Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs)
Seed Grant Available for Projects

Every two years, CERTs seek seed grant applications for clean energy projects. CERTs is now accepting applications through October 8, 2021 for clean energy projects that:

- Encourage community-based clean energy projects
- Clean energy projects include those related to energy conservation and efficiency, renewable energy, electric vehicles, and energy storage
- Spur projects that are highly visible in the community and can be replicated by others
- Provide an opportunity for community education about clean energy and its many benefits

Libraries are eligible to apply. Check out past CERT seed grant recipient Marshall-Lyon County Library's LED lighting project!

To learn more and apply, visit Clean Energy Resource Teams.

Unsure if your proposed project is eligible? Contact Melissa Birch, Central CERT Coordinator, 218-866-2338.

CYP Virtual Unconference September 24

The Children and Young People (CYP)'s section of MLA invite you to attend the annual Unconference event!

Event Details
Date: Friday, Sept 24
Time: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Location: Zoom

Keynote speakers: Minnesota author Kao Kalia Yang and Native-owned non-profit publishing company Black Bears and Blueberries Publishing (Thomas Peacock and Betsy Albert-Peacock).

There will also be a BIPOC Panel featuring local librarians - Diversity in Youth librarianship: An Update.

Registration opens Sept 11!

Make the Most of the MLA Annual Conference

In addition to all the great sessions at the MLA Annual Conference, connect with colleagues and have fun with the Local Arrangements offerings.

There are three fun ways to be involved:

1. Make recommendations for what to do near your library or home. Read recommendations from others.
2. Compete for fun and glory at virtual Trivia Night on Wednesday, October 6 at 7:30 pm. Register a team or a solo player.

3. Meet up in your region for local Dine Arounds on Thursday, October 7. Contact Conference Committee Local Arrangements Co-Chair Jodi Carlson Grebinoski if you are interested in hosting.

Questions? Contact Co-Chairs Jodi Carlson Grebinoski or Julia Carlisle.

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**Legislative Forum Registration Now Open**

Registration is open for the MLA 2021 Legislative Forum! We hope you'll join us to learn about the legislative process, hear a recap of the 2021 session, and participate in the development of the 2022 MLA legislative platform priorities.

**Event Details**
- **Date:** Wednesday, September 1
- **Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Zoom

**Agenda**
- 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
  - Learn about the legislative process for libraries and hear a recap of the 2021 legislative session
- 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
  - Break
- 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
  - The Minnesota Library Partners will share their current struggles, proposed legislative priorities, and advocacy plan for 2022
  - In addition, participants will have an opportunity to help shape the 2022 Minnesota legislative priorities.

**Register Now**

Please note: The regular September Legislative Committee meeting is cancelled.

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The Silent Auction is once again part of the MN Annual Conference this year! We are in need of items to make it a success!

Do you have something you would like to donate? Though bidding on items is limited to conference attendees, anyone can donate to the Silent Auction.

Please see the [2021 Silent Auction page](https://www.mnlibraryassociation.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4589009) to submit a donation or to learn more.

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**Public Library Division Listening and Sharing Session**

Join colleagues from around the state on Tuesday, August 31 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a Zoom conversation where we can listen and learn from each other.

Dave Collins, our Intellectual Freedom Committee chair for 2021, will be joining us to give a quick rundown on what the Committee does, recommend resources, and answer any questions you may have. We'll also have time for you to share any other concerns or successes you may be experiencing.

You do not need to be an MLA member to attend.

Save the Date: October 7 CYP Business Meeting

The CYP is having its business meeting during the 2021 MLA Annual Conference on October 7, from 3:00 p.m. - 3:50 p.m. via Zoom. Come learn more about CYP!

Welcome New Members!
Kay Kirsch  
Amal Karim  
Jeannie Diggs  
Brandi Vieths  
Alyssa Inniger  
Krisa Ross  
Leticia Snow

Kathleen Hughes  
Verena Getahun  
Natalia Otterson  
Bridget Stewar  
Glenda Arndt  
Rohyn Geldner  
Hannah Koemer

Thank You Renewing Members!
Carla Urban  
Pam O’Hara  
Cynthia Lowe  
Carla Lydon  
Keri Ostby  
Deni Buendorf  
Paul La  
Marjorie DeJong  
Abika Eyo  
Jessi Zimmerman  
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