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## Roundup

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### MLA Board Update

The MLA Board met on Friday, December 20th. 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.

### Nominations Deadline is Jan. 1, 2020 for Gerald Hodges Intellectual Freedom Chapter Relations Award

Do you know of a state chapter or organization that has:

- bravely defended the freedom to read or access information;
- successfully promoted intellectual freedom issues;
- or demonstrated exemplary coalition-building efforts?

The Intellectual Freedom Round Table (IFRT) [Coalition Building Committee](#) is accepting nominations for the 2020 [Gerald Hodges Intellectual Freedom Chapter Relations Award](#).

The Gerald Hodges Award recognizes an intellectual freedom-focused organization that has developed a strong multi-year, ongoing program or a single, one-year project that exemplifies support for intellectual freedom, patron confidentiality and anti-censorship efforts. This award consists of a citation and \$1,000. The IFRT will present the award during the 2020 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, IL. Past recipients include the [Utah Library Association](#) and the [Nebraska Library Association Round Table for Intellectual Freedom](#). Learn more about past recipients, programs and projects on the [IFRT website](#).

The award is named after Gerald Hodges, who joined the ALA staff in 1989 as director of Membership Services and the Chapter Relations Office. Intellectual freedom and chapter relations were his passions. The award is sponsored by the Intellectual Freedom Round Table of the American Library Association (ALA). An online nomination form and printable PDF nomination form [are available](#).

## January Legislative Committee Meeting Rescheduled

The Legislative Committee meeting typically scheduled on the first Wednesday of the month is rescheduled for 10am January 8 due to the first Wednesday being New Year's Day. Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/199360764>

## 2020 Library Technology Conference Registration Open

Wednesday & Thursday March 18–19, 2020 at Macalester College

The [LibTech Conference](#) provides an opportunity for people to come together to discuss the changing technologies that are affecting how users interact with libraries and to see how libraries are using technology to create new and better ways to manage their resources. Anyone interested in the changing technologies that are affecting libraries should plan to attend.

Register [here](#), and learn more about keynote speakers [here](#). Contact us at [libtechconference@macalester.edu](mailto:libtechconference@macalester.edu).

## Libraries Transform Communities Engagement Grant Applications Due Feb. 3, 2020

The American Library Association (ALA) invites library workers to apply for a new annual grant to support innovative and meaningful community engagement efforts in libraries.

The [Libraries Transform Communities Engagement Grant](#) will provide \$2,000 for a school, public, academic, tribal or special library to expand its community engagement efforts. Libraries are invited to apply by designing and outlining activities for a library-led community engagement project.

Project activities to be covered by the grant may include developing community engagement programs and services; partnering with a community agency that builds the capacity of the community to address an important concern/issue; or creating a program or event that connects the library to a community-identified aspiration or concern.

Community engagement is the process of working collaboratively with community members, be they library users, residents, faculty, students or local organizations, to address issues for the betterment of the community.

Applications will be accepted until Feb. 3, 2020. View the full award guidelines and apply online at [www.ala.org/LTCEG](http://www.ala.org/LTCEG).

The Libraries Transform Communities Engagement Grant is part of Libraries Transform Communities (LTC), ALA's community engagement initiative. Since 2014, LTC has reimagined the role libraries play in supporting communities. Libraries of all types, from across the country, have utilized the free dialogue and deliberation training and resources to lead community and campus forums; take part in anti-violence activities; provide a safe space for residents to come together to discuss challenging topics; and have productive conversations with civic leaders, library trustees and staff. Learn more at [www.ala.org/LTC](http://www.ala.org/LTC).

LTC is administered by ALA's Public Programs Office.

## Grants Available to Purchase History and Preservation-Related Books

The [Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants](#) offer grants up to \$10,000 to purchase history and preservation-related books from four "Bookshelf" lists. The next application deadlines are [January 10, 2020](#), and [April 10, 2020](#). The Minnesota History Bookshelf and the Minnesota Children's Bookshelf are particularly applicable to community libraries.

The [Minnesota History Bookshelf](#) covers all aspects and eras of Minnesota history. These books will encourage your patrons to look at local history in a larger statewide and regional context.

The [Minnesota Children's Bookshelf](#) includes children's literature about the state of Minnesota as well as books that are significant in the history of Minnesota children's literature, like the books of Maud Hart Lovelace.

