**ARLD Picnic Social**

Let’s get together in person and outside!

Join ARLD for some sparkling conversation, food, beverages, and games. Bring something to share if you can. The ARLD Board will provide sparkling water and snacks. This event is FREE and all are welcome!

**Event Details**
Date: **Tuesday, September 20**
Time: 3:00 - 5:00pm
Location: [Central Park - Victoria West](#) in Roseville

Please [register](#) for this event to help us gauge how much water and snacks will be needed.

Conversation starter: What is one project you have been working on that you are excited about?

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**Attend the September 7 Legislative Committee Meeting**

Attend the MLA Legislative Committee Meeting on **Wednesday, September 7** at 10:00 am via Zoom to discuss the following:

- Legislative Update from Sam Walseth, MLA Lobbyist
- Legislative Forum Recap from Mollie Stanford, MLA Legislative Chair-Elect
- And more…

View the meeting [Agenda](#)
View the [Notes](#) from the July 27 meeting

Register by visiting the [MLA Community Calendar](#).

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**CYP Unconference: October 7**

Join CYP and fellow Minnesota youth librarians for a morning of learning and growth at this year’s Unconference! The Unconference will uplift LGBTQIA stories and experiences and we’ll learn more about how to make our colleagues and patrons feel safe and welcomed.

We will begin with a presentation by Archie Bongiovanni, a local author whose works include the graphic novel *A Quick and Easy Guide to They/Them Pronouns*. This will be followed by panel
discussions regarding LGBTQIA programming and resources, which will feature local librarians and guest outreach librarian Becky Hass from Annapolis, MD.

**Event Details:**
Date: **Friday, October 7**  
Time: 8:30am-12:00pm

Registration will happen in early September; watch for an update!

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**Minnesota Book Awards Seeking Judges (A Compensated Role)**

The Minnesota Book Awards is seeking reader-judges for the program’s 35th year (2022-23). Each year, more than 50 judges are involved in this evaluation process. Panels are comprised of Minnesotans from many walks of life who share a love of literature and aptitude for critical appraisal. Judges commonly include authors, editors, educators, librarians, library trustees, and Friends of the Library, too!

Evaluation takes place across nine genre categories: Poetry, Memoir & Creative Nonfiction, Genre Fiction, Young Adult, Middle Grade Literature, Children’s Literature, Novel & Short Story, General Nonfiction, and Minnesota Nonfiction. For each category, adjudication takes place in two rounds: preliminary and final. The preliminary round involves narrowing each category’s submissions to four finalist titles. The final round judges then select their category’s winner from among those four finalists.
Each judge is assigned to one category matched to their interests and credentials, and to one of the two rounds of judging. Judges in both rounds will convene with their panels on Zoom on **Saturday, January 28** and **Saturday, March 11**, respectively. Judges from Southeast Minnesota are especially desired for more representation across the State.

If selected to judge, organizers will mail you books in batches: the perfect wintertime activity! The assignment also comes with a $375 stipend.

[Learn more here](#) or jump straight to the [application form](#). Applications are due by **Friday, September 9**.

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**MLA 2022 Conference Update**

The Minnesota Library Association (MLA) is proud to announce the speaker lineup for the 2022 Annual Conference to be held October 27 & 28 in Duluth, MN. The conference theme is “Emerging Opportunities” and is planned to feature keynote speakers and featured speakers that will be well known to Minnesotans and library staff from around the state.

The Thursday lunch keynote is slated to be intellectual freedom champion Reanna Esmail of Cornell University in Ithaca, NY. Esmail’s talk is to be titled “Intellectual Freedom, Privacy Rights, and the Critical Practice of Librarianship” and aims to bring nuance to questions related to surveillance capitalism, big data, and censorship, while also exploring ways for library workers to promote privacy rights, digital literacy, and intellectual freedom in their critical praxis. Esmail is a noted national speaker on such topics, a frequent contributor to the Intellectual Freedom Blog, and active with the American Library Association Office of Intellectual Freedom.

Friday’s lunch keynote is to be Minnesota Vikings and Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Alan Page. Justice Page will engage in an open conversation with MLA President Steve Harsin about his career, challenges we face in the modern environment, his career writing children’s books, and the Page Foundation. As a Minnesota hero, Justice Page has a unique perspective on a wide range of issues of interest to libraries of all types.

Featured speakers are to include Laura Erickson, one of the best-known ornithologists in America, who is to participate in a panel to address work done at the College of St. Scholastica on their Catalogue of Birds. Also, State Librarian Tamara Lee and Head of Minitex Maggie Snow will address their accomplishments of the past year, the results of a state-wide survey they conducted, as well as their vision for Minnesota libraries. Representatives from SELCO will address a major region-wide community assessment conducted in the SE region of Minnesota. And Scott Libin, with a 20-year career in journalism as a reporter, anchor and producer, including 8 years at Twin Cities Public Television is to address “What do the Ancient Greeks, Pyramids and Toyota Minivans have to do with good communication?” The session is about what you need to do to develop a speech where your message will be heard.

Numerous other sessions will be presented by library staff from around the state. The two-day conference will be hosted at the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center. Besides the conference sessions, there will be a silent auction fundraiser for the Minnesota Library
Foundation, an event at Glensheen Mansion, an annual business meeting, exhibit hall, award ceremonies and other related activities.

The 2022 event marks a return to an in-person conference after two years as a virtual conference during the pandemic. Early bird registration rates are in effect through 11:59pm on August 31, with regular rates thereafter.

Conference registration can be found at the MLA website.

Student Round Table Call for Nominations

The Student Round Table is looking for new leadership team members for the 2022-23 school year! The Student Round Table is for any student interested in building connections and working with other students in a professional setting before graduating with their library and information science degree. Leadership is open to any students of any library and information science-related programs, as long as the student is a member of the Minnesota Library Association.

For any questions, please contact Megan Demeuse at mrdemeuse786@stkate.edu.

TSS Connect Session: October 5

Save the date for the first TSS Connect session!

Join us on Wednesday, October 5 at 2:00pm for a virtual connect session on inclusive subject access.

Hear technical services staff from around Minnesota share what steps they’ve taken towards using inclusive and respectful subject access for their collections. Then share your experience and ideas with colleagues in a casual, unintimidating setting.

Let’s connect and learn from each other’s ideas and innovations. More details to come; stay tuned!

Visit MLA News

Have ideas for future Roundup articles or social media posts? Want to nominate a colleague to feature them in the next Roundup? Submit your ideas to the forms on the MLA News page! These forms are available 24/7 with a rolling deadline.
Welcome New Members!
The last Roundup went out on 7/28/22, so everyone since then

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