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Annual Conference Registration is now OPEN!

Go to the MLA website and check out the schedule, the speakers and everything else that's going on during the conference. Look for information about the pre-conference on Wednesday!

Call for ARLD poster session proposals at MLA Annual Conference

We are now accepting proposals for the poster session hosted by the Academic and Research Libraries Division of the Minnesota Library Association at the MLA 2016 Annual Conference.

Proposals are due August 17, 2016. Please submit your poster proposals online.

Poster Session Requirements

Poster sessions may present any of the following:

- A description of an innovative library program
- An analysis of a practical problem-solving effort
- A report of a research study

Poster sessions are not for product advertisements, vendor displays, or similar promotional purposes. Participants must be available to informally discuss their posters with meeting attendees during the ARLD Poster Session, immediately following the ARLD Annual Meeting, at the MLA Annual Conference September 29, 2016 at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center in Duluth, MN from 8:10-9:50 am. Poster boards will be displayed on easels.

When submitting a proposal, you will need to provide:

- Title – consider choosing a title that is short enough to be cast in an extra large font which can be read from a distance)
- Abstract (200 words or fewer) – a plaintext description of your proposal, its impact, and how you will present it
- Information about each presenter

Fourth Annual RASS Rendezvous

Join RASS for our fourth annual networking event, the RASS Rendezvous on Monday August 15th, from 5-7pm at the George Latimer Central Library in St. Paul! The evening will consist of a tour of the newly renovated George Latimer Central Library, food, and discussion.

St. Paul Public Library staff will provide a tour of the George Latimer Central Library, including its history and highlighting accomplishments of the 2015-2016 renovation. Share ideas, frustrations, and delve into what it means to serve adults. Plus, enjoy dinner from Erbert and Gerbert’s Sandwich Shop. We will be ordering sandwiches and treats!

The event is free for MLA members and $10 for non-members. Register by August 10th!

More details and registration on the MLA Website

One Conference One Book

https://mnlibraryassociation.site-ym.com/admin/email/bulk_email_body.asp?id=2548110
"What is a true Minnesotan? In a land defined by Lake Wobegon, the Vikings, Snoopy and Mary Tyler Moore, the ideas of who we are have not caught up to the realities not by a long shot. This book helps narrow that gap." - Wing Young Huie, author of Frogtown and The University Avenue Project.

The library patrons walking through your door, no doubt, different than the patrons who walked through the same door 30 years ago. That’s what makes this year’s One Conference One Book selection a timely and vital read. A Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota is a collection of 16 essays from writers who give you the chance to step in someone else’s shoes and help you understand what it is like to be a person of color in Minnesota.

In their exceptionally engaging essays, they invite us to see the world through their eyes. Their world is very different than most of ours and yet their world is still Minnesota! In some ways, it is a challenging read – after all, the subject is provocative – but in other ways, it’s an easy read: 16 self-contained essays, each with a different idea and perspective. Pick up the book and read a 15-page essay and then go back when you’re ready for another viewpoint. Whether you read just one or all 16 essays, you’re going to want to talk about what you’ve read – and what is better than the opportunity to talk with the editor, Sun Yung Shin, and three of the authors; Shannon Gibney, Andrea Jenkins and Rodrigo Sanchez-Chavarria. Join us at the conference at 1:45pm on Thursday!

Catalog your autobiography at MLA

How would you describe your life story? What title and subject tags best fit your career in libraries? Do terms like children’s librarian, MLA presenter, or cat lover describe you? Stop by the Technical Services Section (TSS) table at MLA to catalog your autobiography. Choose a title for your bio and subjects to describe yourself. Pose for a serious or funky pie for your cover image. Have fun reflecting on how your story fits into MLA’s proud 125-year history!

Get involved with the Technical Services Section

Are you an MLA member who works in technical services? Then please consider volunteering for the Technical Services Section (TSS) nominating committee! The TSS Chair-Elect position is open for 2017, and we need two people to serve on the committee that seeks out good candidates. Duties include preparing a slate of one or more candidates, and securing consent from each candidate, for the election to be held during the TSS Business Meeting at the MLA Annual Conference. If you can help out on the nominating committee, or you would like to put your own name forward as a candidate for the Chair-Elect position, please contact Christie Schultz at Christie.Schultz@co.dakota.mn.us or 651-450-2937 before Aug. 15.

Libraries Transform Minnesota

Launched in October, 2015, Libraries Transform is an ALA initiative to increase public awareness of the value, impact, and services provided by libraries and library professionals. The goal is not only to increase awareness, but to also shift perceptions that libraries are “nice to have” to “essential to have,” and to energize library professionals.

