



## Roundup

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## Congratulation to Jenny McElroy, Minnesota's newest Emerging Leader!

The American Library Association has selected 50 people to participate in its 2016 class of Emerging Leaders. The program is designed to enable library staff and information workers to participate in project planning work groups, network with peers, gain an inside look into ALA structure and have an opportunity to serve the profession in a leadership capacity early in their careers. Nearly 75 percent of this year's participants have received sponsorships. The sponsors included ALA divisions, roundtables, state chapters, ALA affiliate groups and other organizations. Each sponsor commits to financial support of an Emerging Leader in order to help defray costs for attending the ALA Midwinter Meeting and the Annual Conference. MLA will be sponsoring Jenny McElroy, Minnesota Historical Society reference librarian, to travel to Mid-Winter and Annual conference as part of the program. The complete [list of the selected participants](#) and sponsoring organizations can be found on the [Emerging Leaders webpage](#).

## Planning ahead and looking back

Feeling bummed about the weather? Or nostalgic about the October 2015 MLA Conference? Thinking about all those wonderful sessions you attended on "You Found WHAT on the Internet?!" Using Free Sites to Locate People and Information about People" to "Libraries of the Future: Learning with ALA's Center for the Future of Libraries"? Never fear, it's not too early to gear up for next year's conference...

## MLA DULUTH, 2016! Celebrating the Minnesota Library Association: 125 years & Moving Forward.

The above should be the rallying cry for Minnesota librarians during the coming winter. (And winter is coming...) The dates for the conference have been fixed for September 29-30, 2016. Every librarian in the state should attend this meeting, and every library board should be represented. Plan now to come. This is an opportunity which may not again be ours for many years, and our plans for the year should center round this most important event in our library world.

The announcement above is faithfully adapted from a call urging MLA members to attend "A.L.A. AT MINNETONKA, 1908!," which took place here in Minnesota through the diligent efforts of early MLA leaders. At our next conference in Duluth, we reflect back on past MLA events as we plan for an exciting future ahead.

Check out this photo on the ALA/MLA Conference in Minnetonka circa 1908.



A Group of Librarians in Minnetonka Conference, Minnesota, 1908. Image courtesy of the University of Illinois Archives (American Library Association Archives, ala-9901014-5-057). [Source](#).



American Library Association annual meeting at Lake Minnetonka. Image used with permission courtesy of the Minnesota Historical Society. [Source](#).

“The third joint meeting was in 1908 when the MLA held its annual business meeting in conjunction with the annual American Library Association conference at Lake Minnetonka. The ALA meeting was considered and even of great importance in the library history of Minnesota because a national library organization thought it possible to hold its conference in the state, ALA considered the location an incentive for more Midwestern librarians to attend the meetings” (Simmons, Barbara, The Minnesota Library Association: Its history and development, 1891-1942,1985)

Interesting trivia fact: How many attendees were there at this 1908 conference? 658. How many were from Minnesota? 144!

## Nominate your colleagues for the MLA Member Spotlight!

Each month the Roundup features one of our members and highlights the great work that is being done at libraries around the state. Please nominate MLA members that should be featured in the monthly Roundup Member Spotlight. Submit a [nomination form](#).

## Welcome new members!

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