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Now Available: ARLD Day Keynote Address Recording

The recording from the May 1, 2020 ARLD Day Keynote Address “Loving Libraries AND Yourself: Deconstructing Vocational Awe” by Fobazi Ettarh is now available for viewing [here](#).

Keynote Speaker Fobazi M. Ettarh is the undergraduate success librarian at Rutgers–Newark. Her identities as a first-generation American, queer, and disabled woman of color shapes her librarianship, which is guided by critical perspectives and the deconstruction of white supremacy. Creator of the concept of “vocational awe,” Fobazi’s research focuses on the tensions between the espoused values of librarianship and the realities present in the experiences of marginalized librarians and users. She also studies equity, diversity, and inclusion in libraries, specifically how social and organizational infrastructures privilege the works of certain groups over others. Fobazi is the author of the article “Vocational Awe: The Lies We Tell Ourselves” and the blog WTF is A Radical Librarian, Anyway, which examines issues at the intersections of librarianship, education, activism, and social justice.

Legislative Session Wrap Up

The 2020 Legislative Session wrapped up on May 18th. While a bonding bill did not pass, it is likely there will be a special session to address further COVID-19 related items. There is still a possibility that Library Construction Grant funding will be available. In successful efforts, the education bill that passed included language to expand the allowable uses of the Regional Library Telecommunications Aid (RLTA). Read more in the MLA/ITEM lobbyist report [here](#).

The next Legislative Committee meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 3rd at 10am via Zoom**. Topics will include a session recap as well as brainstorming for the

Legislative Forum event typically held in summer. Feel free to join the discussion or listen in through the options below.

Join the Zoom meeting from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android here:

<https://zoom.us/j/199360764>

Or iPhone one-tap (US Toll): +14086380968,199360764# or
+16465588656,199360764#

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Meeting ID: 199 360 764

Membership Committee Update

Katie Sundstrom is the newly assigned lead of MLA's Membership Committee! As MLA actively seeks ways to support its members, it was decided that the previously inactive Membership Committee could be very well placed for sharing the needs, interests, and concerns of the membership to help us provide the support that everyone needs. This is an opportune period to revive the Membership Committee so we can assist our Minnesota libraries with getting through these unusual times.

The Membership Committee is actively seeking new members! We hope you will consider joining the committee as we figure out how to best recruit, retain, and serve our membership at this time. If you are interested in joining, please send an email to Katie.Sundstrom@alslib.info Thank you for your consideration!

MLA Digital Preservation Task Force Update

The MLA Digital Preservation Task Force was charged to develop a records retention policy, review and revive our donor agreement with the Minnesota Historical Society, and several other objectives related to preserving our MLA organizational content. Task force members include Jodi Grebinoski (University of Minnesota Duluth), Kate McManus (University of Minnesota Libraries) Olivia Moris (Metronet), and Sara Ring (Chair, Minitex). We completed the bulk of our work in 2019 and are now in the implementation and testing phase. Here's a quick update! We'll share more news in the coming months and at the fall virtual conference. [View our 2019 end of year report for the full details.](#)

2019

- Completed work on a brand new MLA Records Retention policy.
- Completed an inventory of MLA physical and digital records currently held.

2020

- Finalize a new donor agreement with the Minnesota Historical Society.
 - Complete appendices to MLA Records Retention policy which detail roles and responsibilities for records retention and guidelines for submission of records to the MLA archives.
 - Develop guidelines to share with MLA subunit/committee leadership and the membership.
 - Recommend guidelines for archiving the MLA newsletter, the MLA Roundup, to make them accessible and searchable with our other digital collection of newsletters.
 - Recommend a process for gathering permissions to share and archive user-submitted photographs.
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Upcoming IRT Instruction Tool Time Challenge Event

Please join IRT to gather and share budget-friendly instruction tools we've all used, discovered, or would like to try. In the **Instruction Roundtable Tool Time Challenge** events below, participants can choose whether to learn about as many tools as possible or focus on one or two tools to master and create a learning object to use.

- **Online kickoff event on June 12th at 1 p.m.** - We'll talk about things we've tried and things we're interested in trying, compiling a list of possible tools to explore. Sign up for the kickoff event [here](#).
- **Summer Slack discussion** - Throughout the summer, we'll work on our chosen tool using Slack to ask questions & offer support. Perhaps you'd want to work with another IRT member on a learning object. Join us on Slack [here](#).
- **August wrap-up event** - We'll come back together and share learning objects that were created or, for those who learned about as many tools as possible, which tools look the most interesting to try in the future.

There is no commitment required so feel free to attend one or more of the events. We hope you join us this summer!

Save the Date: PLD Listening and Sharing Session 3

Mark your calendars for PLD's Listening and Sharing Session 3, hosted by the PLD Board!

Date: Tuesday, June 23
Time: 2-3 pm

The session topic is to be determined. Watch the PLD Facebook page [here](#) for more information.

Save the Date: Children's and Young People Section Virtual Unconference

The Children's and Young People Section will be holding a Virtual Unconference on Friday, September 11th. More information to come; stay tuned!

MLA 2020 Conference Update

The MLA Board has decided to host a virtual conference rather than the traditional in-person conference for 2020 due to the current environment and ever-changing restrictions as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic.

To accommodate everyone's schedules the conference will now be held:

Wednesday afternoon, September 30

Thursday morning, October 1

Friday morning, October 2

We anticipate this change to greatly reduce the cost of the conference. The registration fees will be reduced to reflect these savings.

More details will be provided soon. Questions? Contact us at info@mnllibraryassociation.org.

[Contact Us!](#)

Save the Date: MILE 2021

Planning is underway for MILE 2021. The MLA Institute for Leadership Excellence helps you discover the leader within yourself — even if your current position is not one of leadership. During this four-day retreat, participants spend their days in an intimate conference setting with 24 other emerging library leaders from across the state. They'll develop creative approaches to problem solving and strategic planning, discover their personal strengths, and learn to lead no matter what their current library position may be. MILE 2021 will take place from **May 4-7, 2021** **at Sugar Lake Lodge in Cohasset, MN.** Tuition, application, and specifics about the curriculum are forthcoming. Be sure to attend our session at the virtual MLA conference this fall.

[More Information](#)

Welcome New Members!

John Seay
Cecelia Vetter

Thank You Renewing Members!

Gail Nordstrom
Leah Zacate
Amanda St John
Jacqueline Kramer
Heidi Hoks
Angie Noyes
Margaret Meehan
Julie Kelly
Sarah Larsen
Rachel Howell
Pam Gladis
Brian Lind
Rachel McGee
Michael Schneider
Dawn Dailey
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