Remembering Bill Asp

Bill Asp, champion of MN Libraries, died June 2021. The Minnesota Library Association Board recognizes his contribution to MN Libraries and expresses their sympathy at his passing.

The William G. Asp Distinguished Career Award was established in 2011 with Bill as the first recipient. Over the past 10 years the award has recognized the distinguished service to the profession and for active and innovative leadership in the development of libraries and the improvement of library services. Bill exemplified distinguished service and we are proud to continue the award with his name.

Bill was director of Minnesota’s State Library Agency for more than 20 years before assuming the directorship at Dakota County Library in 1996. He led the development of several state plans for library services, organized two Minnesota Governor’s Pre-White House Conferences on Library and Information Services, worked to achieve passage of state legislation for multitype library systems and for mandated public library service, and led
efforts to secure funding for state government libraries to participate in the PALS automation system.

To learn more visit: https://www.minitex.umn.edu/news/2021-06/remembering-bill-asp

ARLD Day Keynote Speaker Recording Now Available!

Thank you to all who attended ARLD Day 2021! Nicola Andrews delivered an exceptional keynote entitled No More Pipelines: Indigenous Knowledge and LIS and we are happy to share the recording with all of our members.

No More Pipelines: Indigenous Knowledge and LIS

In this presentation, Nicola Andrews explored ways in which historical trauma surfaces within libraries. She highlighted the tricky balancing act Indigenous library workers undertake as practitioners who are accountable to their Indigenous home communities and their colonized workplaces. Using a range of industry research, observation, and Indigenous research methodologies, Andrews gave an overview of how Indigenous peoples and their knowledge are situated throughout the library and information science (LIS) landscape and how we need to look beyond recruitment pipelines for sustainable answers to underrepresentation in the profession.

Nicola Andrews is a member of the Ngāti Pāoa iwi, currently residing on unceded Ramaytush Ohlone territory. As the Instruction/First-Year Experience Librarian at the University of San Francisco, she helps coordinate efforts pertaining to student success. She holds a Master of Library & Information Science from the University of Washington and is currently finishing a Master of Indigenous Studies at the University of Otago.

Conference Local Arrangements Committee-Local Highlights Request

Every year the MLA Conference Local Arrangements Committee highlights places to go in the annual conference’s host city.

Since this year’s conference is virtual, we’d like to highlight fun sightseeing spots and activities around libraries across the state. Everyone is a host this year!

If the conference was held in your library’s city, what restaurants, parks, attractions, or favorite hangouts would you recommend near your library? Share or read recommendations on the Local Arrangements blog.

Any questions? Please email committee co-chairs Julia Carlis or Jodi Grebinoski.

Join the Star of the North Picture Book Award Selection Committee!
Do you love reading picture books?

MLA is looking for a new representative to serve on the Star of the North Picture Book Award Selection Committee!

Duties would include reading and suggesting picture book titles throughout the year and attending one selection meeting on Saturday, January 29, 2022, 10am - 1pm in person in Roseville (or virtually) to determine the 2022-2023 Star of the North Nominees.

If you are interested, please email Jennifer Dietrich by August 1 (or sooner is great!). More information about the Star of the North Picture Book Award is available at myrahome.org.

Mental Health Resources for Young People of Color

The OnlineCounselingPrograms.com have put together the resource "Mental Health Resources for Young People of Color" that may be useful for library patrons.

This resource includes a list of organizations, digital resources and videos, support groups, and therapy directories to help support the mental health of young people of color. It also provides Instagram accounts of mental health educators, therapists of color, and community support pages.

You can find the full resource at the OnlineCounselingPrograms.com blog.

MLA 2021 Virtual Conference Registration Now Open!
Early Bird Registration Rates
   Members: $100
   Non-members: $175

Register now - July 31 to get the early bird rates!

PLD Recommended Resource

This month the Public Libraries Division recommends…

23 Things: Media Landscapes

This series of 23 Things is designed to help library staff engage more deeply with the issues and concepts addressed in the Media Landscapes Campaign created by the Minnesota Library Professional Development Network. By working together through these Things, we should all have a greater understanding of disinformation, information/digital literacy, and how to address these issues in various ways and in various library settings.

Welcome New Members!

Rebekah Crosby
   Anne Griffin
   Stephanie Hess

Thank You Renewing Members!

Susan Blotz
   Roseanne Byrne
   Linda Eells
   Pam Gladis
   Heidi Hoks
   Ann Hutton
   Terry Kalil
   Jacqueline Kramer

Gail Nordstrom
   Angie Noyes
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   Carol Walsh
   Sara Zettervall
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Thank you for being a member.
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