August 2023 Roundup

ARLD Business Meeting at MLA - Free and Hybrid!

Join ARLD for its annual meeting on **Wednesday, October 4, from 10:35-11:30 a.m.**! It is free to attend even if you are not registered for the MLA conference. The agenda will include a recap of the past year, a preview of next year, and roundtable discussions.

The meeting will be held in a hybrid format with both in-person (at the MLA conference) and virtual (Zoom) options. If you plan to join remotely, please [register here](#) and we will send you the Zoom link in advance. The meeting will not be recorded.

You can email [arld.board@gmail.com](mailto:arld.board@gmail.com) with any questions.

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ARLD Elections Coming Soon

Thank you to those who nominated colleagues for the ARLD Board. Stay tuned for information about ballots and voting in the coming weeks!

Current board openings include the Chair-elect (3-year term), Secretary (2-year term), and Member-at-Large (2-year term).

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ARLD Social at Sea Salt Near the Scenic Minnehaha Falls!

Join ARLD at the [Sea Salt Eatery](#) on **Friday, September 15**! The gathering will be from **3-5:00 p.m.** Snacks will be provided. We hope to see you there!
Children & Young People (CYP)'s Section Unconference Update

Are you interested in providing more environmental programming at your library? Or wondering how to partner with local environmental organizations? Join Heidi Ferris of Growing Green Hearts, the Beekeeper's Association, and local librarians to learn more about environmental initiatives at your library at the CYP 2023 Unconference!

Event Details

Date: September 8

Time: 9:00 a.m. - noon

Where: Online-Zoom

*Registration is required. [Register here](#).
Iowa Library Conference Registration Open

Want to keep learning after the MLA Annual Conference? Register for the Iowa Library Conference held in Dubuque from October 11-13. Program lineup and registration information can be found on the conference website.

Early bird registration ends on September 11.

Metronet Seeking Public Library Representative on Board

Want to be more involved with Metronet? Metronet seeks a public librarian employed in a metro area public library to serve as the public library representative on its governing board. The Governing Board provides financial oversight and programming advice to Metronet staff. The position requires knowledge of and interest in all types of libraries.

Learn more and apply here!

Email Ann Walker Smalley with any questions.

MLA Members Featured in Banned Books Star Tribune Editorial
MLA President Julia Carlis and Chair of the MLA Intellectual Freedom Committee Heather Biedermann were quoted in this Star Tribune editorial promoting the Freedom to Read. Check it out!

Need resources for book bans in your area? Visit the Unite Against Book Bans toolkit for assistance.

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**Public Libraries Division (PLD) Updates**

**Annual Conference**
The PLD Board is looking forward to seeing our members at MLA! The PLD Division Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 4 at 10:35 a.m.** We will be having a networking event, so come prepared to chat with colleagues

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**Leadership Opportunity**
Are you interested in taking on a leadership role in PLD? We will have several open positions beginning in 2024, including Chair-Elect (3-year term) and Member-at-Large (2-year term).

If you have any questions about commitment, expectations or responsibilities, please email PLD@mnlibraryassociation.org or jamie.hoehn@co.dakota.mn.us. We’ll provide more information during the PLD Division Meeting, with elections occurring later in autumn.

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**Technical Services Section (TSS) Seeking Chair-Elect and Secretary**

The Technical Services Section (TSS) is looking for good people! Our Board has two openings this fall: Chair-Elect, and Secretary. Elections will be held during the TSS Business Meeting at the October MLA conference. Candidates should be TSS members in good standing, but if you’re an MLA member who hasn’t joined TSS yet, you have time to do so before the election!

**Position Descriptions:**

**Chair-Elect**
1. Serves a 3-year term (first year, Chair-Elect; second year, Chair; third year, Past Chair)
2. Completes the MLA New Leaders orientation (usually a one-hour meeting in early December or January)
3. Assists the Chair in planning the TSS annual business meeting at the annual conference — working with the other members of the TSS executive committee
4. Contributes to other TSS activities as planned by the executive committee

**Secretary**
1. Serves a 2-year term
2. Assists the Chair and other members of the TSS executive committee in conducting outreach for TSS at the annual MLA conference or other venues
3. Assists the Chair in planning the TSS business meeting at MLA’s annual conference — working with the other members of the TSS executive committee
4. Records official minutes for the TSS annual business meeting. Presents the previous year’s minutes to TSS members for approval at this meeting. Following approval, submits minutes to the MLA Executive Director for posting on the TSS page of the MLA Website
5. When needed, assists Chair in submitting news items to MLA Roundup, or otherwise communicating with TSS members
6. Contributes to other TSS activities as planned by the executive committee
7. May run for and be re-elected to a consecutive 2-year term, if desired.

If you are interested in running for election, please email TSS Chair Naomi Skulan by Friday, September 15 at the latest. We look forward to working with you!

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**Vote for 2024 MLA Board of Directors**

Don’t forget to vote for next year’s Board of Directors! Ballots are available. Read the candidate profiles on the [MLA website](https://www.mla.org) and access the ballot after logging into your profile.

**Deadline to vote is September 14!**

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**Welcome New Members!**
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**MLA is strong because of you. Thank you for being a member.**