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Roundup

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Registration for ARLD Day is now open!

ARLD Day 2015: The Open Library

Date: April 24, 2015

Location: Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Chaska, Minnesota

[Register here](#)

This year we welcome [Stephanie Davis-Kahl](#), the Scholarly Communications Librarian and Associate Professor at Illinois Wesleyan University, as our keynote speaker. Named a Mover & Shaker by Library Journal in 2014, Stephanie is an open access advocate, especially for the inclusion of original student work in IWU's institutional repository. She works closely with students through all aspects of the publishing process as editor of the

Undergraduate Economic Review. Her keynote will look at the role academic libraries can play in scholarly communication.

ARLD Day is a great opportunity to share ideas, connect with colleagues, and explore new ideas for your library. We hope you will be able to join us on April 24, 2015, at the beautiful [University of Minnesota Arboretum](#) in Chanhassen.

The day will include breakfast, lunch, breakout sessions, lightning round presentations, and door prizes.

Proposals for conference sessions, in both full-length and "lightning round" formats are due **March 13**. Sessions can be on a variety of topics related to academic librarianship and/or scholarly communication. [Submit your ARLD Day Session Proposals here](#).

If you have questions, please contact [Jayne Blodgett](#).

Nominations for the Innovator's Award, which recognizes librarians or project teams who have made an outstanding recent contribution to advance the mission of an academic library in Minnesota, are due March 13. More information and the nomination form are [available here](#). Self-nominations are welcome.

Hold the date for PLD Day!

Public Library Day will be **April 28, 2015 from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM**, at the Grands at Mulligans in Sartell, MN. Cost for the day, including breakfast, snacks and a sit down lunch are \$30 for MLA members and \$50 for non-members.

PLD day features:

- Maker spaces, teen tech squads and learning with technology
- Security and defusing situations when by yourself
- Time to network and connect with colleagues
- Council of Regional Public Library Administrators speaking about the strength of regional systems in Minnesota

Registration opens March 13, 2015. It's going to be a fun day full of value for all public library staff. Stay tuned for further updates!

Save the Date for RART's Spring Retreat

Save the Date! Come join us for the RART (Reader's Advisory Round Table) Spring Retreat on Saturday, May 2 at the Inver Glen Library in Inver Grove Heights! The title for this year's retreat is: RE and RA: Racial Equity and Readers' Advisory: Reading and

Promoting Diverse Literature. Inspired by the 'We Need Diverse Books' campaign, we will be discussing the need for diverse literature not only in children's books but adult books as well. Please join us for a lively event that will include two book-talking panels and so much more! Stay tuned for more information.

[RART on Facebook](#) [RART's MLA page](#)

Banned Books Week in Minnesota

[See how Minnesota libraries](#) celebrated Banned Books Week in 2014, and get a head start on 2015. Please fill out the [MLA IFC Challenge Reporting Form](#) when faced with a challenge. Collecting data helps us determine the true scope of challenges across Minnesota, and helps us decide how to best help you. You may remain anonymous, but we require the title and reason for the challenge.

MLA Conference 2015: Search, Create, Inspire

The 2015 MLA Conference – Search, Create, Inspire will be **October 8 and 9 at the Saint Paul RiverCentre**. The call for proposals is coming soon. The conference is a terrific opportunity to showcase and share the work we do every day – searching for answers, creating learners, inspiring minds to grow and communities to take action. All members are welcome to submit presentation proposals. Watch the RoundUp and MLA website for more information in the coming weeks.

Save the Date for Workshop with the Instruction Roundtable

Join the Instruction Roundtable for a half-day workshop on student learning assessment with Char Booth! This interactive workshop will allow attendees to explore different approaches to student learning assessment through hands-on practice with a variety of strategies and methods. The workshop will take place on the afternoon of June 4, 2015 at the University of Minnesota Duluth. More details and registration will be released soon.

LSLS Save the Date and Call for Proposals

Save the date for the [4th Annual Lake Superior Libraries Symposium](#) to be held on Friday, June 5, 2015 at the University of Minnesota Duluth! This year's keynote speaker is Char Booth Director of Research, Teaching, and Learning Services at the Claremont Colleges Library. This year's theme, "Sharing Our Stories," focuses on learning from our successes and failures, and crafting stories to demonstrate our impact and advocate for change. We all have our own bookshelves of experiences, but we often don't circulate

them widely. At LSLS15, take your ideas off the shelf and lend them!

The call for proposals for LSLS15 is now open. [Submit your idea](#) for a panel or presentation for our 2015 Conference. All proposals should be submitted by Monday, March 16. Presenters will be notified of acceptance in early April. All presenters will receive a discounted registration rate of \$25.

Volunteer Opportunity – Membership Committee

Are you an energetic, talented member with an interest in public relations and willingness to share creative ideas? The Membership Committee is for you!

MLA is seeking 4-5 members from across the state to develop and implement a member recruitment plan for the Association and host new members and first-time attendees at conferences. If you're interested please respond to Maggie Snow (Maggie.snow@co.anoka.mn.us) by Friday, March 20, 2015.

