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## Roundup

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### Do You Work in Technical Services?

The Tech Services Section (TSS) officers created brief videos of their workspaces that were debuted at MLA's annual conference. You can see these videos on our [MnTechServices YouTube Channel](#)

We are hoping others from around the state will create and share their videos with everyone. It's a great way to see other workspaces and begin conversations about workflow without the drive times. We encourage anyone who is interested to use their phones, tables or other devices to create videos and send them to chill at selco.info.

### ARLD Dialogue: ACRL's Information Literacy Framework

The Academic and Research Libraries Division (ARLD) held a Dialogue event on November 14 at Century College on the recently released draft of the Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) [Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education](#). More than 20 academic librarians from various Minnesota institutions gathered to enjoy lunch together and converse about information literacy. The Dialogue's presenters, Kim Pittman and Jodi Grebinoski, led the discussion on changes

from previous drafts, how the Framework might impact instruction methods, and how librarians might use the Framework to spark discussion with faculty members. Attendees also received materials to help them develop an action plan for personally implementing the Framework in their work. Thanks to everyone who attended and added to the conversation. Be on the lookout for upcoming ARLD Dialogues in 2015!

## **Save the Date for ARLD Day!**

Please mark April 24, 2015 on your calendar as the next Academic and Research Library Division Day. You will be inspired and motivated by [Stephanie Davis-Kahl](#), our keynote speaker. She is the Scholarly Communications Librarian and Associate Professor at The Ames Library at Illinois Wesleyan University. She recently received the Education and Behavioral Sciences Section Distinguished Librarian Award from the Association of College and Research Libraries, and was also named a Mover & Shaker by Library Journal in 2014. One of her many claims to fame is managing the institutional open access repository [Digital Commons @ IWU](#), and championing the curation of original undergraduate student work. In addition to the keynote, we'll have breakout sessions and lightning rounds. Hope to see you there!

## **MLA Board Meeting Recap: October and November**

Two major topics of discussion at the October and November MLA board meetings were the 2015 budget and a recap of the 2014 annual conference in Mankato.

While there were some unfortunate challenges with the conference venue this year, feedback regarding sessions and overall content has been overwhelmingly positive. The response rate to a post-conference survey was rather low, so you may see another survey in the coming weeks with a focus on planning for the 2015 conference in St. Paul.

MLA's 2015 budget is in the process of being developed. In recent years the association has been spending down some of its excess cash by reinvesting it in projects to benefit members. Two examples are strategic planning and the development of a new MLA logo. Of course, deficit spending is not sustainable for the long term, and efforts are underway to achieve a balanced budget. The good news is that membership numbers are trending upwards and attendance is expected to be good for the 2015

conference, which will make for strong revenues. On the expense side, the conference venue in St. Paul will be more costly than Mankato, and the association's contract with Capitol Hill Associates will increase somewhat next year. The budget will be finalized at the December board meeting.

## Calendar

Here's a quick snapshot of upcoming MLA and other professional events you may be interested in attending. Check [Upcoming Events](#) for further details.

- November is Picture Book Month from the American Association of School Librarians (AASL)
- Tuesday through Thursday, December 9-11: Minnesota Government IT Symposium in St. Paul
- Wednesday and Thursday, March 18-19, 2015: Library Technology Conference in St. Paul
- Friday, April 24, 2015: ARLD Day
- Tuesday through Friday, May 12-15, 2015: MILE Retreat in Grand Rapids

## Welcome New Members and Renewing Members!

We do our best to include everyone, but let us know if we missed you! Contact the MLA office: [mla@management-hq.com](mailto:mla@management-hq.com).

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interest. Here are some recent posts:

- Call for [Minnesota Reflections Projects Phase 11](#) is Open!
- First ['Food for Fines' library program](#) deemed a success at the Lonsdale Public Library.
- Check out David Lee Kings [slideshare presentation](#) about Emerging Trends in libraries.

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