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MLA Board Update

The MLA Board met on Friday, May 17th. 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.

Registration opens July 15 for the 2019 MLA Annual Conference

September 19 & 20, 2019 at Mystic Lake Center

Join us in [Prior Lake](#) to celebrate all the ways libraries and communities are Stronger Together! Through collaboration, whether internally in developing new services to support a growing need within our communities or by strengthening partnerships between different types of libraries to support the information needs of all, libraries are showing how to

successfully work together.

Use this conference and networking opportunity to showcase your everyday collaborations alongside developing programs. And along the way, support the association's move forward with its new strategic [plan](#), designed to help accomplish together what none can do alone.

The 2019 MLA Conference is just around the corner, and that means it's time to KonMari your stuff in order to find the very best things for the Silent Auction! Anything that you are able to donate, no matter how large or small, is truly appreciated. For more information, or to download the donation form, please go [here](#).

Registration Open for the Eighth Annual Lake Superior Libraries Symposium

LSLS19: Sea Changes in Libraries will be held on Friday, June 7th, 2019 at Lake Superior College. Library staff, administrators, trustees, and students from the Upper Midwest and beyond are invited to attend and participate. Register today!

For just \$55, you'll experience:

- Keynote by John Pateman, Chief Librarian and Chief Executive Officer at Thunder Bay Public Library
- Sixteen inspiring presentations that give you the tools to "sea changes" in our libraries.
- A Thursday evening pre-conference pub trivia night
- A Friday evening post-conference social event

Register by May 31st to ensure that any dietary requests can be accommodated.

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

Join us for a pre-conference workshop Managing Cultural Change in Libraries: Marx, Maslow and Management with John Pateman, Thursday, June 6th from 1:00-4:00 PM. Find more information and register [here](#).

Have more questions? Contact us [here](#).

Local Librarian Honored by *Library Journal*

Congratulations to Carol Jackson, Branch Manager/Adult Programming Coordinator, Ramsey County, for being selected as a Library Journal Mover and Shaker 2019.

Read more info [here](#).

Great Lakes Science Boot Camp for Librarians

July 17-19, 2019
University of Chicago - Chicago, IL

Registration is now open for the Great Lakes Science Boot Camp for Librarians! This immersive 2 ½ day conference offers librarians an opportunity to learn about current research advancements in science. The Great Lakes Science Boot Camp will strive to cultivate an ongoing learning community of librarians providing research support for scientists. Whether you work with medical researchers, engineering undergrads, or physicists looking for the next nanoparticle, you'll find something of interest at GLSBC 2019! Registration closes either July 1st or when registration fills to capacity.

Cost information:

\$150 for commuters

\$250 for overnighters

[Register for GLSBC 2019](#)

Call for lightning talks is now open! The priority deadline is May 31st. Visit the boot camp website at: <https://sites.google.com/site/greatlakessbc/present> for more information and the proposal submission form.

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Contact Jenny Hart (hartj@uchicago.edu) if you have any questions.

ARLD Day 2019

On April 26th, 92 academic library professionals gathered for our annual one-day ARLD Day Conference at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Our keynote speaker, Matthew Reidsma, Web Services Librarian at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan, spoke about ethical dimensions of user experience work in libraries. He emphasized that our user research methods are moral choices that affect our users and that by examining our work through an ethical lens, we can create even better experiences for our users, even if they don't see the direct impact of our decisions.

Reidsma followed with an afternoon breakout session titled, "Inward UX: Improve Your Library's Work Culture With UX." Slides and handouts from the keynote and breakout sessions can be found on the MLA website [here](#). Thanks to everyone who presented and attended! We hope to see you again next year.

Controversial Topics and Difficult Dialogues-Strategies for Addressing Misinformation in the Library.

June 12, 1:00-2:30 pm

Join ARLD for a live webcast sponsored by ACRL! We will be gathering in two locations: Minneapolis Community & Technical College (Minneapolis) & Concordia College (Moorhead). We will watch the webcast together and have a short discussion following. Light treats provided. Register [here](#) (free). All are welcome.

Questions? Contact Amy Mars (anmars@stkate.edu) or Allie Thome (athome@cord.edu)

Winners Announced for *Comstock-Gag Read Aloud Book Awards*

For the fifteenth year, children have chosen the best read-aloud picture books in Minnesota State University Moorhead's Comstock-Gag Read Aloud Book Awards program.

A humorous, interactive book with an owl narrator is the winner of the 2019 Wanda Gág Read Aloud Book Award. *Don't Blink* was written by Amy Krouse Rosenthal and illustrated by David Roberts.

Two titles were named as Wanda Gág Honor books. *Blue*, written and illustrated by Laura Vaccaro Seeger, is a poignant story of the relationship between a boy and his dog as the boy grows from a child to a man. The second honor book is *We Don't Eat Our Classmates*, written and illustrated by Ryan T. Higgins. This humorous story features a young T-Rex, Penelope, who learns that to make friends you should not eat your classmates.

The 2019 winner of the Comstock Read Aloud Book Award is *Adrian Simcox Does NOT Have a Horse*, written by Marcy Campbell and illustrated by Corinna Luyken. The striking illustrations in the book highlight an imaginative story of friendship and acceptance.

The Comstock Honor Book, *The Day War Came*, by Nicola Davies and illustrated by Rebecca Cobb, is a timely story of the struggles of a young refugee girl and the kindness she experiences from other children in her new home.

A complete list of winners and honor books can be found [here](#).

Welcome New Members!

Krispen Lam
Tya Harlan

Thank You Renewing Members!

Virginia Temple-Rhodes, Jacqueline Kramer, Jade Lauber, Sarah Larsen, Amanda St John, Julie Kapke, Kristin Hall, Terry Kalil, Elizabeth Ripley, Susan Wakefield, Meredith Vaselaar, Jon Schroeder, Jennifer Nelson, John Larson, Tony Hirt, Stacey Hendren, Herbert Leighton, Justine Martin, Nolan Cook, Kathleen James, Susan Blotz, Angie Noyes, Linda Eells, Ginny Moran, Roseanne Byrne, Lynne Young, Ann Hutton, Heidi Hoks.

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