Congrats to Our 2015 MILE Participants

Please take a moment to congratulate the Minnesota Institute for Leadership Excellence (MILE 2015) participants. These individuals will come together over the next two years to build their leadership skills as well as create better libraries for our Minnesota communities. For more information: <https://sites.google.com/site/mlaexcellence/home>

- Carolyn Avair, East Central Regional Library System
- Roxanne Backowski, St. Cloud State University
- Trent Brager, Minnesota School of Business-Rochester
- Adam Brisk, University of Minnesota-Duluth
- Julia Carlis, Dakota County Library
- Amelia Cohoes, Globe University
- Allison Girres, Pioneerland Library System
- Shelly Grace, SAMMIE
- Sarah Hawkins, East Central Regional Library System
- Stacey Hendren, Anoka County Library
- Kristin Jones, Carver County Library/Pioneerland Library System
- Richmond Kinney, Duluth Public Library
- Kelly Kraemer, College of St. Benedict | St. John's University

- Stephanie Langer, Kitchigami Regional Library
- Rachel Lockman, Minneapolis Community & Technical College
- Sarah Lo Pinto, Washington County Library
- Anne Lundquist, Traverse de Sioux Library Cooperative
- Chris Magnusson. Arrowhead Library System
- Amy Mars, St. Catherine University
- Lisa Motschke, Scott County Library
- Jake Odland, Douglas County Library
- Michael Schnieder, Minnesota School of Business-Elk River
- Christie Schultz, Dakota County Library
- Jill Wujcik, Sanford-Brown College
- Jessica Zillhart, Anoka County Library

Are you interested in helping to develop these future leaders? MILE is still looking for mentors for our 2015 class of library leaders. We are seeking applications from experienced librarians/library professionals who would like to contribute to the success of Minnesota libraries. Applicants are sought from all types of libraries, and with a range of professional experiences. This is a great opportunity to make a professional contribution while getting to know an enthusiastic and engaged mentee.

More information about the mentorship program and the mentor application can be found at <https://sites.google.com/site/mlaexcellence/mentors>.

Member Spotlight

Each month the Roundup will feature one of our members and highlight the great work that is being done at libraries around the state. If you would like to share your story fill out our form [here](#).

Introduce yourself. Hi! My name is Kim Trinh-Sy, and I am currently the User Education & Circulation librarian at Normandale Community College. I live in Minneapolis with my husband, and I have two delightful cats named after Jane Austen characters.

What do you like most about working in libraries? I love the freedom that libraries provide. Library users are free to find and seek any information they desire. They are also free to ask for help, which is the part of my job I enjoy the most.

Why did you join MLA? What do you like most about being a member? When I first became a librarian, I joined ALA right away and got familiar with the national

organization. While that's been a great experience, I was looking for a library community closer to home. MLA is a great way to stay connected to our profession on a more local level; we are so lucky to have a community of forward thinking and innovative librarians in our state.

What's a library program or service you're excited about? I am always excited to evaluate and change the way I teach research, which is a big part of my job. I want students to embrace the process, even at its most frustrating and messy moments, and to learn how to take advantage of all the phenomenal tools and resources we have these days.

I am also really excited about the project I am working on through the ALA Emerging Leaders Program. My group is putting together a website to make access to government documents easier for students.

What question or issue should the Minnesota library community address next?

How can libraries fulfill the needs of every individual user while still maintaining and accomplishing their wider mission? (In other words, libraries sometimes act as a catch all for a community. Librarians try and meet the needs of anyone who walks through the door. How do we manage being different things to so many different people while still maintaining our unique identity?)

Anything else? I want to thank MLA's sponsorship of my participation in the ALA Emerging Leaders program. It's been a great opportunity, so far, to learn more about the national organization, and to work collaboratively on a group project with talented librarians from around the country.

Notes from the Board

The board continues to review our strategic plan and how best to address our goals.

Engaging Our Members

One goal of our strategic plan was to have educational and networking opportunities throughout the calendar year. As an organization, we are well on our way to achieving that goal – Legislative Day, ARLD Day, PLD Day, CYP Unconference, and MILE are planned and more events are in the works.

Developing and Equipping our Leaders

Subunit Leader Orientation was held in February that included Subunit Chair job descriptions, information on budgets and funding, subunit pages on the MLA website, and communication methods. The MLA board appreciates all the members who volunteered to lead a subunit this year.

Strengthening Our Organization

The board welcomed [Tammy Schoenberg](#) as MLA's new executive director. We're excited to have her on board.

Calendar

Here's a quick snapshot of upcoming MLA and other professional events you may be interested in attending. Check [Upcoming Events](#) for further details

Friday, March 13: ARLD Day session proposals due

Friday, April 24: ARLD Day 2015

Friday, April 24: CYP's Second Annual Unconference

Tuesday, April 28: PLD Day 2015

Saturday, May 2: RART Spring Retreat

Monday and Tuesday, May 4-5: National Library Legislative Day

Thursday, June 4: Instruction Roundtable with Char Booth

Friday, June 5: 4th Annual Lake Superior Libraries Symposium

Welcome New and Renewing Members!

Danielle Danke

Gail Gorski

Amanda Greene

Mike Jackson

Brittany Sellner

Susan Wakefield

Sincerely,

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