

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
- help sponsor the MILE Leadership Institute
- help 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 annual MLA Conference for many years, and checking out what is on offer each day has become a highlight for many conference 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 by mail or in person until ****Friday September 6, 2019**** at the following locations:

- In the Twin Cities:
 - MLF Silent Auction, Wentworth Library attn: Katie Polley, 199 Wentworth Ave E, West St Paul MN 55118 (items can be dropped off in person during library open hours:
<https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/libraries/HoursLocations/Wentworth/Pages/default.aspx>)
- In Savage, near the conference site:
 - MLF Silent Auction, Savage Library, 13090 Alabama Ave S, Savage MN 55378 (items can be dropped off in person during library open hours:
<https://www.scottcountymn.gov/directory.aspx?did=85>)
- In Duluth:
 - MLF Silent Auction, Kathryn A. Martin Library attn: Lisa Wheeler, 416 Library Dr, Duluth MN 55812 (items can be dropped off in person at the 1st floor circulation desk during library open hours:
<https://lib.d.umn.edu/about/hours>)

Questions?

Please contact the Silent Auction Co-Chairs, **Katie Polley** (Katie.Polley@co.dakota.mn.us) or **Lisa Wheeler** (ljwhee@lib.d.umn.edu).

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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 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 beforehand--again, this helps to process the donations
- Wished for and popular Silent Auction items include:
 - Items with cats on them--it's the ultimate cliché, but they **are** popular
 - Vintage and vintage-inspired items
 - Crafted items, particularly if book-themed or nerd-adjacent
 - Knitted, crocheted, or quilted items
 - 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, coffee, or tea
 - Cooking- or baking-related items
 - Art, such as signed prints or something with a local connection
 - Tickets to events
 - 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?
 - Cash, check, and credit card via Square
 - When can I pick up my items?
 - Please check your bids and pick up your items ****at the end of each day**** as there is a completely different set of items for Thursday and Friday. The Silent Auction pick up times will be:
 - Thursday: *tbd*
 - Friday: *tbd*

- What happens if I don't pick up my items?
 - I 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 me, 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 (Katie.Polley@co.dakota.mn.us)** or **Lisa Wheeler (ljwheele@d.umn.edu)**.