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ALA Condemns Racism and Violence in Charlottesville

American Library Association President Jim Neal released the following statement regarding the recent tragic violence in Charlottesville, Virginia.

"The ALA expresses our deepest condolences to the families and friends of those lost and injured during this weekend's protests in Charlottesville, Virginia. We will not forget their efforts to enlighten and safeguard their communities from bigotry while opposing racist, anti-immigrant, anti-GLBTQ, and anti-Semitic violence. We stand in solidarity with the people of Virginia as well as anyone who protests hate and fights for equity, diversity and inclusion.

"The vile and racist actions and messages of the white supremacist and neo-Nazi groups in Charlottesville are in stark opposition to the ALA's core values. No matter the venue or the circumstance, we condemn any form of intimidation or discrimination based on culture, ethnicity, gender, nationality, race, religion, or sexual orientation. Our differences should be celebrated, and mutual respect and understanding should serve as the norms within our society.

"The ALA supports voices of hope as such actions mirror the library community's efforts to abolish bigotry and cultural invisibility. As we recently [stated](#), 'we must continue to support

the creation of a more equitable, diverse and inclusive society,' and we will do this through the work of our members and through resources such as [Libraries Respond](#)."

Applications to Join the Technical Services Section Board Due Before September 5

The Technical Services Section (TSS) is looking for good people! Our Board has two openings this fall: Chair-Elect, and Secretary. Elections will be held during the TSS Business Meeting at the October MLA conference, which you can read about here: <http://www.mnlibraryassociation.org/?page=TSS#events>

Candidates should be TSS members in good standing, but if you're an MLA member who hasn't joined TSS yet, you have time to do so before the election. Here are descriptions of the two positions:

Chair-Elect

1. Serves a three-year term (first year, Chair-Elect; second year, Chair; third year, Past Chair)
2. Completes the MLA New Leaders orientation (usually a one-hour meeting in early December or January)
3. Assists the Chair in planning the TSS annual business meeting at the annual conference — working with the other members of the TSS executive committee
4. Serves as chair of the TSS program committee and representative to the MLA program committee
5. Contributes to other TSS activities as planned by the executive committee

Secretary

1. Serves a two-year term
2. Assists the Chair and other members of the TSS executive committee in conducting outreach for TSS at the annual MLA conference or other venues
3. Assists the Chair in planning the TSS business meeting at MLA's annual conference — working with the other members of the TSS executive committee
4. Records official minutes for the TSS annual business meeting. Presents the previous year's minutes to TSS members for approval at this meeting. Following approval, submits minutes to the MLA Executive Director for posting on the TSS page of the MLA Web site
5. When needed, assists Chair in submitting news items to MLA Roundup, or otherwise communicating with TSS members
6. Contributes to other TSS activities as planned by the executive committee
7. May run for and be re-elected to a consecutive two-year term, if desired

If you are interested in running for election, please e-mail TSS Chair Rebecca Ganzel at ganzel@augzburg.edu by Tuesday September 5 at the latest. Our nominating committee will contact you to ask you to write a short bio. We look forward to working with you!

2018 Library Technology Conference Proposals Due

September 22

LibTech Conference 2018
March 14-15, 2018
Macalester College
St. Paul, MN

Do you have a technology-related library project, experiment, or innovation you'd like to share? We invite you to submit a session proposal for the 2018 Library Technology Conference. The conference features presentations, workshops, and lightning round sessions and is attended by library staff, library students, educators, technologists, designers, and others interested in libraries and technology.

Projects could already be implemented or still in process. Long-term experiments that stretch the boundaries of how we work, or will work, in libraries, as well as "out of the box" solutions and ideas for libraries struggling to keep up with evolving technologies are all welcome topics.

Please review our [Planning Your Proposal](#) resources for help in creating a successful proposal. Submissions are due September 22, 2017.

Questions? Contact us at libtechconference@macalester.edu.

Don't Miss the RASS Rendezvous Friday, September 29

The 5th Annual Reference and Adult Services Subunit (RASS) Rendezvous will be held Friday, September 29th at 3:30. Join us at the Anoka County Library – Johnsville Branch (12461 Oak Park Blvd. NE, Blaine) for networking and special guest speaker Elise Ebhardt, co-founder of [Fix-It Tech MN](#). Fix-It Tech is a free community technology education event providing computer repair, education and resources. Elise will speak on and facilitate discussion on digital literacy outreach for adult populations.

Please contact Jill Wujcik at jwujcik41@hotmail.com with questions about this event.

MLA Board Update

The MLA Board met on Friday, August 18th. 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 August. Welcome to MLA!

- Ruth Bender
- Elizabeth Butterfield
- Lindsey Dyer
- Rhonda Huisman
- Gail Laxen
- Patrick Mulrooney
- Ria Newhouse
- Lydia Rebehn
- Pam Sanford
- Julie Taylor
- Katherine Whitney

Thank you renewing members!

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

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