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Roundup

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ARLD Day Save-the-Date: Friday, April 27, 2018

Thanks to everyone who attended the ARLD Annual Business Meeting and Poster Session at the MLA Conference in Rochester! It was great reconnecting, meeting new people, and hearing about all the interesting projects and programs you've been implementing. For those that weren't able to attend, the meeting slideshow and abstracts of the posters are available on the [ARLD Events & Materials Archive](#).

Save-the-Date for ARLD Day 2018! We'll be returning to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum on Friday, April 27, 2018.

Stipends Available for Public Library Health Workshop with National Network of Libraries of Medicine

Public library workers are invited to apply for a \$500 stipend to attend "Stand Up for Health: Health and Wellness Services for Your Community," a pre-conference workshop held at the Public Library Association (PLA) 2018 Conference in Philadelphia.

The conference will be held from March 20 to 24, 2018, at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. The one-day pre-conference (Tuesday, March 20) will review core competencies of providing health and wellness services; coach participants through understanding their communities' needs; and explore how to create fun and informative health-related programming for different age groups and special populations. Participants will learn about

core reference and other materials, tips for helping library users evaluate health materials, and an action plan to put your new expertise to work.

The preconference workshop is part of Promoting Healthy Communities, a new nationwide initiative from PLA and National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM) that will increase public library workers' knowledge and skills related to consumer health services. Attendees who participate in the workshop and complete some pre/post work will receive the Consumer Health Information Specialization (CHIS) certification offered by the Medical Library Association.

Read the stipend opportunity guidelines/Frequently Asked Questions or start your online application at <http://www.programminglibrarian.org/articles/apply-now-stand-health-workshop-stipend-pla-2018>

Calling all Minnesota Library Employees!

We are seeking poetry, short fiction, or art created by Minnesota library employees to publish a Pressbook anthology of creative works by our Minnesota library community. *All public, academic, special, and K-12 library employees are welcome to submit their work.* Our goals are to showcase the great talent that we have in our community, and learn how to create a Pressbook and teach others in the library community how to do it! We will accept all submissions provided that they are your original works, and that they have not been published or performed for profit in other venues.

Deadline for submissions: Friday December 15, 2017

Formatting requirements for text: Microsoft Word

Formatting requirements for images: JPG, PNG, or GIF. 250KB maximum size, 300 dpi.

The anthology will be an open Pressbook publication made available on the Pressbook platform. If not otherwise stated, all submissions will be granted a [Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-NoDerivatives 4.0 International license](#).

Please contact Rachel Wexelbaum (Collection Management Librarian, St Cloud State University) at rswexelbaum@stcloudstate.edu, or Bridget Reistad, Librarian, Lake Superior College at b.reistad@lsc.edu with questions or submissions.

ALA Opportunity for Small/Rural Public Libraries

Public libraries that serve small and/or rural communities are invited to apply for a travel stipend to attend a one-day dialogue and deliberation pre-conference workshop at the 2018 American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference in New Orleans. "Libraries Transforming Communities: Conversation Café Workshop for Public Libraries Serving Small, Mid-Sized and/or Rural Communities" will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, June 22, 2018.

Attending the pre-conference is free, though space will be limited to 50 participants. Twenty-five participants from public libraries serving small and/or rural communities will be selected to receive an \$800 stipend to help cover travel costs for one library employee. Those interested in applying for a travel stipend should read the project guidelines and submit an online application by March 9, 2018. Applicants need not be ALA members.

Learn more and apply here: <https://apply.ala.org/LTC2018/guidelines>

This workshop is offered as part of Libraries Transforming Communities: Models for Change, an initiative of ALA and the National Coalition for Dialogue & Deliberation (NCDD). The initiative seeks to introduce libraries to various dialogue and deliberation approaches, enabling libraries to foster conversation and lead change in their communities.

[Libraries Transforming Communities: Models for Change Series 3](http://www.ala.org/tools/librariestransform/libraries-transforming-communities/large-urban-public) highlights dialogue and deliberation models most useful for public libraries serving small, mid-sized and/or rural communities. Learn more about Series 1 for public libraries serving large and/or urban communities at <http://www.ala.org/tools/librariestransform/libraries-transforming-communities/large-urban-public>, or about Series 2 for academic libraries at <http://www.ala.org/tools/librariestransform/libraries-transforming-communities/academic>.

Before attending the in-person workshop in New Orleans, Series 3 participants must view three 90-minute online learning sessions in winter/spring 2018. The three free webinars, respectively, will offer an introduction to dialogue and deliberation; an overview of the Future Search approach; and an overview of the Conversation Café approach.

The in-person workshop will provide a deeper exploration of Conversation Café, allowing attendees to participate in a Café and discuss applications, opportunities and challenges of the approach.

Targeting Autism Project Seeks Grant Participants

The Targeting Autism grant project is seeking librarians and disabilities stakeholders who would be interested in participating in a future Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) grant proposing to develop libraries as community anchors in serving individuals and families with hidden disabilities. The overall purpose of this project is to teach cultural competencies in working with disabled members of the population by developing a training model which can be distributed and adopted nationwide. We are looking for individuals employed within the library profession, disabilities services providers or self-advocates who would be interested in participating in this future initiative.

The project plan will be to organize multi-stakeholder teams from across the nation to receive training in a variety of formats, beginning with one intensive three-day in-person workshop. Follow-up consultations with a disabilities trainer would be provided via phone, Skype and in-person, when possible.

Additional components include a template of online training tools (developed as part of Syracuse University's Project ENABLE) and monthly online seminars. Ongoing opportunities to engage with one another and share best practices will be provided via an online discussion platform.

If you are interested, please send an email to [Suzanne Schriar](mailto:Suzanne.Schriar@ala.org). Include a brief statement about why you think this training initiative is important. This is NOT a commitment to participate. At this time, we are only trying to assess interest in this initiative. Feel free to forward and share with your community. Thank you!

Are You Game for Libraries?

We are conducting a research project to better understand the role of video games in libraries, the value and challenges such programming brings, and the factors that influence adoption and implementation of video game programming.

The survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete and will help inform library science educators and librarians nationwide in regard to video game programming. Please consider taking this short survey to help us learn more:

https://und.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bPKGbxPbR4SqVg1

Additionally, kindly pass along this information and link to any/ all librarians (at public, private, academic, and special interest libraries) who may be interested in providing feedback. Thank you very much.

MLA Board Update

The MLA Board met on Friday, October 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 October. Welcome to MLA!

- Jenna Emmans
- Catherine Kratochvil
- Holly Rakocy
- Laura Scheelk
- Dawn Stattine

Thank you renewing members!

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

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