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Roundup

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Statement from MLA Presidents

The Minnesota Library Association supports the ALA's protest of the rollback of federal transgender protections. **We wholeheartedly support the rights of the transgender community to use restroom facilities that are aligned with their gender identity.**

Libraries are for everyone. We will continue advocate to make sure they are welcoming spaces for everyone, as well.

<https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/blogs/the-scoop/ala-protests-rollback-transgender-protections/>

Amy Boese, President, Minnesota Library Association
Ryan McCormick, President-Elect, Minnesota Library Association
Margaret Stone, Past-President, Minnesota Library Association

Suggest Titles for the Maud Hart Lovelace Book Awards

The Maud Hart Lovelace Selection Committee relies on input from all across the state, so please let us know what you think kids should be reading! If you have specific titles you would like to be considered for the MHL awards, please use [this form](#) to submit them online. Remember, authors should be living in North America, books must be fiction and not classified as a picture book, and the target readers should be grades 3-8. Also, each person is allowed to submit 10 titles per year. We hope to hear from you!

ARLD Happy Hour - LibTech Edition, Volume 2

Academic library folks and other librarians/library staff - we had so much fun last year, we're doing it again! Please join ARLD (MLA's Academic and Research Libraries Division) for a happy hour/social gathering of library folk during the Library Technology (LibTech: <http://libtechconf.org/>) Conference on March 15th from 5:30-7:30pm. The happy hour will take place at The Rabbit Hole (<http://www.eatdrinkrabbit.com/>), conveniently located in the Midtown Global Market, right next to the Sheraton Midtown, one of the conference hotels (so, conference attendees staying at the hotel can easily catch their shuttle back to the hotel at the end of the day and then join us!).

For those not staying at the Sheraton, there is a parking ramp and a metered parking lot on either side (ramp on one side, lot on the other) of the Midtown Global Market. It is also a relatively central location for an affordable cab/Uber/Lyft ride to various Twin Cities Locations, as well as a central transit hub (<http://www.metrotransit.org/>) - i.e. lots of buses stop there.

Specials for this event: \$2.00 off tap beers & house wines, \$3.00 rails, and \$11.00 burger and beer special.

We hope you can join us!

More information and to RSVP:

<http://www.mnlibraryassociation.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=926383>

PLD Day Call for Lighting Round Presenters

PLD Day 2017 will occur on April 12th at the Grand Event Center in Northfield, MN, and I am inviting you to present one of the lightning round sessions.

A lightning round is a 5-minute presentation that relates to public library services in MN. Last year we learned about Minecraft Coding Camp from Natalie Eierman, Services to ASD families from Jody Wurl, the LSTA project "Books on the Fly" from Kimberly Edson, and mentorship from Jill Smith.

If you have a great program, a new (or old) service, a quick training, or other ideas that you would be willing to share, please submit a proposal consisting of a brief description and 3 learning targets to the PLD Executive Committee (stacey.hendren@co.anoka.mn.us) by Monday, March 6th.

Thank you for all you do for MN Libraries! See you in Northfield!

Stacey R. Hendren
2017 Chair, Public Libraries Division
Minnesota Library Association

Tribal Libraries Update

Eleven tribal nations in Minnesota each have unique information access and literacy needs; tribal libraries support both areas. However, tribal libraries are ineligible to receive state aid and often rely on grants to fund their services. This month, we're showcasing the Maamigin Achigaazo, the White Earth Nation's library: Maamigin Achigaazo, meaning the Gathering Place, opened its doors on August 21, 2015 with support from an IMLS Enhancement grant.

The Library includes a Smart Play Spot from the Minnesota Children's Museum to let children and their families celebrate literacy and the Ojibwe culture and 15 Little Free Libraries throughout the reservation.

In April, the Maamigin Achigaazo will celebrate the Week of the Young Child with fairy tale activities all month, featuring a story time, fun activities with the book, and dramatic play reenactment in the Smart Play Spot. Fairy tales include Jack in the Bean Stalk, the Three Little Pigs, and Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. During the last week of April, the Library will share this fun at the annual Week of the Young Child event so more White Earth families can learn about the Library and Smart Play Spot. For more information, please contact Barb Fabre at barb.fabre@whiteearth-nsn.gov.

Final Report: MLA History Day Project Complete

The MLA History Digital Project Committee began our work with a kick-off meeting in February 2015, and completed our last batch two years later in February, 2017. Our MLA Collection in Minnesota Reflections now has a total of 591 documents and newsletters (equal to 5,291 pages of content) from our archive.

- [View the collection](#)

The content we chose to digitize, describe, and make accessible spans from 1891 to 1995. Here's a list of what we digitized:

- [Scripts](#) from a radio show called Fact Finders, created by the MLA Radio Committee and broadcast weekly from 1938-1939
- [Annual conference programs 1896-1987](#)
- [Minutes and written reports](#) from annual conferences from 1891-1987, including notes from the very first 1891 annual meeting
- The first traveling library list of books from 1898 ([6 lists](#))
- [MLA newsletters](#) from 1939 – 2005. Here are the various names of previous MLA newsletters: MLA Peddler (1939 - 1943), MLA Bulletin (1951 – 1959), Bulletin of the Minnesota Library Association (1959-1971), Journal of the Minnesota Library Association Lakeland Lib'arian and Librarian (1972), Journal of the Minnesota Library Association, North Country Librarian (1973-1974), MLA Newsletter (1974 – 2005)
- [Founding documents of the Association](#), such as the constitution

Though our initial project is complete, there is still room for more digitization projects in the future. I would like to thank the committee for their perseverance, time, and effort put into this project. The committee members and liaisons include Beth Goodrich, Marguerite Moran, Sara Ring, Maggie Snow, Elizabeth Wong, Jeanette Ward, and Jody Wurl.

Sara Ring
Chair, MLA History Digital Project Committee

North Dakota Library Association Unconference

The Health Science Information Section and Academic & Special Libraries Section of NDLA are planning a pilot unconference for May 16, 1-4:30pm. What is an unconference, you ask? We will be connecting online with the opportunity to share ideas, provide updates on what your library is doing or special projects, and dialogue about issues important to you and your library. Mary Soucie, the state librarian, will join us.

[RSVP or sign up to share your idea here](#) (proposals due by March 10)

We look forward to hearing from you!

Kristen Borysewicz, Chair of ASL | Merete Christianson, Chair of HSIS
Laura Trude, Chair-Elect of ASL | Dawn Hackman, Chair-Elect of HSIS
Jessica Gilbert-Redman, Technology Support | Erika Fischer, HSIS Secretary and Website Support

MLA Board Update

The MLA Board met on Friday, February 17th. 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 February. Welcome to MLA!

- Mags David
- Jessica Jacobs
- Mackenzie Morning
- Eric Nelsen
- Ann Oberle DeGroot
- Janis Shearer
- Julie Trebelhorn

Thank you renewing members!

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

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