



Description and Frequently Asked Questions

The Minnesota Library Foundation (MLF) is a non-profit (501c3) organization that was set up to "benefit the community by raising and distributing funds to enhance the services and increase public awareness of Minnesota libraries." Money raised from previous MLF activities has been used to:

- help several libraries recover from disasters
- sponsor the MILE Leadership Institute
- sponsor the Minnesota Library Book Awards
- provide grants to assist individual library programs

The Silent Auction is one of the main fund raising activities of MLF. It has been part of the MLA Conference for many years, and checking out what is on offer each day has become a conference highlight for many attendees.

Have you enjoyed the Silent Auction in years past? Do you have something you'd like to contribute?

Consider making a donation to the Silent Auction!

Donations will be accepted until ****Friday September 28, 2018**** at the following locations:

- In the Twin Cities:
 - MLA Silent Auction, CLIC Office, 1619 Dayton Ave, Suite 204, St Paul MN 55104
- In St Cloud:
 - MLA Silent Auction, Great River Regional Library St Cloud, attn: Chris Mello, 1300 W. St Germain St, St Cloud MN 56301 (items can be dropped off in person at the Children's desk during open hours: <https://griver.org/locations/st-cloud>)

Questions?

Please contact the Silent Auction Co-Chairs, **Katie Polley** and **Heidi Anderson-Ferdinand**.

Silent Auction FAQ

- Donations:
 - Can I donate alcohol to the Silent Auction?
 - Yes, you can donate alcohol (or any beverage) as long as it new and in a sealed container
 - How many donation sheets do I need to fill out?
 - If you are making multiple donations, please enter as many as possible on a single donation sheet--this makes it much easier for us to process them
 - Can I bring my items directly to the conference?

- You can, but if possible please fill out a donation sheet and email it to Katie or Heidi beforehand--again, this helps us to process the donations
- Wished for and popular Silent Auction items include:
 - Tickets to “Hamilton,” ha ha ha yeah right
 - Items with cats on them--it’s the ultimate cliché, but they are popular
 - Vintage and vintage-inspired items
 - Jewelry or other crafted items, particularly if book-themed or nerd-adjacent
 - Gift certificates, especially to restaurants or quirky local stores
 - Library/bookish items, like due date socks or an author-themed tote
 - Beverages, be they alcohol or coffee
 - Cooking- or baking-related items
 - Puzzles and games
 - Books, in particular
 - Comics and graphic novels
 - Genre titles (romance, sci-fi, mystery, fantasy, etc)
 - Picture books
 - Local authors/local interest
 - Signed books, especially of the above!
 - Maybe a giftcard to your favorite bookstore?

But before you donate that musty item from your attic/basement/garage/storage unit, ask yourself: would YOU want to bid on it? If not...

- At the MLA Conference:
 - What forms of payment do you accept?
 - We accept cash, check, and credit card via Square
 - When can I pick up my items?
 - We ask that you please check your bids and pick up your items ****each day**** as we have a completely different set of items for Thursday and Friday. The Silent Auction pick up times will be:
 - **Thursday:** 10:00am – 3:35pm Bidding Terry Haws C
3:35 - 5:00pm Item Pickup Show Office in Lobby East
 - **Friday:** 7:00am – 3:35pm Bidding Terry Haws C
3:35 - 5:00pm Item Pickup Show Office in Lobby East
 - What happens if I don’t pick up my items?
 - We will curse your name forever. Just kidding! While it may be possible to arrange delivery of your Silent Auction items after the conference, that creates a lot more work for us, and is not ideal. Please please please check back at the end of each day and pick up your items!
- If you have a question that was not answered by the FAQ, please contact the Silent Auction Co-Chairs, **Katie Polley** and **Heidi Anderson-Ferdinand**