previously, Dr Ann Ewbank of MSU-Bozeman will be at the board meeting to discuss new issues of the importance of ESSA and school libraries. One request will be to include a section on the MLA web-site for ESSA and the impact on school libraries in our state.

**Lynde Roberts, School Library Co-Chair has resigned her position as she has moved out of state. Dianne Mattila is currently the only co-chair during this time**

**Board Action Requested:**

**No new requests**

**Other Comments:**

Budget- We currently have \$477. A copy of transactions from July 2016- Now will be attached with this report.

For the MEA Conference \$65 will go to providing coffee and cookies in the MLA hospitality room.

*\*Please attach your completed report and email it to MLA Secretary.*