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Roundup

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Letter from the President

Library community, I think the work you do is radical. W. Kamau Bell impressed an auditorium filled with librarians in January this year by saying speaking to them had as much power as “hitting the streets to protest.” I agree with him. We are powerful, we work hard at what we do, and I want to thank you.

Thank you for your efforts to keep information free and accessible, to give all kids the opportunity to start school ready to learn, to provide safe spaces for the vulnerable, for advocating for our work with boards or administrators, business leaders and legislators.

Thank you for teaching the difference between fake news and verified facts, how to cite references and find multiple sources, how to be better scholars, how to create content and

publish it.

Thank you for buying, promoting, and advocating for stories by people of color, transgender authors, native voices, by those whose life experience may differ from your own through religion, circumstance or ability. Thank you for believing in authors who deserve a chance to tell their own stories, and who have been spoken for or ignored in the past.

As Cory Doctorow said at the ALA National Conference in June, libraries are one of the few places in our daily lives where people are more than “ambulatory wallets.” We are spaces to invite better understanding, spaces where we host voices like Dawson, MN doctor Ayaz Virji to come and speak about his experiences as a Muslim in his community. I encourage you to read the articles and interviews about his experience, if you haven’t already:

<http://wapo.st/2u1OAYO>

The upcoming MLA Annual Conference in October will support all of our radical work with new ideas, experiences we can learn from, new areas of scholarship in the library world, and the opportunity to discuss all of this with your peers. I am greatly looking forward to gathering with you.

Kelly Barnhill, MN author and the winner of the 2017 Newbery Medal for *The Girl Who Drank the Moon*, said in her acceptance letter, “Reading is radical, full stop. Which is why every kid deserves a library stacked to the rafters with radical reads — books that enlarge us, ennoble us, books that remind us to be brave and bold and kind and righteous. Books that challenge us to face the narratives in our culture that twist, that divide, that tell us lies about ourselves — and to break them down, look inside, analyze their working parts, and ultimately write something new. Tell a new story. Rewrite the world.”

Thanks for helping to rewrite the world, MN. Let’s keep working.

Amy Boese
MLA President

Chapter Councilor Report, ALA Annual 2017

I presented my ALA Annual Chapter Councilor report at the July MLA Board meeting, and you can read it in full on the MLA website [here](#). Here are a few highlights from that report:

- Minnesota submitted to ALA Council a memorial resolution for Bob Rohlf, (Robert Henry ‘Bob’ Rohlf, M-#12). He was a past MLA President, Director of Hennepin County Library for 25 years, an ALA Councilor, ALA PLA President, and much, much more. The resolution is included at the end of my full report, linked to above.
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion is now a 4th ALA Strategic Direction. The Task Force has morphed into a small group to implement the [50+ recommendations](#) of the Task Force.
- Phase One of the [Fight for Libraries](#) appropriations campaign was very successful,

especially in the U.S. Senate. More than 42,000 emails were sent to Congress. As of July, the U.S. House of Representatives Appropriations Committee made no cuts to IMLS, LSTA or IAL. The Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Funding Bill is not expected to reach the House floor until this fall. The federal appropriations process is a marathon, not a sprint, and we are still at the beginning of the process.

- The [Corporate Committee for Library Investment](#) launched recently (co-conceived by the ALA Office of Government Relations and Gale/Cengage). Current membership is at 100 and includes individual companies and three national trade associations. Its mission is to maximize federal library funding. This is unprecedented corporate support for library funding.
- Incoming ALA President Jim Neal's vision for the next year will be taking an outward view, and the theme for his external initiatives will be Libraries Transform: Libraries Lead. The library public awareness campaign Libraries Transform has been extended into 2020.
- The ALA Conference Accessibility Task Force, charged with researching accessibility at ALA conferences and meetings, produced a final set of recommendations for facilitating improvements, available [here](#).
- The Intellectual Freedom Committee celebrates their 50th Anniversary this year. Several other emerging Intellectual Freedom issues are mentioned in their full [report](#), such as speakers invited to universities, schools and public libraries, who are then disinvited after protests, self-censorship in schools by public and university administrators intervening in controversial displays, and much more.
- [Keith Michael Fiels](#) will retire this year after serving as ALA Executive Director for the last 15 years (see Tribute Keith Michael Fiels, T-#3), and the search process for a new ALA Executive Director will wrap up this fall.

Here are the resolutions that passed:

- An American Library Association Statement on Global Climate Change and a Call for Support for Libraries and Librarians, [CD #41](#)
- Resolution on Libraries as Responsible Spaces, [CD #44.2](#)

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

Join the Continuing Education Committee

Are you interested in furthering and promoting your own and colleagues' professional development, growing into leadership positions in the Minnesota Library Association, and supporting libraries of all types? If so, please join our Continuing Education Committee. Members may attend meetings online.

