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Join the Technical Services Section For a Behind-the-scenes Tour of the Minnesota Historical Society in St Paul!

The TSS will be hosting a tour of the MNHS library, archives, and artifacts area followed by a happy hour gathering in the on-site café on Tuesday, June 5 at 5:30 p.m. All are invited; you don't need to be a TSS member to attend! For more information, contact Sarah Ethier (sethier@scottlib.org).

Join us for the RART Retreat May 19!

Your mission? Meet fellow library staff and learn about the world of science fiction, fantasy, and speculative fiction. Also, talk about books and readers' advisory, all while enjoying yummy snacks and lunch! The retreat will take place Saturday, May 19, 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. at the Ramsey County Library in Shoreview. For more, including the full schedule and registration information, please check here.

Register Now for the Lake Superior Libraries Symposium

Registration for the seventh annual Lake Superior Libraries Symposium is now open! LSLs18: ACT Advance Challenge Transform will be held on Friday, June 8, 2018 at the University of Minnesota Duluth. Library staff, administrators, trustees, and students are invited to attend and participate. For more information about the conference, go to <https://lakesuperiorlibrariessymposium.com/symposia/lsls18/>.

This year's theme, ACT, invites attendees to tell stories of action. Although the theme is one word, the frame for ACT is Advance Challenge Transform. How do our actions as library workers advance, challenge, and transform the profession and the communities we serve? At LSLs18, we will share and celebrate the day-to-day practical work we do that often does not get

recognition at conferences, and hopefully in doing so will empower each other to ACT.

Join us for a pre-conference workshop “Engaged Librarians and Neutral Public Space: Seeking Balance in an Age of Unrest.” The Sitting Bull College Experience with Mark Holman takes place Thursday, June 7 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Find more information about the pre-conference [here](#). Register today!

Emporia State University Launches Hybrid MLS Program in Sioux Falls, SD

In Fall 2017, 23 students began meeting in Sioux Falls, SD, to begin a 36 credit-hour program for a master of library science degree from Emporia State University (KS). Many MLS programs are strictly online. What makes ESU’s School of Library and Information Management (SLIM) unique is the blended classroom approach. This hybrid program allows students the flexibility of the online component with an interactive classroom experience.

Students are admitted on a cohort basis, meaning they go through the program together. All courses are facilitated online with core courses meeting for two face-to-face weekends during the semester. Faculty teach these classes in person, allowing for personal interaction with fellow students and instructors.

The SD face-to-face classes are currently held at a Mikkelsen Library classroom at Augustana University in Sioux Falls. These students come from five states – South Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, and Iowa – and from different types of libraries, some with no library background. The next cohort will start in August 2018.

SLIM has a history of commitment in the profession of librarianship for 115 years, and the program is ALA-accredited. For information about the program, please contact Mary G. Johnson, at mjohns46@emporia.edu or at (620) 412-6453.

MLA Board Update

The MLA Board met on Friday, April 20th. The approved minutes from the previous month's meeting may be found [here](#). The agenda from each meeting is posted on the [Board of Directors](#) page several days prior to the meeting. Board meetings are open to the public and members are encouraged to attend

Welcome new members!

The following members joined MLA in April. Welcome to MLA!

- Jennie Archer
- Sherilyn Brumback
- Rahfat Hussain
- Sheila Letscher
- Karen Melvin

Thank you renewing members!

MLA thanks all of those members who renewed during the month of April!

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