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Ann Walker Smalley honored by the Minnesota Library Association for significant contribution to Minnesota's library community

October 19, 2018 – Ann Walker Smalley was awarded the Minnesota Library Association (MLA) President's Award at the Association's annual conference, held this year in St. Cloud, Minn. This award is given in recognition of a recent group or individual contribution significant to the Minnesota library community.

"Ann's efforts at developing and furthering MLA's Legislative work have been significant. I believe the creation of the MLA LegWork Committee will help with organizational continuity and in encouraging others to take on legislative leadership roles as there is now a structure and a team behind doing so," said Ryan McCormick, MLA President.

The advocacy tools and information on the MLA LegWork Committee's website are invaluable resources for helping the library community understand that they can be advocates too and launching Virtual Legislative Day allowed more people to participate in the process, particularly those outstate. During our recent Strategic Planning process, Walker Smalley helped the Minnesota Library Association clarify just what it was we were trying to do and ensured our scope remained appropriately focused.

Walker Smalley was honored with this award at the 2018 Minnesota Library Association Annual Conference on October 11-12, 2018.

About MLA: The Minnesota Library Association is an association of library supporters, representing all types of libraries by helping them accomplish together what none can do alone. MLA provides opportunities to meet library peers and associates, and meets the interests of its more than 730 members by facilitating educational opportunities, supporting strong ethical standards, and fostering connections between the library community and various constituencies. In addition to the annual conference, programs are planned and sponsored year-round by MLA divisions, sections, roundtables, and committees. Find out more at www.mnllibraryassociation.org.