



## Roundup

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## Minnesota Libraries Win Awards!

From ALA:

[DeWitt Wallace Library](#) of Macalester College, winner of this year's award in the college category, was chosen for its assessment, collaboration, and diversity initiatives and efforts.

"Macalester College impressed the committee with its use of data gathered from various assessment initiatives, including an ethnographic study, to drive their progress, leading to greater impact on their campus," noted Dawes. "The DeWitt Wallace Library's variety of collaborative relationships, such as those with IT and the Center for Scholarship and Teaching, among many others both on and off campus, was quite noteworthy."

<http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2016/01/glbtrt-selects-jean-nickolaus-tretter-collection-university-minnesota>

The American Library Association's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Round Table (GLBTRT) today announced the Jean-Nickolaus Tretter Collection in Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies at the University of Minnesota Libraries as the inaugural recipient of the Newlen-Symons Award for Excellence in Serving the GLBT Community.

The award was established to honor a library, librarian, library staff member, library board and/or library friends groups who serve the GLBT community. Nominees are judged based on innovation, impact, sustainability and advocacy.

<http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2016/01/2016-acrl-excellence-academic-libraries-award-winners-announced>.

**Congratulations from MLA!**

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## PLD Day 2016

SAVE THE DATE! **PLD Day 2016** will be held on **Wednesday, May 4, 2016**, at the Water Street Inn in Stillwater, MN. Join us to talk about trends in Minnesota public libraries, diversity and equity work around the state, and other exciting projects. Watch for more details and a call for proposals soon. In the meantime, remember that date: **May the Fourth be with you!**

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## Idea Session to be hosted by The Small and Rural Libraries Round Table

The Small and Rural Libraries Round Table is planning an online "idea session" to talk about how SRLRT can be more useful for everyone. The meet-up will be in March - specifics coming soon! "Like" SRLRT on Facebook or look for an invite in your email soon. If you're interested in helping with the technology portion of this meet-up, please get in touch with Heidi Schutt - [hkittl@tds.lib.mn.us](mailto:hkittl@tds.lib.mn.us).

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## Apply to Present at ARLD Day 2016

The Academic & Research Libraries Division (ARLD) of the Minnesota Library Association is seeking session proposals for **ARLD Day 2016** which will be held **April 29, 2016** at the [Minnesota Landscape Arboretum](#).

Please complete the [session proposal form](#) by **February 15, 2016**. Anyone, including current MLIS students, can submit a presentation. Our planning committee will select presentations and notify presenters in early March.

Conference session types will include breakout sessions (50 minutes) and Lightning round sessions (5 minutes + 3 mins Q&A).

**Possible presentation topics might include but are not limited to:**

- Teaching and learning
- Reference and outreach

- Assessment and impact
- Collaborative partnerships
- Learning commons
- Institutional repositories
- RDA, BibFrame or LinkedData
- Technical Services Management
- Collection Management
- Mobile library services
- Maker spaces
- Open access publishing and scholarly communication
- Marketing and promotion

### Proposals:

- Deadline: **February 15, 2016**
- Questions? Contact Jayne Blodgett at [jayneblodgett@gmail.com](mailto:jayneblodgett@gmail.com)
- [Submit a proposal here](#)

### Event Details:

- **ARLD Day 2016**
- April 29, 2016
- 8:30am–4:00pm
- Keynote Speaker: [Maria T. Accardi](#)
- [Minnesota Landscape Arboretum](#) - 3675 Arboretum Dr, Chaska, MN 55318

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## New Content Added to MLA's Digital Collection

The MLA Digital History Project Committee has completed descriptions on a second batch of content, and the items are now available in our [MLA digital collection](#) in Minnesota Reflections. This batch includes issues of the MLA Peddler (1939-1943) and the Journal of the Minnesota Library Association (1972-1974), which went through a couple name changes from Lakeland Librarian to North Country Librarian. You can browse just the newsletters by following [this link](#).

