



MINNESOTA LIBRARY
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Advocating for Minnesota's
libraries, librarians and
library staff

Roundup

Register for the 2020 MLA Conference by 9/4 to Win a \$100 Gift Card!

On 9/5 we'll draw one lucky conference registration to receive a \$100 gift card. Will it be yours?

Whether you come for the continuing education, to network, or to reenergize, the [MLA Annual Conference](#) will be the highlight of your year!

Don't miss our planned keynote and featured speakers:

- Jana Shortal, Kare 11, keynote speaker
- Minnesota Authors: Linda Grover, Chris Monroe, and Margi Preus
- Julie Zaruba Fountaine, College of St. Scholastica
- Pat Reymann, Professional Registered Parliamentarian
- Over 30 sessions produced by colleagues in the library world



Mark Your Calendars: September 30 - October 2, 2020

Register today: MLA Members \$45
Non-MLA members \$75

****All conference attendees registered by September 4th are eligible to win one \$100 Visa gift card.****

BONUS Member-only Benefit: Three months of access to the recordings of the keynote, featured speaker sessions & over 30 other concurrent sessions.

Not a MLA member yet? [Complete your membership application today!](#)

Register for the Conference!

Cast Your Ballot for the 2021 MLA Board of Directors

As a member, you determine the future of MLA by electing your volunteer Board of Directors. Review the 2021 Board of Director nominations and cast your vote for these leadership positions:

- President-Elect
- Secretary
- Legislative Chair-Elect
- Intellectual Freedom Chair-Elect

If your membership has lapsed, renew today to participate and ensure your voice is heard. The election is open through September 9, 2020.

Log in & Vote Today!

Your Membership Works for You at the Capitol

Through MLA and your membership, libraries across Minnesota are stronger. Your membership includes a host of benefits including event discounts and opportunities to connect with others across the state. But, did you know that your membership works for you at the Capitol?

Your MLA membership helps fund a lobbyist to advocate for robust library funding and to ensure MLA members are represented when policies are developed around topics that

impact libraries such as intellectual freedom and broadband access.

Library Advocacy - or creating awareness around the value of libraries and why they should be fully funded - is timelessly critical. As an MLA member I've gained foundational knowledge of how libraries across the state are funded, honed skills to engage my library's patrons in sharing why libraries matter, and developed confidence to communicate more effectively with stakeholders through events like Library Legislative Week.

-Jami Trenam, MLA Member and 2020 Legislative Chair

Keep your membership current to ensure that MLA and librarian interests are at the table when policies and critical funding priorities are determined.

We need all of you to remain strong and provide this vital benefit.

Legislative Committee Updates

Join the Legislative Committee meeting on **September 2** at 10:00 am CST.

We will present the draft legislative priorities developed at the Legislative Forum and anticipate we'll recommend priorities to the MLA Board for adoption in concept.

Any member of MLA/ITEM is a member of the Legislative Committee and is welcome to attend and vote.

We'll see you at the Legislative Committee Meeting on September 2!

[Join the Meeting!](#)

PLD Call for Board Nominations

Are you passionate about public libraries in Minnesota or know someone who is?

Nominate yourself or someone else for the PLD Board!

Open positions:

- Chair Elect
- Secretary
- Member-at-Large

Benefits of being on the PLD Board include:

- Supporting public library staff across the state as they face changes and challenges, especially in these unprecedented times
- Developing your professional network
- Gaining leadership and project management experience
- **Shaping the future of what PLD does and how it connects with library staff and supporters across the state**

PLD Board positions are available to MLA members who are public library staff of any classification.

Nominations are due by October 9th!

Please send nominations or questions to PLD Chair [Julia Carlis](#).

[Learn More](#)

MILE 2021 Postponed; Help Wanted to Plan MILE Alumni Event

Due to the unknowns of the COVID pandemic, MILE 2021 is postponed to 2022.

The MILE panel discussion at the MLA conference has also been canceled.

With the extra planning time and support from the MLA Board, we would like to invite all past MILE sub-unit members to join us this spring in a virtual gathering to reconnect and help revamp and vivify the MILE program.

Details will be available this winter.

If you are a MILE sub-unit alum and would like to help plan the spring gathering, please e-mail info.mla.mile@gmail.com with "MILE Meeting" in the subject line.

Welcome New Members!

Adja Kaba
Stacie Falvey
Trisha Burr
Elizabeth Goodrich
Dan G.

Thank you for making MLA your professional home.

Thank You Renewing Members!

Erica Nutzman
Katherine J. Stecher
Sara N. Ring
Laurel M. Hall
Peter M. Bremer
Kari M. Oanes
Laurie Ortega
Susan Schumacher
Kalan Knudson Davis
Deborah M. Bifulk
Lisa Vievering
Christie Kess
Andrew Wylie
Philip Dudas
Martha C. Bisek
Justine Martin
Carrie S. Dose
Carla Dewey Urban
Jennifer Nelson
Julia Carlis
Olivia Moris
Jamie Hoehn
Brenda McHugh
Lynn Delesha
Connie Kingrey Anderson
Samuel Neisen
Annie Katherine Larson
Jeannie Diggs
Violet Fox
Timothy Dolan
Jean Silverberg
Wendy Pradt Lougee
Monica LK. Stratton
Jackee Fountain
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Lydia Rebehn
Martha Chapin
Sheila Letscher
Rahfat Hussain
Katherine Nelsen
Laura Halverson
Danya Leebaw
Hayley Rae Coble
Abby Smith
LaBalleNambangi
Jennifer Hemken
Jane Melanie Armstrong

Vance Stuehrenberg
Sue Sonnek
Elizabeth Traxler
Jack Kolars
Adja Kaba
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