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ALA Midwinter Chapter Councilor Report

As the the Minnesota Chapter representative to ALA Council, my job is to vote on behalf of the MLA membership, and to communicate news and issues from ALA back to you. ALA Council, the governing body of the Association, meets at ALA Midwinter and at the ALA Annual Conference. I presented my [ALA Midwinter Chapter Councilor Report](#) at the March MLA Board meeting.

Here are a few highlights from ALA midwinter. Please visit the link above for more information:

- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion will be added as a 4th strategic direction of ALA, and the 2015 ALA Strategic Plan will be amended.
- The Intellectual Freedom Committee reported that they have started to track hate crimes via the [Challenged Books Reporting Form](#).
- The ALA Conference is undergoing a remodel. The objectives are to plan a more manageable and easy-to-navigate Annual Conference, reduce the campus size, create clearly articulated content streams that bring together both programs and peer-to-peer learning, reduce schedule conflicts between sessions on the same topic, and increase sustainability. The changes will not be fully implemented until the 2018 Annual Conference.

Here are the resolutions that passed:

- Resolution Establishing Family/Caregiver Status as a Protected Class in ALA Volunteer Work, CD #31

- Resolution on Access to Accurate Information, CD #19.10
- Resolution on Gun Violence Affecting Libraries, Library Workers, and Library Patrons, CD #42

There is just one resolution that did not pass, the Resolution on the Education Requirements for Future ALA Executive Directors, CD #14.1. This was a resolution to make a masters degree in library science a preferred qualification, but not required. Since it didn't pass, it will stay a requirement as the job search begins to replace ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels, to retire in July 2017.

If there are any questions or concerns that you would like to discuss, please don't hesitate to contact me at ring0089@umn.edu.

Tribal Libraries Update

In four of Minnesota's eleven tribal nations, tribal colleges--accredited institutions chartered by tribes--support tribal sovereignty through affordable access to culturally responsive higher education. At each tribal college, librarians often shoulder huge workloads despite an absence of reliable funding, all with the goal of encouraging student success through information access. Recently, at White Earth Tribal and Community College (WETCC) in Mahanomen, this work has centered around physical infrastructure, with WETCC's new library and archive opening just in time for the start of the Fall 2016 semester.

Prior to WETCC Library Director Tammi Jalowiec's arrival in August 2016, WETCC's library was spread throughout three separate spaces. Because WETCC has a library staff of just one person, not all collections were simultaneously accessible. As Tammi settles into the new library, she's focused on relocating, organizing, assessing, and improving the college's collection of about 7,500 items, housing everything together for the first time. The addition of a climate-controlled archive is also leading to opportunities for collaboration with White Earth's historic preservation officer. In the future, WETCC faculty will be able to enhance curriculum using local primary sources from the archive.

CYPS Unconference

On Friday, March 24, forty youth services librarians met at the Heritage Library in Lakeville (DCL) for the fourth annual Unconference put on by the Children's and Young People's Section (CYPS) of MLA. The morning sessions focused on serving our patrons ages birth-3. Dr. Mike Troy from Children's Hospitals presented on the developing infant brain and offered some real insight into why we spend so much effort in serving our youngest patrons. This was followed up by a Q & A session with five librarians experienced in providing Baby Storytimes at their libraries: Mary Healy (ACL), Sarah Iverson (DCL), Sue Tracy (HCL), Sarah Rosten (WCL), and Jill Smith (Bayport Public Library).

After a lunch break, attendees broke into discussion groups to explore issues of importance to youth librarians. Topics included, but were not limited to: Serving Immigrant Families, Graphic Novel Reader's Advisory, Passive Programming, and Inter-Generational Programming.

MLA thanks the Dakota County Library and specifically those involved in the planning and organizing of this event. Attendees left the day with lots of new ideas and new insight into the minds of our youngest patrons!

CYPS will be heading up the next Monthly Meet-Up on Sunday, April 23 at the Liffey Pub

and Grill in St. Paul (<http://theliffey.com/>). We will gather at 4:00 to discuss anything and everything - not just children's services! Please join us for this informal get-together! Contact [Monica Stratton](#) for further information.

Law Library Educational Program

The metro county law libraries and the State Law Library will be hosting an educational program on April 21 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. The training will be held at the new Shoreview branch of the Ramsey County Library. Sessions will include:

- Review of mncourts.gov with special emphasis on help topics, forms, and a description of statewide self-help services
- Overview of where to find probate and estate planning materials online
- Program on criminal expungement
- Session dealing with common landlord tenant issues
- Exercise on where to find legal forms

All librarians are welcome! We hope you can join us. Registration information will go out closer to the event. Please contact [Liz Reppe](#) for further information.

Register today for ARLD Day 2017!

