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Hello, Thank you so very much for helping me to go to MLA this year. Not only was the conference knowledgeable, but the city of Duluth is gorgeous!

42 in 60, was a quick review of graphic novels, with titles and critiques. I will suggest a few titles for our collection.

The summer reading program session was very helpful. Mary Beth Sinclair's ideas, are going to be a big help. Gail Nordstrom and Sherri Lund each gave a bit of a "pep" talk for including our communities. I'm going to try a few ideas in that department.

Our library doesn't have an active Friend of the Library group. So I attended the "Positively Friends" session and got a few ideas. Hopefully, I can find someone in our town who will be interested in helping us out.

I got some good ideas from the "Growing Readers" session. There are a few things that I think we can try, birdfeeders, flowers, and we could possibly get some nature kits put together. With this project we could maybe get some collaboration with the businesses in town.

I attended "Geo caching in Libraries". We were told about different kinds of caches, and there is a whole new language, (ok, a few new words), for geo caching, like swag, travel bugs, and muggles, (not the Harry Potter kind ☺). One suggestion for geo caching in the library, is a hollowed out book with a cache in it.

We went to the Killer Cocktail party. It was nice to visit with the authors. Each of the authors came to our table and told us a little of their books. The next night we went to the Legacy Showcase. Some acts for children and some for adults.

During the conference, a couple of people were talking of foundations. I received many new building blocks to add to this foundation. Thank you again for helping me to go to this conference. I am coming away from this meeting with a lot of helpful information.

Sincerely,



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