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Roundup

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MLA Board Update

The MLA Board met on Friday, November 15th. 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 Has a New Email Address!

MLA has a new email address. info@mnllibraryassociation.org should be added to your safe sender list to ensure you receive all MLA communications and announcements.

MLA Selects Kristen Cooper as ALA Emerging Leader

The Minnesota Library Association Board has selected Kristen Cooper for the 2020 American Library Association Emerging Leaders program! Kristen is the Plant Sciences Librarian at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. She has a bachelor's degree in Marine Biology from Texas A&M University at Galveston and received her MLIS from St. Catherine University in 2015. Kristen was a member of the 2017 cohort of MILE and was recently elected to the ARLD board as secretary. She is very excited

about the opportunity to be a part of the Emerging Leaders program and to learn new skills that she can bring back and use here in Minnesota.

ALA Emerging Leaders is a leadership development program supporting 50 early-career library workers from across the country every year. Emerging Leaders network with peers, gain an inside look into ALA structure, complete a project for an ALA division or roundtable, and have an opportunity to serve the profession in a leadership capacity. With support from MLA, Kristen will attend Emerging Leader activities during the 2020 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia, PA and the 2020 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, IL.

Science Kits for Public Libraries Grant Application Submission Period Ends January, 19, 2020

The IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) Science Kits for Public Libraries (SKPL) Grant is offering up to \$2,000 in funding to public libraries in the [Midwest](#) for the creation of circulating math and science collections). The grant seeks to be a catalyst for educating students about how math and science are used for the benefit of humanity and to provide seed money for the creation of a science kit collection that will make a lasting impression on the community.

Past grants have allowed several Midwestern libraries to develop science kit circulating collections and give students access to prepared experiments and science materials that they might not encounter in the traditional classroom. Additionally, these libraries have created educational programs that allow students to conduct experiments at the library with the guidance of a librarian. This is a program of IEEE-Region 4 .

Visit <http://www.sciencekitsforpubliclibraries.org> for application forms, grant criteria and to learn about the successes of past grant recipients. Send your completed application to:

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Beta Phi Mu Seeks Qualified Members for New Membership Category

The Beta Phi Mu International Library and Information Studies Honor Society (Beta Phi Mu) would like to remind everyone of their new Professional Membership category. This membership category is intended for those who meet all requirements for Regular Membership (GPA of at least 3.75 upon graduation from an ALA-accredited or approved LIS program, and professional recommendations), but for whatever reason did not join at the point of graduation.

Applicants for Professional Membership are also asked to provide evidence of their contributions to the field of library and information science. There is a one-time, lifetime membership fee of US\$150. More information about this new category of membership, and a link to the application form, can be found

Beta Phi Mu, established in 1948, is a formal Affiliate of the American Library Association and has been a certified member of the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS) since 1969. The ACHS provides recognition for legitimate college and university honor societies, setting standards for organizational excellence and for scholastic eligibility. Many ACHS-certified honor societies offer professional memberships or similar membership categories. The Beta Phi Mu Executive Board approved adding this membership category at their April, 2018 board meeting and the by-laws changes necessary for formalizing this change were ratified by the Beta Phi Mu membership on the May, 2018 ballot.

Interested LIS professionals and LIS faculty members are encouraged to visit the Beta Phi Mu [website](#) for more information, or to contact Beta Phi Mu headquarters with any questions they may have.

Adult Large Print Collection Survey Seeks Participants

PI Department & College: MLS Program, Educational Leadership Department, College of Education, Middle Tennessee State University

Protocol Title: Survey of Librarians about Adult Large Print Collections and their Users

We are conducting a nationwide survey to learn more about adult large print collections and their users at public libraries across the United States. Your input is very important to us. We would really appreciate you taking the time to help us out by filling out the survey if you manage or select for the adult large print collection at your library. If you don't manage or select for the adult large print at your library, please forward this information to the person who does. The more completed surveys that we get from around the country will help give us a more accurate picture of adult large print collections nationwide.

- Study Description & Purpose – The purpose of this nationwide study is to explore adult large print collections in public libraries across the United States by surveying librarians who select for and manage adult large print collections.
 - Target Participant Pool - Librarians who manage or select for adult large print collections at public libraries.
 - Risks & Discomforts - There are no anticipated risks or discomforts involved in this survey
 - Benefits - The information gained from this survey will help researchers understand adult print collections in public libraries across the United States.
 - Additional Information - This survey should take about 15 minutes to complete and consists of 33-36 questions depending on whether you come from a stand-alone library or are part of a library system.
 - Compensation - There is no compensation for participating in this study.
 - Contact Information - If you should have any questions about this research study please feel free to contact Holly Hebert at 615-898-5378 or holly.hebert@mtsu.edu. You can also contact the MTSU Office of compliance via telephone (615 494 8918) or by email (compliance@mtsu.edu). Please enter the survey [here](#). You will be given a chance to read the entire informed consent to assist you in making a final determination.
- Thank you for your participation in this survey. If you have any questions, or would like to share more about your adult large print collection, please let us know.

Money Smart Week is April 4-11, 2020

Join the hundreds of libraries across the country that participate in Money Smart Week each year. Money Smart Week is for all types of libraries- academic, public, school, prison, corporate! Financial literacy is important to everyone at all stages of life. Everyone can learn more to be better with money.

Check out Money Smart Week's new website [here](#). The resources it provides include recordings of past webinars on different financial topics. Money Smart Week is a partnership between ALA and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, and other national champions, and libraries to provide financial literacy programming for all stages of life.

Welcome New Members!

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Thank You Renewing Members!

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