ARLD (Academic and Research Library Division) Committee Updates

Congratulations to the 2022 ARLD Board!

The ARLD Board is excited to welcome new board members for 2022:
- Chair-Elect: Preeti Gupton
- Legislative Liaison: Alicia Kubas
- Member at Large: Annie Larson

Thank you to all who ran for office and to all who voted! And a big thank you to our outgoing board members Amy Mars (Past Chair), Ginny Moran (Legislative Liaison), and Bekky Vrabel (Member at Large)!

Join ARLD for Unpacking White Supremacy in Academic Libraries: A Three Part Series

In this series we will deconstruct the history and present-day manifestations of white supremacy in academic libraries and archives, and develop action plans to enact change on the individual, institutional, and professional levels.

Event Details

When: Nov. 12, Dec. 10, and Jan. 14
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Where: Zoom
Cost: Free

Registration is required. Read more and register on our website.

This series is presented by the Minnesota Library Association’s ARLD, Instruction Round Table (IRT), and Twin Cities Archives Round Table (TCART). Questions? Contact Kat Nelsen.

Children and Young People’s Section (CYP) 2021 Unconference Recap

The CYP team would like to thank author Kao Kalia Yang, Native-owned nonprofit publishing company Black Bears and Blueberries, and the panel of Ruqia Abdi, Tami Lee, Tasha Nins, and Keiko Satomi for their presentations as part of the Unconference event held on Sept. 24.

We had 31 attendees that day and a number of requests to see the Unconference recording after that date. The conversations were beautiful, necessary, and educational in inclusivity to libraries around the state, both in staff and collections.

Missed the event? Recordings of the Unconference are still available! Email Jennifer Dietrich for the recording.

Legislative Committee Updates
October Legislative Committee Meeting Recap

At its October meeting during the MLA Annual Conference, the Legislative Committee voted to recommend draft 2022 Legislative Priorities to the MLA Board for adoption. Legislative Chair Elect Liz Lynch will present these priorities to the MLA Board on Nov. 19.

Upcoming November Legislative Committee Meeting

The next Legislative Committee meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 3, 10:00 a.m. Come and learn from Lobbyist Sam Walseth about the work that is being done in between legislative sessions.

Join us via Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/199360706
Password: 440617

2022 MLA Institute for Leadership Excellence (MILE) Accepting Applications Soon!

Discover your inner leader and build leadership skills at the MILE leadership retreat! This retreat will run from May 10-13, 2022.

We are recruiting a class of 25 individuals, with an emphasis on part-time staff, paraprofessionals, and students, from a diverse range of backgrounds and library work settings, in addition to librarian and supervisory staff from public, academic, school, and special libraries.

The application form will soon be available at our website; stay tuned!

MLA Board of Directors Updates

Congratulations to the Newly Elected 2022 MLA Board!

- President-Elect: Julia Carlis, Branch Manager Pleasant Hill, Dakota County
- Treasurer: Karen Pundsack, Executive Director, Great River Regional Library
- Legislative Chair-Elect: Molly Stanford, Regional Librarian, Arrowhead Library System
- Member-at-Large: Emilie Hanson, Youth Services Librarian, Hennepin County Library
- Intellectual Freedom Chair-Elect: Heather Biedermann, Head Librarian, South Central College
- ALA Chapter Councilor: Hannah Buckland (2nd Term), State Library Program Specialist, State Library Service, MN Department of Education

Elected officials will take office January 2022. Thank you to all who were nominated!
Want to be more active in MLA? Here's How to Get Involved!

As an organization, MLA is committed to facilitating and supporting the professional development and leadership skills of our members. One of the best ways to develop skills and meet colleagues across Minnesota is through active involvement in one of approximately 100 different opportunities for leadership inside the organization. Activities such as participating on a committee or within subunit leadership are excellent avenues for you to support the work of the organization, to network with other librarians around the state, and to support the future development of your career path. If you are interested, please fill out the Get Involved form on the MLA website!

Have questions? Not sure what group is right for you? Interested in starting a new group? Other ideas? Reach out to Stacey Hendren, MLA President and Steve Harsin, MLA President-Elect to learn more.

Propose a New MLA Subunit!

The MLA is divided into subunits defined as divisions, sections, and round tables. The creation of a subunit requires a proposal from membership and Board Action. The Board has approved a general outline for creating a new subunit, which is available under Forms and Logos.

In 2021, the Student Round Table joined MLA as the newest subunit and in 2022, the Information and Technology Educators of Minnesota (ITEM) will join MLA as a division. Both fill gaps in services and provide new opportunities for members to accomplish together what none can do alone.

If you have an idea for a new subunit, please review the Subunit Proposal Process (coming soon), and the MLA Bylaws. Please reach out to Stacey Hendren for assistance with recruiting and proposal development.
Book Club Meet-Up

Want to meet up with other TSS or MLA members and talk about the book(s) you are reading or have read? Have you always wanted to be part of a book club but couldn’t find one that reads what you are interested in? Join TSS on November 5 at 8:00 p.m. for a bring your own book meet up!

What type of books are we looking to discuss? Books you love, intriguing books, books to help expand your mind, books you “binge”, books you hate to love!

What should you bring? Bring your books, your willingness to discuss what you are reading, and something to keep track of the next books for your reading list!

Remember, remember, the 5th of November, the meetup on Zoom at 8 o’clock.

Event Details
When: Nov. 5, 2021
Time: 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Where: Zoom

To attend, [register here](https://www.mnlibraryassociation.org/admin/email/view.aspx?jobId=4644247) After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Welcome New Members!
Alaina Bailey
Cortney Mihulka
Emily Morgan
Meghan Roegge
John Sandberg

Marcus Seraphine
Angela Sikowaczewski
Emilie Steingraeber
Alicia Williams
Sophia Wood

Thank you Renewing Members!
Heather Biedermann
Amelia Birkholz
Emily Blaeser
Helen Burke
David Collins
Philip Dudas
Sara Fillbrandt
Sarah Giffen-Hunter
Michelle Grace
Renee Gross
Jana Halverson
Heidi Hammond
Carol Jackson
Kelly Kraemer
Alicia Kubas
Deb Lanthier

Jade Lauber
Danya Leebaw
Jdess Lind
Laura Danes
Laurie Ortega
Donna Peterson
Crystal Phillips
Cassie Reiner
Kristin Schneider
Elin Smith
Amy Sterffensagel
Olivia Verdick
Susan Vossberg
Jeanette Ward
Shannon Wetzel
Sarah White

MLA is strong because of you. Thank you for being a member.