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Roundup

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MLA Board Update

The MLA Board met on Friday, July 19th. The approved minutes from the previous month's meeting may be found [here](#). The agenda from each meeting is posted on the Board of Directors page several days prior to the meeting. Board meetings are open to the public and members are encouraged to attend.

MLA/ITEM Survey Due July 27

The MLA/ITEM Legislative Platform is a collaborative process, traditionally kicked off with an in-person event called the Legislative Forum. This year's forum is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 13th in St. Cloud. Registration is now [open](#), and the agenda will be coming soon.

In the spirit of continuous improvement, all those interested in library legislative activities are encouraged to complete this [survey](#) to provide feedback and ideas. Your response will be used to plan the day of the Forum, and will be synthesized to help develop platform priorities for the 2020 session and beyond.

Please reply before 7/27 regardless of your ability to attend on August 13th. Thanks in advance for your participation!

If you have questions or concerns not addressed here, please use the textbox at the end of the survey - be sure to include your name and contact info if you would like a response. Or, feel free to reach out directly to jamit@grrl.lib.mn.us

Nominations Due July 30 for ARLD Board

Interested in becoming more involved with ARLD? Know someone who you think would be a good board member? Consider running for a position or nominating someone for the ARLD Board! We are a fun group that works with other professionals to serve the needs of Minnesota's academic library community. Open positions are Chair-Elect (three-year term), Legislative Liaison (two-year term), Secretary (two-year term) and Member-at-Large (two-year term). Take a look at the [Position Descriptions](#) for more information. [Nominations](#) are due July 30, 2019.

Register Now for August 14 ARLD Webcast

Imposter Syndrome in Instruction Librarians: Impact and Solutions (Live webcast) ARLD is hosting the ACRL Webcast, [“Imposter Syndrome in Instruction Librarians : Impact and Solutions”](#) on **Wed, August 14 from 1-2:30**. This free, live webcast will be hosted in two locations (St. Thomas University, St. Paul and University of MN, Duluth) and will be followed by a short discussion. Light snacks provided. If you are interested, please [register here](#). Open to all, we hope you can join us!

Silent Auction Items Needed for 2019 MLA Conference

The annual MLA conference is less than two months away, and we need your donations to make the Silent Auction a success! Do you have something cool or unusual sitting around gathering dust? Are you a maker with a stockpile of items that need new homes? Is there an awesome bar or restaurant you'd like to introduce more people to (via a gift card)? Make a donation and share the joy [here](#).

Apply by August 30 to Participate in the 2020 Class of ALA Emerging Leaders!

The Minnesota Library Association is sponsoring a 2020 American Library Association [Emerging Leader](#)! ALA Emerging Leaders is a leadership development program supporting 50 early-career library workers from across the country every year. Working in small teams, Emerging Leaders network with peers, gain an inside look into ALA structure, complete a specific project for an ALA division or roundtable, and have an opportunity to serve the profession in an ongoing leadership capacity.

Emerging Leaders will attend the 2020 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia, PA and the 2020 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, IL. MLA's sponsored Emerging Leader will receive up to \$1,000 (\$500 per conference) toward travel costs. Additional information about the Emerging Leaders program, including selection criteria, is included on ALA's website [here](#).

Emerging Leader [applications](#) are available through the American Library Association. Applications are due August 30, 2019. If you select MLA as your sponsor when applying, please note that you need to be both an MLA member and an ALA member.

If you have any questions about this program, please contact Hannah Buckland, ALA Chapter Councilor, at hannah.buckland@state.mn.us or 651-582-8792.

Annual Conference Pre-conference: Find Your Mid-Career Mojo!

So you're not a newbie library staffer and retirement is still a ways away. How do you keep yourself engaged in your library work and keep burnout at bay? How do you successfully balance work and life? The new Mid-Career Initiative of Minnesota Library Association is kicking off its endeavors with a pre-conference at the Annual Conference.

Common myths and stereotypes associated with mid-career are often negative in focus. Do phrases like "mid-career malaise" and "mid-career slump" come to mind? These stereotypes can be a reality for some, but they don't need to be for you. Join us for the Finding Your Mid-Career Mojo workshop! We are going to learn about and use tools and approaches grounded in positive psychology, Appreciative Inquiry and Emotional Intelligence to make mid-career more magnificent than melancholy.

- WHEN: Wednesday, September 18 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
- WHERE: Scott County Library Prior Lake Library, 16210 Eagle Creek Ave SE, Prior Lake, MN 55372
- COST: \$50.00

Register [here](#) on the MLA Annual Conference website. The workshop is limited to 40 people. Contact Margaret Stone margaret.stone@co.dakota.mn.us with any questions.

2019 MLA Annual Conference registration is Open!

September 19 and 20, 2019 at Mystic Lake Center

Important Dates:

Early Bird Registration Ends **August 9, 2019**

Special MLA Hotel rates end **August 28, 2019**

[Silent Auction](#) donations accepted till **September 6, 2019**

Join us in [Prior Lake](#) to celebrate all the ways libraries and communities are Stronger Together!

Check out the conference Keynotes!

Thursday's Keynote:

How to turn Workplace Conflict & Our Work with Diverse Communities into Success
Dr. Michele A. L. Villagran, CulturalCo, LLC

Friday's Keynote:

Civic Engagement and Voting
Steve Simon, Minnesota Secretary of State

Check out the [Local Arrangement Blog](#) to explore all that Scott County has to offer!!

Welcome New Members!

Ingrid Alvarez, Jane Armstrong, Amy Claussen, Ara Gallo, Adrian Golden, Audrey Gunn, Jennifer Hemken, Rebecca Hudson, David Katz, Jean Kramer, Tracey Luehrs, LaBalle Nambangi, Beth Nelson, Chadd Niles, Kelly Ptacek, Lisa Puklich, Scott Vrieze, Amanda Wehrspann, Katie Wilson

Thank You Renewing Members!

Adja Ann, Antonio Backman, Beverly Benz, Katherine Blauvelt, Carrie Braaten, Elise Carey, Martha Chapin, Christopher Damsgard, Kalan Davis, Timothy Dolan, Julie Eskritt, Abike Eyo, Amanda Feist, Jackee Fountain, Jonathan Gaw, Michelle Grace, John Hannon, Cynthia Hendrickx, Andrea Hermanson, Johnna Horton, Rahfat Hussain, Tom Jorgenson, Paul Lai, Sheila Letscher, Margaret Ligon, Chris Magnusson, Jennifer McBurney, Laura McDermott, Pete McDonnell, Nicole Miller, Crystal Murillo, Samuel Neisen, Keri Ostby, Lydia Rebehn, Jennifer Rodger, Krista Ross, Kelsey Schmidt, Larissa Schwenk, Elaina Sessions, Jean Silverberg, Naomi Skulan, Teri Smith, Maggie Snow, Sadi Snyder, Leslie Ann Spring, James Trojanowski, Carla Urban, Susan Vossberg, Erin Vrieze Daniels, Sara Weiner, Kristy Wessel, Gretchen Wronka, Morgan Wylie

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