WELCOME TO LAS VEGAS!
2007 Annual Meeting
May 18-19
MOUNTAIN PLAINS CHAPTER
MUSIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

HOTEL: Amerisuites, 4520 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, ph. (702) 369-3366


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We will meet on Thursday evening, May 17, in the lobby at 6:30 to walk across the street to Johnny Rockets for dinner.

Meetings on Friday and Saturday will be in the Amargosa Room in Lied Library (the main library on UNLV campus), a short walk from Amerisuites.

We will attend a banquet on Friday night. Business lunch on Saturday will be in the Music Library.

For more information, contact MPMLA President and hostess Cheryl Taranto.
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April 2007
Rachel Crane reports that the university libraries are busily preparing to host the viewing and discussion series Looking At: Jazz, America’s Art Form, to be held in the library April 2-7. The series celebrates jazz in the weeks leading up to the Wichita Jazz Festival.

Recent projects include the creation of policies and procedures for circulating digital audio and video recording equipment from the Music Library (this project is moving at a snail’s pace!). The installation of movable shelving on the bottom floor of the main library will begin in the late spring.

Welcome New Member!

Linda Tietjen has been a reference and instruction librarian at Auraria Library in Denver since Feb. 2, 1987. Before that, she was the librarian and records administrator for a large architectural firm in Denver.

Her BA is in History, and she received her MA in librarianship and information management from the University of Denver.

Linda enjoys her work as the collection development person for art, architecture, music, photography, and library science. In addition to her professional interests, she has done volunteer work with Colorado Greyhound Adoption, helping find homes for the beautiful “gentle giants” after they retire from their racing careers.

Classical music is her first love, but she also loves the original southern jam bands such as the Allman Brothers and Gov’t Mule as well as Derek Trucks and the band Boston.

President’s Message

Greetings all! It was great seeing those of you who made it to Pittsburgh for the MLA/SAM in early March. A stimulating, busy meeting! As we come away from the MLA meeting, our thoughts can now turn to the chapter meeting to be held in Las Vegas May 19-20. The hotel of choice is the Amerisuites, a short walk from the Lied Library on the UNLV campus where all the meetings will take place. The hotel provides a free breakfast.

Bonna Boettcher, in her new role as Past President/chapter liaison for MLA, will be attending our meeting. The program is still being formed; if you are interested in presenting a paper at the meeting, let me know ASAP! And don’t forget to send Janet Bradford the registration form before May 4 so we can get an accurate number to plan meals. Details can be found on our chapter website at http://intranet.library.arizona.edu/users/eagleson/mpmla/meetings.htm.

There are opportunities for our involvement and collaboration with MLA. An educational outreach program is being developed by the MLA Education Committee. Its goal is “to provide educational opportunities through workshops and courses taught by MLA chapters on basic topics in music librarianship to academic and public library paraprofessionals, music librarians new to the profession, and music librarians who recently added new job responsibilities to their position.”

The Education Committee has asked for at least six interested volunteers from each chapter to be involved in this program. At the business meeting in Las Vegas, I’d like to discuss how we, as a chapter, might want to be involved in this initiative.

Since this time last year, we lost Brian Doherty as a chapter member and vice-president/president-elect when he moved to another campus. Look for a ballot coming your way soon from Steve Luttmann to replace Brian. In the meantime, I’d like to welcome new members into the chapter. Linda Tietjen is the Arts and Architecture Bibliographer at Auraria Library in Denver. Also, the grapevine tells me that Christopher Mehrens will be the new Music Librarian at ASU. Welcome, and we hope to see you in Las Vegas at our chapter meeting.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in May. Until then......

Cheryl Taranto
Auraria Library, Denver
Linda Tietjen is the Arts & Architecture Bibliographer and a Senior Instructor at the Auraria Library, serving three institutions of higher education. Some of you may know Bob Wick, who is the first and only other person to hold this job. He retired in 2004 and Linda was appointed to the position in 2005.

Brigham Young University
David Day reports that the well-known UK harpist, author, pedagogue, arranger and composer, John Marson (1932-2007) died. He designated BYU and the International Harp Archives as recipient of his private library, harp compositions, and research papers. The donation consists of about 1,000 scores, several hundred sound recordings, about 500 arrangements for quintet, and numerous concert programs, correspondence, photographs, and manuscripts.

Janet Bradford presented "Songs of the Heart: Collecting Sacred and Popular Mormon Music" at the annual A. Dean Larsen Book Collecting Conference on BYU campus in March. She took attendees on a musical journey from rare hymnals to the popular songs of today. She highlighted folksongs, roadshows, musicals, oratorios and pageants through slides and examples.

Irene Halliday's goal for 2007 is to eliminate the Primrose International Viola Archive's backlog. She and student assistants are repairing, binding, and cataloging.

Myrna Layton began work on a Doctorate of Literature and Philosophy in Musicology from the University of South Africa at Pretoria.

Jean Jensen
I am headed to Ireland April 9 for a two-week tour of the whole island. Fun!

Jenny Williams
Jenny and Clem are getting their 5th-wheel trailer and truck into shape for summer travels to Wyoming and Colorado, out of the Tempe heat. She will not be able to attend the meeting in Las Vegas, but says "hi" to everyone.

Northern Arizona Univ.
Ed Cahall reports that the Cline Library will be hosting the 5th Annual Flagstaff Music Festival on June 23-24 in downtown Flagstaff. The Festival benefits the Mary Crawley Memorial Student Aide Scholarship Fund and features local bands and craft vendors.

Ed will serve on the library's Media Transitions Group which will explore ways the library can enhance the delivery of visual and audio content in support of University Learning initiatives. The group will research, recommend, develop, implement, and evaluate solutions that enable NAU Learners to use visual and audio content anywhere at anytime.

Oklahoma City University
Jennifer Matthews reports that the new Kurt and Kathy Leichter Music Library is a work in progress. Throughout the past several months since Jennifer arrived, staff members have been organizing the score and audio-visual collection in the new facilities. They are getting ready to upload all the CDs into streaming audio files so students and faculty can gain access to the collection from any location.

Jennifer has enjoyed establishing this new library, but she accepted a position at the University of Notre Dame beginning June 1. She feels the future holds many possibilities.

Univ. of Nebraska, Lincoln
Anita Breckbill reports that the music library is involved in several special projects. Staff members are scanning and cataloging about 400 photographs in the Ruth Etting collection. The library purchased a subscription to Naxos Music Library and downloaded the cataloging available for records. The library is in a multi-year project to verify added entries and make cross-references.

In the next year they will be sending some items in the collection to a storage facility to free up some tight space in the music library. They are also indexing recital recordings held for the School of Music. They have indexed recordings from 1984-2007, and a student employee is working her way back to the earliest recordings in the 1950s.

University of New Mexico
Clark McLean reports that construction continues on the new George Pearl Hall which will include space for the new Fine Arts and Design Library. Completion of the building is set for late 2007.

Univ. of Northern Colorado
Steve Luttmann presented his October MPMLA conference paper at the MLA annual meeting in Pittsburgh March 3 at the Best of Chapters session. The title: "Collecting Jazz CDs: How? Why? Who Bothers?"

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Mailing address: Street
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Registration Fee $20.00 $ 

Thursday evening dinner for early arrivers? Yes ___ No ___

Restaurant on Friday Evening (bring cash to cover your meal)
_____ I WILL attend _____ I will NOT attend

Saturday Business Lunch (included in registration)
Vegetarian option? Yes ___ No ___

Add on for the Saturday Business Lunch only $10.00 $
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