MLA has created a Minnesota branded version of the Libraries Transform logo. You can use it on your library website. Find the logos on the Advocacy and Legislation page or on the Forms and Logos page (member login required).

The ALA Libraries Transform website also includes a toolkit where you can download posters, postcards, and bookmarks with statements about why Libraries are transforming, get tips for implementing the campaign at your local library, and sign up to receive updates about the campaign.

We’ll be posting occasional updates and ideas for engaging with the campaign in upcoming MLA Roundups. Let us know if you have ideas!

Sign up to follow the campaign, or follow nationally on Twitter: #librariestransform

Geraldine B. King, past President of MLA, passed away

Geraldine B. King, President of MLA in 1974, passed away on July 18 in Olympia, Washington. Read her full obituary here.

Spotlight on MLA history

The Minnesota Library Association from 1891 through 2016, has focused on innovative ways to transform libraries. Today our mission is to be an association of library supporters, representing all types of libraries by helping them accomplish together what none can do alone. The Minnesota Library Association (MLA) serves the interests of its members by facilitating educational opportunities, supporting strong ethical standards, providing legislative assistance, and fostering connections between the library community and various constituencies. MLA offers year round opportunities for connection among library supporters and associates. In honor of the upcoming MLA 125th celebration and conference in Duluth, below is a selection of highlighted MLA anniversaries.

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- Organization of a library association for Minnesota, similar to those organized on other states, on a plan recommended by the American Library Association.

- Committee appointed to draw up a constitution.

- Election of officers.

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50th - St. Cloud  1941  665

“Reflections of a Librarian in Retirement on a Minnesota Farm” — Dr. Geza Schutz, former Reference Librarian, Montclair Public Library

— Junior Members’ Section Luncheon

“Library-Museum Relations” — Dr. Louis H. Powell, St. Paul Science Museum

— Second General Session

“Recent Developments of the WPA Project in the Field of Library Extension” — Miss Lucille Gottry

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The Future of the Public Library is Now

Susan Goldberg, Director, Minneapolis Public Library and past president Public Library Association, addressed an audience of 100-150 people. She called a public library the institution which symbolizes a community and used circulation statistics from 1939 and 1938 to illustrate the essential service to the community. Today, public libraries can no longer be passive. Libraries must show civic managers the connection between the information revolution and libraries as the information providers.

Networked information resources and services: priorities and strategies in the early 1990’s.

Paul Evans Peters, Director, Coalition for Networked Information, acquainted his audience with the present and future capabilities of the INTERNET, which is of special interest to librarians because of its capability to provide access to 250 on-line catalogs of libraries throughout Western Europe, North America, and the Pacific Rim. He briefly described the develop-

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Check out these possible sessions at the MLA 2016 Conference:

- Not your 1990 Government Information Anymore! Evolving Government Website Search Design and Interfaces;
- Everyone Welcome: Best Practices for Racially Inclusive Storytimes;
- Marketing Magic: Top Tips and Tricks for Marketing Your Library; and
- I Don’t Want to Adult Today: Children’s Programs for Adults.
MLA125 Reference Challenge: Research¹, Answer & Win²

In honor of MLA's 125th anniversary we're posing some 125 trivia questions from now until Annual Conference September 29-30 in Duluth.

How it works: Look for the question in your MLA Roundup. Submit your answer to the reference question to mla125trivia@gmail.com. All correct answers will be entered into a random drawing. There will be one winner for each question posted. Answers will be posted in the next Roundup.

The PRIZE: A limited edition Happy 125th MLA notebook

This Month’s MLA125 Reference Challenge:

How is 125 represented in roman numerals?

Send your answers to mlatrivia125@gmail.com
Entries must be received by: Wednesday, August 24
Good Luck!

Congratulations to Last Month’s WINNER: Cassie Gilgenbach, Reference Librarian at Owatonna Public Library & new MLA member!

Answer:
In what year did MLA’s membership reach a total of 125 members?
The correct answer is: 1910

1Keep it real, google or the MLA website all you really need here.
2Maybe win. Each correct response will be entered in a random drawing each month.

MLA Board Update

The MLA Board met on Friday, July 22nd. 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 joined MLA this month. Welcome to MLA!

- Marcia Anderson
- Cary Averill
- Susan Hart
- Kayleen Jones
- Alicia Kubas
- Jennifer McBurney
- Amanda Steinke
- Elizabeth Tegeler

Thank you renewing members!

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

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