[ARLD Day](#), the annual conference of MLA's Academic and Research Library Division, will take place April 28, 2017 at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Join us and attend amazing keynote and breakout sessions, network with other academic library folk, explore the spring flowers, and stay for the door prizes!

Find out more and [register](#) today!

ALA Emerging Leaders Sponsorship Report

When I learned that I would join the 2017 ALA Emerging Leaders (EL) Program, I had no way of knowing how profound the experience would be. As part of an all-day program in a conference ballroom with almost one hundred other Emerging Leaders from around the country, I had the opportunity to learn about ALA's structure, network with experienced ALA leaders, and—most importantly—network with other new librarians and share our visions for the future of American libraries.

Midwinter in Atlanta was the first time that I had participated in an ALA conference; the EL program gave me a guided and structured introduction to what would otherwise have been an overwhelming and intimidating experience. The EL Program divides participants into teams which execute focused projects that we will document in poster sessions at ALA in Chicago this summer.

Thanks to my experience in LGBTQ archives—evidenced in my book, *Land of 10,000 Loves: A History of Queer Minnesota*—I was able to join a team that is working with the ALA GLBT Roundtable (GLBTRT) to start work on a digital archive that documents the GLBTRT's history. The GLBTRT will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2020, and I am thrilled to be part of commemorating its crucial dedication to celebrating diversity in our profession.

My team members hailed from Chicago, Houston, Memphis, and Philadelphia, and we shared our expertise in instruction, diversity engagement, archival digitization, and project

management. In addition to having a little fun at the expense of my Minnesota accent, my EL colleagues set to work with me as our team created a timeline for setting up the digital archive, which guarantees to be an illuminating vantage into a crucial part of ALA.

The MLA's support was a deciding factor in my capacity to join the program, and I am grateful for that necessary support. The EL program is fundamental to ensuring that new generations of leaders familiarize themselves with the structure of ALA and network with one another to meet the demands that libraries will face in the future.

I was able to join with other librarians at the Women's March on Washington in Atlanta that weekend. It was a perfect allegory for the EL experience: marching together with colleagues as we move forward together to realize a more engaged and diverse future.

Stewart Van Cleve

Let's Move! Libraries

Hello everyone,

I am announcing a new project: "Let's Move! Libraries." At the [project website](#) you will find information on movement-based programs in public libraries throughout North America (think yoga/tai chi/Zumba in the library, StoryWalks, music and movement, walking groups, etc.). The overall goal of this project is to strengthen work already underway in public libraries that seeks to get our communities up and moving.

If you work in a public library in Minnesota, please consider taking a few minutes to fill out this [short survey](#) about any programs or services your library provides, has provided in the past, or is planning to provide in the future. The results from this survey will be shared on the project website in Fall 2017.

Please share this message with others you think may be interested in this project. Thank you for your time! I look forward to your feedback.

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Nominate a Minnesota Academic Innovator Today!

Innovation. Change. Transformation. Breakthrough. Do you know an academic librarian or academic project team whose projects, programs, or services have made recent outstanding contributions that advance the mission of an academic and/or research library through an innovative project, program, or service?

If so, nominate him or her today for the Minnesota Academic Innovators Award! Nominations can be made [online](#) through Monday, April 3, 2017.

The Minnesota Academic Innovators Award is sponsored by the MLA Academic & Research Libraries Division (ARLD). The recipient of the award will be recognized and

presented with \$300 at [ARLD Day 2017](#) (April 28th at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum). MLA membership is not required for nominators or nominees.

Award criteria: Projects, programs, or services should demonstrate creativity, quality, and innovation within the context of an academic institution. Innovation is doing something in a new way. Innovation can be a brand new idea or refining something that's always been done with great results. Innovation will be considered very broadly and is not limited to technology. Previous winners' [projects](#) have included embedded librarianship, community outreach, and library assessment.

Questions? Contact [Amanda Mills](#)

Congrats to the MILE 2017: Lead for Life Cohort

We are pleased to announce the participants of MILE 2017. They will be gathering May 2-5 at Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge in Deerwood to develop leadership skills and meet and network with other library professionals. Thank you to all who applied!

Angela Stangl
Christine Wayne
Dawn Dailey
Emilie Hanson
Emily Soltis
Heidi Anderson-Ferdinand
Holly Carlson
Jennifer Gerbig
Jesse Sawyer
Julie Wright
Katie Pierce
Kelly McBride
Kirsten Vaughan
Kristen Cooper
Margaret Behr
Megan Olson
Molly Flaspohler
Nate Nins
Patti Bross
Sara Stambaugh
Sarah Ethier
Stephanie Opstad
Syrena Maranell
Tasha McLachlan
Violet Fox

MLA Board Update

The MLA Board met on Friday, March 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.

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