



MINNESOTA LIBRARY
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Roundup

ARLD Committee Updates

ARLD Board Elections

Interested in becoming more involved with ARLD? Know someone who would be a good board member? Consider running for a position or nominating someone for the ARLD Board! We are a fun group that works with other professionals to serve the needs of Minnesota's academic library community.

Open positions:

- Chair-Elect (three-year term)
- Member-at-Large (two-year term)
- Communications Officer (two-year term)

Nominations are due TODAY July 31!

MORE INFORMATION

NOMINATE HERE

ARLD Lightning Talk Proposals

Lightning talks maximize the amount of information shared on innovative and exciting projects, services, or ideas. We encourage you to submit a lightning talk that will be shared during the ARLD Business Meeting at the [2020 MLA Virtual Conference](#). Lightning talk presenters will have 5 minutes to present on a topic followed by an audience Q & A. Each lightning talk is limited to 1-2 presenter(s). To submit a proposal, **please complete [this form](#) by August 14.**

Anyone, including current MLIS students, can submit a proposal. The ARLD planning committee will select proposals and notify presenters by September.

Questions? Contact Jenny McBurney at jmcburne@umn.edu

SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL

Legislative Committee Updates

The Legislative Committee continues to meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month via Zoom. Our next meeting will be August 5.

To keep up-to-date with current Legislative News, please subscribe to our newsletter. The latest edition has a recap of the second special session [at this link](#).

ACCESS OUR ARCHIVES

MLA 2020 Virtual Conference Registration Now Open!

REGISTER HERE

September 30, October 1, and October 2
Three half-day sessions.

Virtual Conference Rates:

Members \$ 45

Non-members \$ 75

Keynote Speaker:

**Jana Shortal, Journalist for Kare 11
News**

Jana graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia a very long time ago and had it not been for a persistent journalism professor would have spent her adult life driving the Wienermobile.

Jana has won six regional Emmy awards.

You can see Jana weeknights on Breaking The News, KARE 11, at 6:30 pm CST.



Upcoming Events

Legislative Forum August 10

MLA's summer Legislative Forum is Monday, August 10. You can register for the morning, afternoon, or both [here!](#)

Morning Session: Education

10:00 am - 12:00 pm CST

The morning session will be focused on developing a foundation for library advocates.

Presentations include:

- Minnesota Library Funding & Structures: The Role of the State with Maggie Snow, Minitex
- Historical Overview of Legislation Affecting Libraries with Sam Walseth, Capitol Hill Associates
- Update from State Library Services: What We've Learned About Libraries During COVID-19 with Jen Nelson, State Library Services

Afternoon Session: Developing Legislative Priorities - A Workshop

1:00 - 2:30 pm CST

Come hear from each Minnesota Library Partner on their organization's current issues, proposed legislative priorities, and advocacy plan for 2021. There will be time for

discussion and questions. Attendees will leave this session united on what MLA/ITEM will advocate for at the 2021 Minnesota Legislative session and feel equipped to effectively advocate across library types.

August 18 Summer Reading & Learning Wrap Up

Join the State Library Services and MLA's Public Library Division (PLD) and Children and Young People's Section (CYP) to talk about 2020 summer reading and learning. What went well and what didn't work? What's worth keeping and what's not? What strategies did you use to increase equity in your summer program? Share your learning and results and hear from colleagues around the state! Contact PLD Chair [Julia Carlis](#) with any questions.

Event Details:

Date: Tuesday, August 18

Time: 2:00 pm -3:00 pm CST

REGISTER TODAY

September 11 CYP Virtual Unconference

The Children and Young People's section of MLA invites you to our Annual Unconference event (now Virtual).

What's an Unconference? It's a conference where we'll hear from marvelous Minnesota children's librarians on their areas of expertise. It provides an opportunity to ask questions and share our ideas and best practices.

Who should attend? This is a day of learning for anyone who cares about youth, families and libraries. That includes children's librarians, teen librarians, paraprofessionals, and those aspiring to work with youth in libraries.

Event Details

Date: Friday, September 11

Time: 9:00 am -12:30 pm CST

More to come...stay tuned for the schedule of the day!

Technical Services Section (TSS) Board Election

Looking to be more involved with MLA? Consider joining the TSS Board! The TSS is looking for a Chair-Elect.

Elections will be held during the TSS business meeting at the MLA Virtual Conference. Candidates should be TSS members in good standing. If you're a MLA member who is not currently a TSS member, there is still time to join TSS before the election!

Open Chair-Elect Position Description:

1. Serves a three-year term (first year, Chair-Elect; second year, Chair; third year, Past Chair)
2. Completes the MLA new leaders orientation (usually a one-hour online meeting in 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. Serves as chair of the TSS program committee and representative to the MLA program committee
5. Contributes to other TSS activities as planned by the executive committee

If you're interested in running for election, please email TSS Chair [Christie Kess](#) by Friday, September 18th. The TSS nominating committee will contact you to write a short bio. We look forward to working with you!

Welcome New Members!

Brian Gurewitz
Maggie Parra
Karima Vargas Bushnell
Caroline Wack

Thank you for making MLA your professional home.

Thank You Renewing Members!

Laura McDermott
Anne Friederichs
Delane James
Pete McDonnell
Carrie Braaten
Sara Fillbrandt
Joyce Yukawa
Chris Magnusson
Deni Buendorf
Nicole Miller
Meg Black
Kathy Homme
Sue Grove
Johnna Horton

Jean Kramer
Scott Vrieze

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

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