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Roundup

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MLA Board Update

The MLA Board met on Friday, August 16th. 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.

2019 MLA Annual Conference Registration is Open!

September 19 & 20, 2019 at Mystic Lake Center

There is still time to [register](#) for our 2019 MLA Annual Conference, September 19 and 20th! Check out all the great [speakers and presentations](#) you would miss by not choosing to join your colleagues and friends at this year's new venue at the Mystic Lake Center in Prior Lake.

Special MLA Hotel rates end August 28, 2019
Silent Auction donations accepted through Sept. 19 (see below)

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

Join us in Prior Lake to celebrate all the ways libraries and communities are Stronger Together! And don't forget to check out the Local Arrangement [Blog](#) to explore all that Scott County has to offer.

Conference Hotel Reservation Deadline is Next Week

Book your hotel room for Conference! **The reservation deadline is next Wednesday, Sept. 4.** MLA has a discounted rate of \$149/night at the Mystic Lake Casino Hotel.

To make a reservation please call the hotel directly at 952-445-9000 or toll free at 800-262-7799 and refer to the group and meeting name: **Minnesota Library Association Conference.**

Donations Needed for MLA Conference Silent Auction

The Silent Auction is still taking donations--in fact, you can even bring your items directly to the MLA Conference, as long as the form is submitted beforehand to Katie or Lisa! Don't have anything to donate? Donate your time and volunteer at the Silent Auction! Click [here](#) to make a donation. Click [here](#) to volunteer. Thank you!

Join ARLD for Happy Hour at the MLA Conference

ARLD is hosting a [happy hour](#) at the MLA Conference on Thursday, September 19 from 7-9 pm at the [Meadows Bar and Grille](#) at Mystic Lake. All are welcome! You don't have to be an ARLD member or academic librarian to join the fun!

Call for PLD Board Nominations by October 5

PLD seeks candidates for Chair-Elect who will serve as Chair in 2021, and Member at Large to serve a two-year term on the PLD Board of Directors. Being on the PLD Board is a great way to get involved

with MLA; support public library workers across the state; and build your professional knowledge, skills and network. Nominate yourself or someone else. Contact current Chair-Elect Julia Carlis (jcarlis@gmail.com) with questions or to make a nomination by October 5.

ARLD 2020 Board Elections Coming Soon

Next week ARLD and ACRL Minnesota members will receive an email invitation to participate in our annual elections. We are very excited about the pool of nominees on the ballot!

Registration Open for ERMN Conference 2019

Registration for [ERMN Conference 2019](#) is now open. [Register online](#). We hope you will join us for the conference on Friday, October 4. Also, consider registering for the optional pre-conference workshop on the afternoon of Thursday, October 3 (“Teach your staff to troubleshoot e-resources” by Sunshine Carter and Stacie Traill).

Keynote speaker Cody Hanson will present “User Tracking on Eresource Platforms.” Cody has spent the last twelve years working at the intersections of libraries and the web. Currently, he's Director of Web Development at the University of Minnesota Libraries, where he leads a team that builds websites and applications focused on user needs, performance, privacy, and accessibility. He holds a MLIS from Dominican University and a BA from Reed College.

ERMN will feature an exciting [program](#) of speakers along with opportunities for networking and discussion with e-resources colleagues. Also we will feed you! Hope to see you there.

Response Requested Before Sept. 15 to Community-based Cultural Heritage Survey

We need help from colleagues like you to gather information about participatory archiving, which is the process of collecting and preserving materials in partnership with community members.

University Archives & Special Collections (UASC) in the Joseph P. Healey Library at the University of Massachusetts Boston recently launched a [two-year project, “Destination Preservation,”](#) to build an accessible, adaptable, and engaging “roadmap” to guide libraries of all kinds and sizes through the participatory archiving process.

In order to create the best roadmap possible, we need your help! We are seeking input from staff and volunteers representing a wide range of institutions committed to documenting shared cultural heritage, including libraries, archives, historical societies, museums, and cultural centers. We would be grateful if you would please [complete our survey here](#) to share your experiences and perspectives with us by September 15, 2019.

The survey is between 31 and 75 questions, and we estimate it will take about 35 minutes to complete. Your participation in this survey is completely voluntary. Please complete the entire survey before closing your browser. While you can use the arrows in the bottom right corner to go back and change previous answers in the survey, you will not be able to exit and return to saved answers.

