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Roundup

Save the Date for the MLA Annual Conference Oct. 1-2, 2020

Join us October 1st and 2nd, 2020, on the majestic shores of Lake Superior in Duluth! This year's conference will be a time for education, rejuvenation and connection.

Beginning this year, we are making a commitment to being more sustainable. In an attempt to reduce our carbon footprint, the MLA program guide will have fewer pages and our scheduling app will be more robust. In addition, the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center will donate all food surplus to the Second Harvest Food Shelf.

We are excited to announce our lineup of featured speakers:

- Jana Shortal, Kare 11 Keynote Speaker
- Pat Reymann, Parliamentarian "Robert's Rules Revisited"
- Julie Zaruba Fountaine, College of St. Scholastica "The Words We Say: Developing Resilience and a Growth Mindset"
- Authors: Chris Monroe, Linda LaGarde Grover, Margi Preus, and Mary Casanova

Submit Session Proposals for 2020 MLA Annual Conference

If you plan to attend the MLA Annual Conference, why not think about presenting? Submit your session proposal by April 30.

[Submit your Session Proposal](#)

Coming Soon: 2020 MLA Children & Young People's Unconference

The 2020 MLA Children & Young People's Unconference will take place in September, 2020. Some highlights will be:

- Networking opportunities
- Welcome and MLA updates from MLA CYP Chair, Kristin Schneider
- Presentations from Dakota County Library and Ramsey County Library
- Breakout discussions

Transformation of Historic Minneapolis Library Complete

The historic Arvonne Fraser Library, located adjacent to the University of Minnesota on the East Bank of the Mississippi River in Minneapolis, has recently reopened after a two-year modernization effort. Formerly known as the Southeast Library, the meticulous renovation and restoration project preserves a singular example of Midwestern Brutalist architecture designed by the renowned architect Ralph Rapson. The circa-1963 Modernist structure was transformed by the team of MacDonald & Mack Architects and Quinn Evans.

The project has already been recognized with a 2020 Minneapolis Preservation Award in the Historic Restoration, Rehabilitation, or Adaptive Reuse category. The award was presented by the Minneapolis chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), the Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission, and Preserve Minneapolis.

Originally designed to serve as a credit union, the 13,000-square-foot building was converted to a public library in 1967, with a renovation design also completed by Rapson. The building closed in 2006 but reopened in 2008 to continue serving as a public library. The facility consists of a single-story concrete structure with a basement and single-level underground parking garage.

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MLA RoundUp Needs an Editor!

Are you looking for a fun way to keep up with what's going on with the MLA? You could be the next editor the MLA Roundup!

The time required each month is minimal: On the 20th of each month, you'll copy and paste the form letter soliciting contributions for that month, adding a due date. Five or so days later, you'll log into the MLA Google account and create a new document for that month's Roundup in Drive within the Roundup folder. Then you'll copy and paste the text from contributors (both from the submission form and from their emails to you) into the document and edit it and format it, including testing the links. Then you'll retrieve the link for that doc, and send it to the Events and Outreach Coordinator.

Interested parties should [email Rebecca Merrill](#) or click the button below.

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