

Minnesota

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Position: Chair

Value of Academic Libraries

Goal: Academic libraries demonstrate alignment with and impact on institutional outcomes.

Objective 4: Support libraries in advancing issues of equity, access, diversity, and inclusion in higher education.

Amy Mars, a Research & Instruction Librarian at St. Catherine University, is the recipient of the 2017 Minnesota Academic Innovators Award at ARLD Day on April 28, 2017. This award recognizes academic librarians who have made outstanding contributions to advance the missions of academic libraries in Minnesota through innovative projects, programs, or services.

After the murder of Philando Castile, Amy — feeling the library needed to do more to help enact change on racial justice issues — started a year-long initiative, One Read for Racial Justice, to open up conversations about race on her campus. Centering on the book *A Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota*, she partnered with many people and departments on her campus to create discussions around the book, encourage faculty to use it in their classes, design events, and bring in author speakers. Programs included in this initiative have covered topics including diversity in the publishing industry, racism in the criminal justice system, Black Lives Matter, stand your ground culture, and healing justice. Several departments across campus sponsored One Read-related events; ultimately more than 40 events were held as part of this year-long initiative. Most recently, Amy organized an on-campus panel discussion featuring six authors from *A Good Time for the Truth*. Speaking to a standing-room-only crowd, they received a standing ovation and accolades from the University's President. Because of Amy's efforts reaching out to faculty, staff, and students, this One Read permeated her campus community, showcasing the library as a strong advocate for racial justice and an active partner in educating students. Amy started an important dialogue on her campus about how faculty, staff, and students talk about race.

Student Learning

Goal: Advance innovative practices and environments that transform student learning.

Objective 1: Challenge librarians and libraries to engage learners with information literacy skills in a way that is scalable and sustainable.

ARLD Day pre-conference workshop Minnesota Librarians Implementing the ACRL Information Literacy Framework was held April 27, 2017.

The Minnesota Library Association Instruction Roundtable (IRT) held an interactive workshop designed to help librarians plan the next steps for instruction programs or individual teaching practice. The workshop was an opportunity to learn more about the rationale and philosophy behind the Framework, draw from the frames to develop student learning outcomes and assessment tools, discuss using the Framework for faculty outreach, and find out how other Minnesota librarians are putting the Framework into practice.

Enabling Programs & Services

Education

ARLD hosts an annual conference (ARLD Day) that allows academic librarians the chance to learn about new research, stay updated on trends in the field, and to network with colleagues. We also host poster sessions during our business meeting at the annual state conference.

ARLD Day 2017 was held on April 28 and academic librarians gathered for our annual one-day ARLD Day Conference at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Our keynote speaker, Lee Van Orsdel, recently retired Director at Grand Valley

State University, spoke about how libraries should be a space where students can create a culture of learning. To do this, we need to align the library with students' preferred environments, give them tools to manage their own learning, and inspire, energize, and engage them. MLA members are able to access the keynote *Escaping Gravity: the Academic Library Reimagined* recording of the presentation on the MLA website.

Several diverse breakout sessions followed on topics including the ACRL Framework for Information Literacy, the experience of librarians with negotiating for salaries, creating meaningful experiences for undergraduate interns, and Academic Freedom for Librarians, among others. It was a beautiful day to enjoy the spring flowers of the Arboretum while sharing and learning.

A board member, hosted a ACRL Free Webinar *Connecting Pedagogies: Service Learning and Information Literacy* on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 from 1:00pm-2:00pm at Rasmussen College - Brooklyn Park.

The Academic and Research Libraries Division (ARLD) of MLA host 1-2 ARLD Dialogues annually. The dialogues are an opportunity for academic librarians from various institutions to gather and discuss a particular aspect of librarianship. On January 25, 2017 the dialogue topic was *Setting Goals and Using Assessment for Practical and Effective Outreach* to discuss the practical and effective outreach activities, focusing on goal setting and using assessment strategies. There was an opportunity to share successes and failures, and generate ideas for the future. Participants used goal writing handouts to brainstorm a spring semester outreach activity. The discussion will be led by Kristen Mastel and Shannon Farrell, librarians at the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities

Advocacy

ARLD has a liaison to MLA's legislative committee whose purpose is to advocate for academic libraries. The liaison participates in the MN Legislative days and the Annual MLA/ITEM Legislative Forum.

Member Engagement

We regularly update members with information through email blasts, updates in the MLA RoundUp, and postings on the MLA website. We also have a business meeting at the MLA Annual Conference. Facebook account and Twitter.

ARLD board members participated in the 2017 LIS Professional Associations Fair at St. Catherine University MLIS Program's biennial event that connects MLIS students to local, regional, and national LIS professional associations across the country on April 24, 2017.

Social Events:

ARLD Happy Hour: *Caverns & Taverns!* A tour of Caverns below the Elmer L. Andersen Library at the University of Minnesota and a Happy Hour on August 26, 2016

The Happiest Hour(s) with ARLD: ARLD Happy Hour was held at Pizza Luce in Duluth, MN on September 28, 2016 the evening before the the annual MN Library Conference.

ARLD Happy Hour - LibTech Edition, Volume 2 Hosted by Academic and Research Library Division of the Minnesota Library Association Wednesday, March 15, 2017