As a thank you for those who complete the survey, we will be raffling off the chance to win one of three \$100 Amazon gift cards. The results of this survey will inform the development of a suite of resources empowering libraries to plan participatory archiving programs with the communities they serve, preserve the resulting digital collections, and make those collections accessible to the public. You can learn more about the project and survey [here](#).

Thank you for taking the time to help us by taking our survey! Please share the survey with your networks and any relevant stakeholders you think would benefit from the roadmap. We're excited to share what we learn from you all and look forward to creating a roadmap that incorporates your wisdom!

If you have questions about the survey, would like to participate in material reviews, or would like to receive a copy of the final survey results, please contact the Community Archiving Grant Project Manager, Sarah Collins, at Sarah.Collins@umb.edu.

Forum Recaps 2019 MN Legislative Season

On August 13th, 38 library advocates met in St. Cloud for the Legislative Forum. Topics included a recap of the 2019 legislative session from Sam Walseth of Capitol Hill Associates, and a presentation on the State of MN's Libraries from Jennifer Nelson of State Library Services/Minnesota Department of Education. Attendees also explored potential planks for the 2020 bonding session and ideas for the next appropriations year in 2021.

Here's a brief summary:

- Consensus was to hone in on bonding in 2020 - funding and potential policy changes. We will also keep an eye on MLA bills/legislation still in play from the 2019 session (School Media Specialist Grant Pool, Regional Library Basic System Support (RLBSS)/Regional Telecommunications Aid (RLTA)). Other areas to watch include: any potential to increase funding for ELM and policies around Local Government Aid, Net Neutrality, and Broadband Access.
- While the plank topics remained the same, attendees identified opportunity in re-framing the legislative asks around the benefits to Minnesotans. We will also set the stage for 2021 - members expressed interest in securing additional funds for ELM as a resource that benefits all Minnesotans and all types of libraries.

Next steps include adopting the Platform through the Legislative Committee and recommending it in concept to the MLA Board. An overview will be shared at the Annual Member Meeting in September. Feedback and questions are welcome and can be sent to jamit@grrl.lib.mn.us or legworkmla@gmail.com

For more information watch for updates via the [Legislative E-newsletter](#) and/or attend a Legislative Committee meeting held via webinar on the first Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting is Wed. Sept. 4th at 10am.

Welcome New Members!

Anne Barber, Beth Breiter, Livina Dim, Katie Eidem, Kimberly Faurot, Steve Flohrs, Jeanie Granholm, Jack Kolars, Carrie Lyons, Emily Mashak, Matthew Metzdorf, John Miller, Karen Murphy, Holly Postel, Diane Rabe, June Rezac, Sue Sonnek, Melissa Strauss, Vance Stuehrenberg, Mandi Tauferner, Elizabeth Traxler, Carol Van Brocklin, Beth Waller, Marie Weber, Lisa Wheeler

Thank You Renewing Members!

Julie Adams, Connie Anderson, LuAnn Anderson, Christine Anning, Emily Blaeser, Trent Brager, Peter Bremer, Adam Brisk, Elizabeth Bryant, John Butler, Hayley Coble, Nancy Collett, David Collins, Chelsea Couillard-Smith, Sarah Dahlen, Jennie Diggs, Carrie Dose, Philip Dudas, Kathy Enger, Seth Erickson, Monica Erickson, Sara Fillbrandt, Violet Fox, Anne Friederichs, Jake Gauslow, Jennifer Gerbig, Beth Goodrich, Renee Grassi, Sue Grove, Kathy Halgren, Steve Harsin, Jennifer Harveland, Susan Heusser-Ladwig, Jamie Hoehn, Rebecca Hudson, Christy Hyke, Dennis Jerome, Tom Johnsen, Christie Kess, Richmond Kinney, Ron Kurpiers, Paula La Frenierre, Danya Leebaw, Michele Leiningner, Melanie Leivers, Wendy Lougee, Carla Lydon, Brenda McHugh, Marguerite Moran, Ria Newhouse, Erica Nutzman, Emily O Connor, Amy Oelkers, Laurie Ortega, Donna Peterson, Angela Petrie, Crystal Phillips, Stacy Price, Jennifer Reichert Simpson, Casie Reiner, Sarah Rosten, Kristin Schneider, Susan Schumacher, Darlene Smisek, Jill Smith, Angela Stangl, Katherine Stecher, Andrew Stewart, Elizabeth Tegeler, Susan Watts, Rachel Wexelbaum, James Weygand, Andrew Wylie

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