### Here's a list of the new titles now available:

- 1924 Minnesota Library Association annual conference proceedings, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 1924 Minnesota Library Association annual conference address, Walter M. Patton, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Minnesota Library Association Peddler, February 1939
- Minnesota Library Association Peddler, May 1939
- Minnesota Library Association Peddler, September 1939
- Minnesota Library Association Peddler, February 15 1940
- Minnesota Library Association Peddler, May 1940
- Minnesota Library Association Peddler, October 1940

- Minnesota Library Association Peddler, March 1941
- Minnesota Library Association Peddler, June 1941
- Minnesota Library Association Peddler, September 1941
- Minnesota Library Association Peddler, April 1942
- Minnesota Library Association Peddler, June 1942
- Minnesota Library Association Peddler, September 1942
- Minnesota Library Association Peddler, March 1943
- Journal of the Minnesota Library Association, Lakeland Librarian (Lakeland Librarian), Spring 1972
- Journal of the Minnesota Library Association, Lakeland Librarian (Lakeland Librarian), Summer 1972
- Journal of the Minnesota Library Association, Lakeland Librarian (Lakeland Librarian), Pre-conference Newsletter, September 1972
- Journal of the Minnesota Library Association, Lakeland Librarian (Lakeland Librarian), Fall 1972
- Journal of the Minnesota Library Association, North Country Librarian, Spring 1973
- Journal of the Minnesota Library Association, North Country Librarian, Summer 1973
- Journal of the Minnesota Library Association, North Country Librarian, Fall 1973
- Journal of the Minnesota Library Association, North Country Librarian, Winter 1973-1974
- Journal of the Minnesota Library Association, North Country Librarian, Spring-Summer 1974
- Journal of the Minnesota Library Association, North Country Librarian, Fall-Winter 1974

There's more great content coming soon! Over the next few months we'll complete work on and upload MLA's Annual Conference programs and full proceedings from the 1890s - 1970s, the full run of our MLA newsletters, and more.

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## Planning Ahead and Looking Back

In 1973 Alice Wilcox, the first director of Minitex, received MLA's Librarian of the Year award. Minitex was 5 years old at the time and well on its way to becoming the robust cooperative network it is today. Reflecting on the evolution of librarianship in our state, do you ever wonder... What will the current library scene look like to our colleagues 20, 30, or even 40 years from now?



1974. North County Librarian, Vol 1, No. 4 (Winter 1974). Image courtesy of the Minnesota Historical Society.

Let's look back at a transformative decade for the Minnesota libraries - the 1970s and consider how that time reflects our current initiatives.

### **Building Library Networks in Minnesota:**

- The MLA lobbied successfully for a State Office of Libraries and Information Services
- The Library Planning and Development Committee studied statewide library needs, such as regional newspaper indexing and improvements in film service

### **Engaging in Important Library Issues:**

- "Library Service to the Underserved" was the focus of the 1972 conference
- The MSRRT assisted in building a book collection for the Shakopee Institution for Women

### **Supporting our colleagues:**

- Certification for libraries and librarian was being debated
- An MLA Legal Defense Fund was established

### **Helping members grow professionally:**

- Workshops on "library service to the senior citizen, the blue collar worker, the office worker, and the rural farm worker" were held by the Adult Services and Public Libraries
- The library applications of a new community antenna television technology, CATV/Cable TV, were widely discussed

### **Strengthening the MLA:**

- Conference participation was extended by recording all MLA conference programs on cassette
- A Re-evaluation Committee was tasked with studying MLA's goals and structure, resulting in MLA's current organizational structure.

...And last but not least, MLA members were busy planning for the future, as evidenced in the theme of the 1974 conference:

THEME: Countdown to 1984: What's Ahead for Libraries?

1974. Detail, MLA Alexandria Conference Program. Image courtesy of the Minnesota Historical Society.

### What will you remember?

**Answer to December's Trivia Question:** Jerry Young was moderator of the "Rap Session" at the 1970 Conference - an opportunity for MLA members to "air their grievances and special interests" without the constraints of the regular program format.

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## Member Spotlight

The Roundup will occasionally feature one of our members and highlight the great work that is being done at libraries around the state. If you would like to share your story fill out our form [here](#). You can also nominate a colleague to be featured [here](#).

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## Welcome New Members!

The following have joined MLA this quarter. **Welcome to MLA!**

- **Nathaniel Barmore** - University of Wisconsin SLIS330 Memorial Library
- **Adam Bezdicek**
- **Joel Karsten** - StrawBaleGardens.com
- **Pat Lienemann** - University of Iowa
- **Qian Nie**

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