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## Roundup

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### ARLD Knows Happy Hour

**When:** Wednesday, October 4 from 8-10pm

**Where:** Forager Brewing Company (<https://foragerbrewery.com/>), Rochester, MN

**Why?:** Wash away those pre-conference jitters at the annual ARLD Happy Hour! Drop your bags at the hotel and join your academic and research library colleagues at Forager Brewery (in the Library room!) for hand-crafted brews and locally-sourced wood-fired pizzas.

Not an alternative fact: all are welcome!

RSVP on the Facebook Event page (<https://www.facebook.com/events/1429426793816010/>)

### Public Library Division Social October 4

Join the Public Libraries Division for networking, socializing, and apps at The Loop in downtown Rochester on Wednesday evening! We'll be meeting at the restaurant (318 1st Ave SW) at 5:00 PM, or meet us at the Rochester Public Library at 4:45 and walk over together. Space is limited to 20 people so reserve your spot today by contacting Allison Girres at [agirres@rochester.lib.mn.us](mailto:agirres@rochester.lib.mn.us).

RSVP on the Facebook Event page ( <https://www.facebook.com/PLDofMLA> )

### Attend the ARLD Division Meeting October 5

Current ARLD members (along with anyone interested in learning more about our organization and volunteer opportunities) are invited to come to the ARLD Division Meeting at the MLA Annual Conference on Thursday, October 5, from 1-1:50 pm, at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester. There will be a short business meeting followed by a

dazzling (and informative) poster session. ARLD bingo (with prizes) will be making a return. We hope to see you there!

## Thinking About Energy Efficiency? A CERT Seed Grant Could Help

CERT seed grant funds could pay for the labor associated with a lighting retrofit to more efficient lighting. Lighting upgrades can decrease energy bills and provide better light quality. Libraries could access utility rebates to help buy down the cost. As a community hub, information resources about the lighting change-out could also help educate residents about energy efficient lighting.

If you have already tackled energy efficiency, CERT seed grant funds could also be used to pay for the labor to install a solar system in front of your local library. As a community hub, a clean energy installation on the local library could catalyze community conversations about solar energy as well as the solar energy helping to offset some of your energy costs.

Learn more about CERT seed grants here: [mncerts.org/rfp](http://mncerts.org/rfp). Applications are due October 20th.

## Are You Game for Libraries?

We are conducting a research project to better understand the role of videogames in libraries, the value and challenges such programming brings, and the factors that influence adoption and implementation of videogame programming.

The survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete and will help inform library science educators and librarians nationwide in regard to videogame programming. Please consider taking this short survey to help us learn more:

[https://und.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bPKGbxPbR4SqVg1](https://und.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bPKGbxPbR4SqVg1)

Additionally, kindly pass along this information and link to any/ all librarians (at public, private, academic, and special interest libraries) who may be interested in providing feedback.

## MLA Board Update

The MLA Board met on Friday, September 15th. 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 September. Welcome to MLA!

- Anne Burkhardt
- Jade Cabagnet
- Sharon Dahms
- Amanda Feist
- Kai Gottschalk

- Melissa Haseman
- Molly Hazelton
- Tracy Kampa
- Michele Leininger
- Angie Mason
- Mark McCullough
- Stacy Price
- Michaela Reed
- Casie Reiner
- Netanya Roden
- Kallie Schell
- Andrew Stewart
- Annaliese Werner Thomas
- Heather Wiegand
- Kaitlin Wolfe
- Suzanne Yoch

## **Thank You Renewing Members!**

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

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