Using feedback from the 2016 Professional Development Survey and the 2015 Education Task Force Report, committee members identify and contact relevant speakers to provide quarterly workshops (Power Hours; see below) hosted around the state. A Power Hour is a 1-2 hour training workshop that focuses on questions YOU have about improving your job.

The Continuing Education Committee plans to host 3-4 Power Hours per year. If you find one nearby, just register and plan to visit the workshop in person. You also have the option of participating virtually.

Questions may be directed to Nicole Miller, MLA Continuing Education Committee Chair, at nmiller@selco.info, or 507-263-2804.

Register for Power Hour, August 25

10:00am - 12:00pm

Creating Awesome Supervisor Training: Best Practices & Techniques from the Library Field

As our profession transforms and our work changes, nurturing skillful and competent supervisors has become a priority for all types of libraries. Rising to the challenge, many libraries are creating and offering learning and development programs to help their supervisors succeed. But with limited time and funds it's important we use the most effective and low-cost techniques and strategies for developing supervisors. In this webinar you will learn effective, road-tested best practices and discover those that will best fit your library - and your budget.

Our speaker, Jerilyn Veldof, is the organization development consultant for the University of Minnesota Libraries. In this role, she has implemented various types of leadership and supervisor development programs at the University. During this webinar, she'll share some of these programs as well as best practices from consultants and library staff from all library types.

Cost

MLA Members – FREE

Non-Members - \$25

Registration Deadline: August 23, 2017

Location

Wilson Library, Room S30A (Room Capacity: 30)

University of Minnesota, West Bank,
and via Zoom

Schedule at a glance

10:00 – 11:00 Workshop presentation

11:00 – 12:00 Discussion and networking

Register at <https://mnllibraryassociation.site-ym.com/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=988717>

Register to Attend the 2017 MLA/ITEM Legislative Forum

August 9 at Brookdale Library
Registration at 9:00am | Program at 9:30am

If you have never participated in the Forum or Legislative Day or other legislative activities, this is your year! There will be introductory sessions on how the process works, at what points you can influence the process, honing your advocacy to be effective locally and statewide, keeping informed about issues, and much more.

If you are an experienced library advocate, this is your year, too! Come share your experience and help develop more library advocates. [Register here](#).

Questions? Please contact Ann Walker Smalley, Incoming MLA Legislative Chair, at ann@metronet.lib.mn.us or 651.646.0475.

Call for Volunteers for NEW MLA Legislative Working Committee

Are you interested in learning more about the legislative process as it relates to libraries, growing into leadership positions in the Association, and supporting libraries of all types in legislative activities? If so, please join our NEW working committee for Legislative Activities.

No advocacy experience required! Just a willingness to learn and contribute.

This committee will consist of members interested in being more hands-on in the legislative process by working with the (elected) Chair, Incoming Chair, and Past Chair of the Legislative Committee, doing the 'nitty-gritty' work of library advocacy. You can read more about the committee and volunteer here: <https://goo.gl/forms/qucGO9wOXLyE10dt1>

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Apply Now to Participate in the 2018 Class of ALA Emerging Leaders

The Minnesota Library Association is sponsoring an [ALA Emerging Leader](#) for 2018 and we urge members to consider applying for the program. Sponsorship includes up to \$1000 towards expenses to attend the ALA Midwinter Meeting and the Annual Conference (\$500 for each conference). The American Library Association is accepting [applications](#) through August 31, 2017.

The ALA Emerging Leaders program is a leadership development program which enables newer library workers from across the country to participate in problem-solving work groups, network with peers, gain an inside look into ALA structure, and have an opportunity to serve the profession in a leadership capacity.

The MLA sponsored Stewart Van Cleve for the 2017 ALA Emerging Leaders program, and you can read more about his project in the next issue of the MLA Roundup.

Nominations for Awards due August 14

Each year at the Annual Conference MLA recognizes members who have made outstanding contributions to their organization or to the Library profession overall. The four awards are: the William G. Asp Distinguished Career Award, the MLA Above & Beyond Award, the Lars Steltzner Intellectual Freedom Award, and the President's Award. If you know someone who has gone above and beyond or has an impact on library services, now is the time to nominate them. Criteria for each award and the nomination form are available on the [awards](#) page on the MLA website. Hurry! The deadline is August 14th.

MLA Monthly Networking Event: Book Arts, Then Happy Hour Starts

Friday August 18th at 5pm
Minnesota Center for Book Arts

ARLD invites you to join us for a tour of the Minnesota Center for Book Arts! We'll also learn about the other [Open Book](#) arts tenants and have time to explore the gift shop and gallery. At 6:00 we'll walk next door to [Dayblock Brewing Company](#) for drinks and dinner (not provided). Contact [Phil Dudas](#) with questions. Pro Tip: Downtown might be busy, so we recommend carpooling or metro transit. The [19th Avenue](#) and [Seven Corners](#) parking ramps are within walking distance. Please RSVP on the [MLA event site](#).

