2022 MLA Board Nominations

The MLA Nominating Committee is happy to announce the following nominations for the 2023 MLA Board positions:

**President-elect**
Jodi Grebinoski, Virginia Public Library
Drew Wylie, Washington Co. Library

**Secretary**
Sara Swenson, Edina High School
Leticia Snow, St Peter Public Library
Sara Fillbrandt, Rasmussen University

**Intellectual Freedom Chair-elect**
Andi Bodeau, District 279 (Osseo)
Aaron Albertson, Plymouth Branch, Hennepin Co

**Legislative Committee Chair-elect**
Sarah Hawkins, Anoka Public Library

Candidate bios and how to vote will be located on the MLA website; stay tuned!

ABC’s of Book Challenges Virtual Webinar

Concerned about the rising book challenges and bans across the U.S? Attend a free webinar offered through Minitex’s Advocacy series on how three K12 media specialists are tackling this issue and creating policies to support their work and collections.

**Event Details**
Date: **Tuesday, October 4**
Time: 3:00-4:00 pm
Location: Zoom

Register [here](#)!
Academic and Research Libraries Division (ARLD) Updates

October ARLD Social - Halloween Edition

Celebrate Halloween season with an autumnal Friday afternoon and your academic library colleagues! Cozy up to a fire pit with a beer and some food truck snacks. The ARLD board will provide some spooky games and Halloween treats, but feel free to bring your own as well. Costumes are not required, but we’d love to see you in one!

Event Details
Date: Friday, October 21
Time: 3:00 - 5:00pm
Location: Forgotten Star Brewing Co. in Fridley, MN

RSVP here!

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ARLD Business Meeting at MLA - Free and Hybrid!

Join ARLD for its annual meeting on October 28, from 1:00-1:50pm! 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.

Email arld.board@gmail.com with any questions.

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ARLD Board Election Coming Soon

The ARLD Board nominations have come in and the election will soon commence! Keep an eye on your email in early October for your ballot info.

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Children and Young People’s Section (CYP) Oct 7 Virtual Unconference
Join CYP and your fellow Minnesota youth librarians for a morning of learning and growth at the CYP Virtual Unconference!

This year’s Unconference will uplift LGBTQIA+ stories and voices and we’ll discuss how to make our colleagues and patrons feel safe, welcomed, and empowered.

We will begin with a presentation by local author and creator, Archie Bongiovanni. The best-selling creator behind *A Quick And Easy Guide To They/Them Pronouns* will discuss their work and the importance and challenges of queer comics. Bongiovanni is the author of *Grease Bats* and the newly released comic *History Comics: The Stonewall Riots*. At the Unconference they will also showcase their upcoming original graphic novel *Mimosa*.

Panel discussions will follow including LGBTQIA+ librarians’ voices, programming, and resources, featuring Minnesota librarians and guest outreach librarian Rebecca (Becky) Hass from Annapolis, MD.

**Event Details:**
- **Date:** Friday, October 7
- **Time:** 8:45 am-12 pm
- **Location:** Zoom
- **Cost:** MLA members $10  
  Students $10  
  Non-MLA members $20

Register at the [MLA website](#).

Any questions? Please contact Keiko Satomi.
Managing Difficult Conversations Online Workshop

The Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI) are hosting an online workshop to discuss the challenges of having difficult conversations. This workshop will provide tools and strategies for how to successfully overcome the challenges.

Event Details
Date: Wednesday, October 12
Time: 10:00-11:00 am
Location: Zoom

Register here!

MLA Board Listening Sessions

Your opinions are wanted! Help the MLA Board prepare to create a new strategic plan by attending one of two MLA Member Listening Sessions. We have questions for you and there will be time built in at the end of the sessions for your feedback; bring your questions! As a member-driven organization, member needs and input guide our future direction and programming.

Session 1: Wed, Oct. 19, 3:30-4:30 pm
Registration required here

Session 2: Thu, Nov. 17, 10:30-11:30 am (for MLA members only)
Registration required here

Contact President-Elect Julia Carlis if you have any questions.

Register for the 2022 MLA Annual Conference

The 2022 MLA Annual Conference: Emerging Opportunities will be held on October 27-28 at the Duluth Entertainment and Conference Center.

The 2022 event marks a return to an in-person conference after two years as a virtual conference during the pandemic! Enjoy sessions from library professionals around the State and look forward to a silent auction fundraiser for the Minnesota Library Foundation (at Glensheen mansion), an annual business meeting, the exhibit hall, award ceremonies, and more.
Pre-registration closes at 5pm on October 13. Register for the conference at the MLA website.

Keynote and featured speakers include:

- **Reanna Esmail**, intellectual freedom champion of Cornell University in Ithaca, NY. Esmail’s talk “Intellectual Freedom, Privacy Rights, and the Critical Practice of Librarianship” will 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.

- **Alan Page**, Minnesota Vikings player and retired Minnesota Supreme Court Justice. Page will engage in an open conversation with MLA President Steve Harsin about his career and writing children’s books, challenges we face in the modern environment, and the Page Foundation.

- **Laura Erickson**, acclaimed ornithologist, educator, and author. Erickson will participate in a panel to discuss College of St. Scholastica’s Catalogue of Birds.

- **Tamara Lee**, director of State Library Services and Expanded Learning & **Maggie Snow**, Minitex director. Lee and Snow will address their accomplishments of the past year, the results of a state-wide survey, and their vision for Minnesota libraries. Representatives from SELCO will also address a major region-wide community assessment conducted in the SE region of Minnesota.

- **Scott Libin**, senior fellow at the University of MN Hubbard School of Journalism and Mass Communication. Libin’s talk “Grappling With Conflicting Values” will discuss how to develop a speech where your message will be heard.

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**Unite Against Book Bans Toolkit**

MLA has signed on to the *Unite Against Book Bans* campaign as a partner! A toolkit is available with resources such as talking points, how to reach decision makers, how to report book challenges to the ALA, and more at the *United Against Book Bans website*. 
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 8/29/22, so everyone since then

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