The [Museum Bookshelf](#) assembles the basic tools needed to help organizations operate museums that represent their communities fairly, honestly, and accurately.

The [Historic Preservation Bookshelf](#) assembles the basic tools needed to help communities shape changes to their built environment and yet retain a sense of place.

Learn more about the Minnesota Bookshelf Structured Grants in the [MHCHG manual](#) (PDF). Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants are made possible by the Legacy Amendment's Arts

and Cultural Heritage Fund through the vote of Minnesotans on Nov. 4, 2008. The Legacy Amendment supports efforts to preserve Minnesota land, water, and legacy, including Minnesota history and cultural heritage. Small/structured grants of \$10,000 or less are awarded quarterly. All grants are administered through a competitive process using professional standards and criteria.

## Penguin Random House Offering a Library Award for Innovation

Penguin Random House will award \$10,000 to a U.S. library that has created a lasting innovative community service program, which will successfully inspire and connect new readers. Four runner ups will receive \$1,000 in Penguin Random House books.

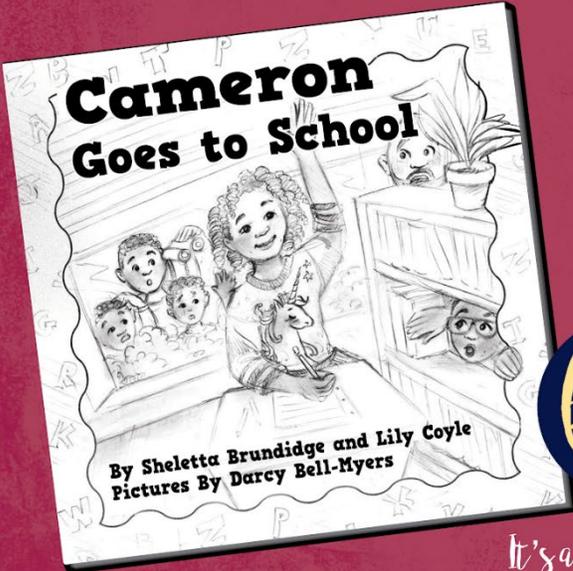
To learn more and apply visit: <http://www.ala.org/awardsgrants/awards/36651/apply>

## Librarian Luncheon

COME JOIN US AND BRING YOUR LIBRARY FRIENDS!

# Librarian Luncheon

FRI, APRIL 10 | NOON-1PM | CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL & CLINIC, MPLS



Honoring Minnesota librarians for their dedication to developing a love of literature in early readers.

Receive a complimentary luncheon and copy of "Cameron Goes to School" by Sheletta Brundidge – a children's book written about a little girl with autism who goes to school for the first time. Your students will enjoy checking out this book from your library and learning more about autism.

Luncheon will be held at the Children's Hospital and Clinics  
2525 Chicago Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55404

**free**  
LUNCH & BOOK!

*It's all a part of Autism Awareness Month*

RSVP Sheletta Brundidge at [shelettat@gmail.com](mailto:shelettat@gmail.com) or call 651-756-1334 for more information.

## In Memorial

A long-time former MLA member, Shirley Higginbotham, passed away last week. Shirley had a master's degree in library science and was the former director (and first female director) of Minnesota Valley Regional Library. During her 25-year career in Mankato, she also advised several smaller libraries in the region and was a witness to the rapid changes in technology to serve patrons. After her retirement in 1996, Shirley kept busy as a community volunteer where she managed her church library and was a recipient of the YWCA's Women of Distinction award. The Minnesota Library Association is thankful for Shirley's many years of support. Our condolences to her friends and loved ones.

## Welcome New Members!

Nina Battistini

Ashley Bieber

## Thank You Renewing Members!

Kathy Ahlers, LuAnn Anderson, Brianna Belanger, Heather Biedermann, Patti Bross, Jonathan Carlson, Julie Clinefelter, Shana Crandall, LeAnn Dean, Renee Dougherty, Sarah Ethier, Shari Fisher, Sara Galligan, Colleen Gordon, Emilie Hanson, CJ Holl, Lynn P. Lucking, Ryan McCormick, Beth Nienow, Cortni O'Brien, Zachary Offner, Suzanne S. Schriefer, Mark Troendle, Jennie Walker Knoot, Amanda Wehrspann, Jim Weikum

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