Thank You for Attending the MLA 2020 Conference!

Thanks to all for making our MLA 2020 Conference a Success!

MLA 2020 was the first (likely not the last) virtual conference. We had 449 attendees and 17 exhibitors.

A special thank you to everyone who worked to make this year’s annual conference a success:

- The MLA Board
- Conference Planning Committee
- Sponsors: Minitex, MDE, CRPLSA, CALCO and Minnesota Multicounty Multitype Library Systems
- Keynote Speaker: Jana Shortal, KARE 11
- All our presenters
- And our conference volunteers

MLA Member-only Benefit (NEW this year): Many conference session recordings will be available soon! If you are a MLA member who attended the conference, watch your email for details on accessing the recordings. These recordings will be available until the end of 2020.

Save the Date:
MLA 2021 Annual Conference
October 7-8, 2021
Rivercentre in St. Paul

MLA Website Service Disruptions
You may have noticed some intermittent access issues with mnlibraryassociation.org. The system that operates the MLA database and website functionality is currently experiencing technical issues across their entire system. The IT and development teams are working diligently towards a solution. We apologize for any inconvenience this may be causing, you may continue to experience sporadic access as the solution is being resolved.

Thank you for your patience!

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**Legislative Committee Update**

Minnesota’s 5th Special Session of 2020 already came and went this month. The drama over whether or not to pass the bonding bill has ended with the successful passage of a nearly $1.9 billion bonding bill! The final bill includes $2.951 million for library construction and renovation grants.

Many thanks are owed to House Representative Mary Murphy, chair of the House Capital Investment Committee, for her advocacy for libraries and her steadfast commitment to getting a bonding bill across the finish line in 2020. The passage of a bonding bill in 2020 keeps the state government on cycle for bonding bills. The next major bonding bill session will be in 2022.

Join the next Legislative Committee meeting on **November 4th** at 10:00 a.m!

A meeting agenda will be sent out to all Legislative Newsletter subscribers a few days before the meeting. Sign up to receive the latest legislative news!

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**Remember to vote on November 3rd if you haven't already!**

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**Let’s Talk About Race + Storytime on November 5th!**

A follow-up meeting to the August Let’s Talk About Race training with Jessica Anne Bratt will be held next week! Anyone is welcome to attend this follow-up meeting.

Come to access resources provided at the original training and hear colleagues discuss best practices for talking about race with young children and families in a developmentally appropriate way.
Event Details:

Date: November 5, 2020

Time: 11:00 a.m to 12:00 p.m.

Where: Zoom

Register Today!

This event is co-hosted with the Children’s and Young People’s section of the Minnesota Library Association. Please contact Ashley Bieber if you have any questions or would like more information.

**Children & Young People (CYP)’s Call for Nominations**

If you’ve thought about getting more involved with MLA here’s a great opportunity!

Do you want to gain project management skills?
Do you want to work with Youth Services Librarians around the state?
Do you have resources to share that will impact Youth Services Librarians statewide?

You can do all of this and much more, with a relatively small commitment by becoming 2022 Chair-Elect for the Children and Young People’s Section.

If you are interested in nominating yourself or another person, please contact Kristin Schneider, current Chair by November 16, 2020. Feel free to email Kristin with any questions.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Help Wanted to Plan MILE Alumni Event**

The Minnesota Library Association Institute for Leadership Excellence (MILE) 2021 is postponed to 2022. With the extra planning time and support from the MLA Board, the current MILE cohort invites all past MILE members to join us this spring in a virtual gathering to reconnect and help revamp the MILE program. Details are coming soon this winter (true winter, not October-snow winter).

If you are a MILE alum and would like to help plan the spring gathering, e-mail info.mla.mile@gmail.com with "MILE Meeting" in the subject line.
This month the Public Libraries Division (PLD) recommends…
American Library Association’s COVID-19 Recovery Tool

“Making connections during a crisis and plotting a path to reopening”, this resource focuses on advocacy and policy, education for library staff, data and research, and guidance content and protocols.


Welcome New Members!

Kaitlynn Behrenbrinker
Ivy Gocker

Thank you for making MLA your professional home.

Thank You Renewing Members!

Joel Karsten, Lyea Endrizzi, Kathy Enger, Morgan Wylie, Ann Hokanson, Lori Kasella, Krista Hoitomt, Jeremy Freeman, Mariah Ralston Deragon, Katy Boyle, Megan Peterson, Kristin Woizeschke, Carla Powers, Jill Smith, Jami Trenam, Jodi Grebinoski, Harris Cameron, Tyler Pulkkinen

MLA is strong because of you.