Annual MLA Conference Registration Now Open!

Join us **October 4 and 5** in RiverCentre in St. Paul to celebrate all the ways *Library Workers Make the Library Work!* Learn from colleagues from around the State, find out what's new with our exhibitors, celebrate award winners, build your professional network, and more.

Early bird pricing is available until **July 29**. Conference information, including how to register can be found on the [conference webpage](#).

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**Apply for a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant**

A LSTA grant is now available through State Library Services! $400,000 is available to libraries to help State Library Services meet the goals within their [five-year plan](#), which focuses on increasing the collective impact of libraries across the State, creating partnerships to reduce/eliminate information access barriers, and communicating the value of librarianship and library programs.

Grant proposals need to connect to at least one sub-goal of the five-year plan. Past awarded project examples can be found [here](#). Proposals can range from $10,000-75,000 and are due **July 14** to mde.compgrants@state.mn.us.

[Click here](#) for more information on how to apply or email Tami Lee with any questions.

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**Become a MLA Conference Sponsor**

Join us as a MLA Conference Sponsor to explore our conference theme: *Library Workers Make the Library Work* at the MLA Conference held **October 4 & 5** at the St. Paul RiverCentre.
As a sponsor you’ll receive significant attention through digital presence on the website and conference online schedule, digital signage and recognition from the conference podium, event, and additional benefits based on your level of support! The sponsorship pricing and benefits are on the Sponsors page of the MLA 2023 Conference website.

Applications are due August 23. More information on how to apply can be found here.

Calling MN Academic Librarians Far and Wide - Let’s Meet up!

Do you work in a library outside of the Metro? The Academic and Research Libraries Division (ARLD) wants to coordinate and sponsor social events with you! Many of our social events have taken place in or close to the Twin Cities in the past, and we are hoping to meet more librarians closer to where they are.

If you are interested, reach out to our Chair, Preeti Gupton (Saint Kate’s) and/or our Communications Officer, Kayla Olson (Winona State University).

Nominations Open for 2024 Board of Directors

The MLA 2023 Nominating Committee is soliciting member nominations to the 2024 Board of Directors. On the ballot this year are:

- MLA President-Elect
- Treasurer
- Intellectual Freedom Chair-Elect
- Member at Large-Elect

Not sure what each role does? Review the job descriptions at the Board of Directors webpage.

Please use this form to nominate yourself or a colleague. Nominations must be submitted by July 7.

Candidates will need to submit a Bio and Statement of Interest by July 25.

Thank you for helping keep MLA strong into the future!

Public Libraries Division (PLD) Seeking Feedback

PLD wants to hear from you! Do you have any thoughts, feedback, or training opportunity requests to PLD? Please send your ideas and feedback to PLD@mnlibraryassociation.org
Racial and Gender Bias in Search Engines Webinar

Attend a free webinar on how search engines and their algorithms contain racial and gender biases. Learn about how these biases impact search results, and how we can help patrons improve their searches and develop online information literacy skills.

Event Details
Date: July 12
Time: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Where: Online

To attend, register here!

Rural Libraries Report

The newsletter Barn Raiser released a special report on rural libraries last month that highlighted the value that libraries have in rural communities and some of the challenges libraries face. The Nobles County Library in Worthington, MN was recognized in the article “For My Immigrant Family, the Library Opened New Doors.” It provides some ideas for engaging immigrant patrons in libraries. Check it out!

Strategic Plan Update

MLA is working on an update to our strategic plan this year. The association has retained consulting firm Vista Cova, a firm whose past clients include the Texas Library Association.

The planning process includes a research phase that is currently underway, with further work being completed over the next few months. More updates are coming soon! Please contact President Julia Carlis with any questions.

Wood’n’t You Look at the Time…Save the Date for 2024 ARLD Day

It may be June 2023, but that doesn’t mean that we cannot get excited about ARLD Day 2024 at “the Arb”!

Join the Academic and Research Library Division (ARLD) for an in-person conference at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum on May 3, 2024. More info to come. Stay tuned!
Welcome New Members!
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MLA is strong because of you. Thank you for being a member.