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Roundup

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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

Register for the 2017 Lake Superior Libraries Symposium

Registration is now open for the sixth annual Lake Superior Libraries Symposium! LSLS17 will be held on June 9, 2017 in Duluth, Minnesota at the University of Minnesota Duluth Kathryn A. Martin Library. Reflecting this year's conference theme, Beyond Neutral, breakout sessions will invite participants to challenge the traditional stance of libraries as neutral spaces.

Our keynote speaker is Dr. Lorie Roy, Professor in the School of Information at the University of Texas at Austin, former president of the American Indian Library Association and American Library Association, and recipient of the 2015 Distinguished Service Award from the American Indian Library Association. The conference also features a lightning round and two social events. For more information and to register, see

<https://lakesuperiorlibrariesymposium.com/symposia/lsls17/>

For an additional registration fee, attendees can participate in a pre-conference workshop, "Libraries Serving Native Communities: Collaboration and Support," facilitated by Dr. Lorie Roy on Thursday, June 8 from noon-4pm. Find more information about the workshop at <https://lakesuperiorlibrariansymposium.com/symposia/lsls17/pre-conference-workshop/>

Tribal Libraries Update

Out of Minnesota's four tribal colleges, the libraries at Red Lake Nation College and Leech Lake Tribal College serve jointly as academic and community libraries, providing academic services like in-class information literacy instruction alongside public services like summer reading programs. This duality is not uncommon among tribal libraries and creates opportunities for tribal colleges to develop strong relationships with their communities. As with most tribal libraries, however, joint-use libraries like Red Lake and Leech Lake still depend on grants to provide their high levels of service.

The Bezhigoogahbow Library, housed at Leech Lake Tribal College, recently received a grant to upgrade its archive infrastructure. During the next year, library staff will renovate a 400-square-foot room, replacing flooring, adding security elements, and investing in proper archival storage for the library's collection of photographs, audio and video recordings, tribal newspapers, and other materials. In conjunction with these physical improvements, the library will also begin digitizing its collection, working with the Leech Lake Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and MnPALS staff to develop a digital asset management system responsive to cultural access protocols.

Welcome New Members!

The following members joined MLA in March and April. Welcome to MLA!

- Carolyn Blocher
- Virginia Connell
- Mary Dubbs
- Jill Galbraith
- Kat Gerwig
- John Keister
- Daniela Kroon
- Deb Lanthier
- Sarah Larsen
- Emily Lloyd
- Larry Marquardt
- Nathan Nins
- Jesse Sawyer
- Theresa Schroeder
- Emily Smith
- Amanda St John
- Rebecca Stephens

- Ann Wahlstrom
- Jo Walter
- Lynne Weber
- Margit Wilson

Thank You Renewing Members!

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

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