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## Roundup

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### Save the Date for Legislative Day, March 31

Join your fellow Minnesota library supporters on **Tuesday, March 31**, for the annual statewide library advocacy event to meet with elected officials at the Capitol. We need supporters like you from across the state!

Activities will kick off in the evening on Monday, March 30 with a brief gathering, followed by a full day at the Capital on Tuesday, March 31.

More details coming soon!

*Can't make it to Saint Paul that day? Check out how you can be involved in [Virtual Library Legislative Week!](#)*

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### Mark Your Calendar for PLD Day, April 17

Congratulations to Jody Wurl, Chair-Elect, and Jamie Hoehn, Member-at-Large, who have been elected to MLA's Public Library Division Board for 2020. The other board members are:

Julia Carlis, Chair  
Angie Petrie, Past Chair  
Maggie James Meehan, Secretary  
Megan Krueger, Member-at-Large

Please mark your calendar for PLD Day 2020 which will be held on **Friday, April 17 at the DoubleTree Park Place** near the West End in St. Louis Park.

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## Join ARLD on March 18 for Happy Hour - LibTech Edition

Please join ARLD (MLA's Academic and Research Libraries Division) for a happy hour/social gathering at [Salsa a la Salsa](#) in [Midtown Global Market](#) during the Library Technology Conference. Come mingle from 5:30-8:30 pm with librarians, library staff, and students and meet members of the ARLD Board!

Salsa a la Salsa is conveniently located in the Midtown Global Market, right next to the Sheraton Midtown, one of the conference hotels (so, conference attendees staying at the hotel can easily catch their shuttle back to the hotel at the end of the day and then join us!)

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## Submit ARLD Day Proposals by February 7

The Academic and Research Library Division (ARLD) will hold their annual ARLD Day conference at the **Minnesota Landscape Arboretum on May 1, 2020** featuring keynote speaker Fobazi Ettarh's address "Loving Libraries AND Yourself: Deconstructing Vocational Awe".

We encourage you to submit a session proposal for a full 50-minute session or 5-minute lightning round session on any topic related to academic libraries by **February 7, 2020**. Anyone, including current MLIS students, can [submit a presentation here](#). Our planning committee will select presentations and notify presenters in early March.

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## Longtime MLA Member Shirley L. Higginbotham Passes Away

Shirley L. Higginbotham died in her home on December 24, 2019 at the age of 88. A longtime former member of the Minnesota Library Association, Shirley had a master's degree in library science from Denver University. She was the director of the Mankato Library and was very proud of the expansions and growth she saw in the system during her tenure.

Shirley served on many area non-profit boards and gave much of her time as a volunteer in the community. Some of the organizations she was involved with were YWCA, Horizon Homes, and Harry Meyering Center Board of Directors, Merely Players Community Theater, Friends of the Library, and Zonta. Her love of libraries continued into retirement where she managed and expanded the library at the First Presbyterian Church.

Shirley faced her Alzheimer's diagnosis with resolve, pragmatism, and a little humor. She never let adversity hold her back, and continued living her life fully until her final days. Everyone whose life she touched will miss her greatly.

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## Welcome New Members!

Andrew Bregar  
Amy Chazin

## Thank You Renewing Members!

Amanda Alguire, Nina Battistini, Audrey Betcher, Sarah Clinton-McCausland, Amy  
Commers, Christine Cundall, Lyea Endrizzi, Robin Ewing, Edward Kelly, Megan Krueger,  
Deb Lanthier, Diane Lochner, Bernice Piechowski, Larissa Schwenk, Marcia Semerau,  
Andrew Stelljes, Jennifer Trushenski, Sara Wagner

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