Free Webinar on Movement-Based Programs in Public Libraries: Examples and Best Practices from the U.S. and Canada (First in a Quarterly Series)

Cost: Nothing! Free to all. Please share this message widely.

[Register here](#).

Date and time: Wednesday, August 16, 2017, 1 p.m. Eastern Time

Recording: This event will be recorded. The recording will be made freely available at [LetsMoveLibraries.org](#)

Event Description: More and more libraries offer programs and services that encourage and enable people of all ages and abilities to engage in and to learn about the importance of regular physical activity. This one-hour webinar features two librarians from the U.S. and Canada with experience and expertise developing, leading, and sustaining movement-based programs, including Fitness Fridays, StoryWalks, Yoga Classes, Running Clubs, Dancing

programs, Checking Out Gym Passes and Health Kits, and much, much more! Learn what works, how to form/sustain partnerships, share ideas, and get inspired to try new things at your library! This webinar will feature ample time for question and answer. Please join this conversation.

Speaker bios:

Jenn Carson , MSLIS, CYT, CCYT is the Director of the LP Fisher Public Library in Woodstock, NB and has been delivering movement-based programs in libraries and schools for eight years. She is the creator of www.yogainthelibrary.com, a popular resource for library staff and teachers interested in delivering yoga and mindfulness-based programs in their communities. She is on her third year of blogging about physical literacy programs for the American Library Association at www.programminglibrarian.org. Carson is also writing a book for ALA Editions called Physical Literacy: Movement-Based Programs in Libraries which is being released in June 2018. Her team was recently given the New Brunswick Public Library Service Innovation Award for their physical literacy initiatives.

Gwen GeigerWolfe , MPH, MLS, is a part-time Information Services librarian at Lawrence Public Library who specializes in health. She leads the library’s “Health Mashers” committee of local health partners that serves to steer and inform health programming at the library and foster organizational collaboration. She also serves as the Communications Coordinator for the Healthy Food For All work group of the LiveWell Lawrence Coalition. In her off time, she works on cataloging the library at her children’s school, gardening, singing, and imagining a world with more kindness, creativity, and laughter.

Free Steel Cantilever-style Library Shelving Available

St. Catherine University Library would like to find new homes for some of its shelving. Available are:

- three-foot-wide shelf frames which combine to form shelving units of desired length (in multiples of 3’).
- Double sided shelves – back-to-back (possible to anchor frame to wall to use as one-sided).
- Endcaps of nice wood available/optional.

Contact: St. Catherine University Library, 2004 Randolph Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105 Dianne, Administrative Assistant, 681-690-6649, djbourdot@stkate.edu or Emily Asch, Director,

- Sizes:

Height	Frames	Endcaps
7'	18	6
7 ½'	30 (approx)	14

Shelves available - at least 6 per section, depths of 7" or 9." End pieces for each shelf.

Also available: Bookends

Contact: St. Catherine University Library, 2004 Randolph Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105
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Old Minnesota Histories Available

International Falls Public Library has the old histories listed below of more southern Minnesota counties and cities in Minnesota. We do not have room for these histories anymore. If another library would like them, they may have them. Please send Diane Adams your courier codes and we'll send them out via the courier: diane.adams@alslib.info.

History of Rice and Steele Counties Minnesota Vol. 1 & 2

Compiled by: Franklyn Curtiss-Wedge

Published Date: 1910

The History of Mower County Minnesota

Compiled by: Franklyn Curtiss-Wedge

Published Date: 1911

History of Fillmore County, Including Explorers and Pioneers of Minnesota (By: Rev. Edward D. Neill), and Outline History of the State of Minnesota (By: Rev. Edward D. Neill); also Sioux Massacre of 1862 (By: Charles S. Bryant), and State Education (By: Charles S. Bryant)

Compiled by: Rev. Edward D. Neill and Charles S. Bryant

Published Date: 1882

The History of Winona County Minnesota Vol. 1 & 2

Compiled by: Franklyn Curtiss-Wedge, assisted by William Jay Whipple and A Large Corps of Local Contributors

Publish Date: 1913

History of Olmsted County Minnesota

Compiled by: Hon. Joseph A. Leonard

Publish Date: 1910

The Weathering of Aboriginal Stone Artifacts No.1, a Consideration of the Paleoliths of Kansas

Compiled by: N. H. Winchell

Publish Date: 1913

History of Dakota County and the City of Hastings, including the Explorers and Pioneers of Minnesota (By: Rev. Edward D. Neill) and *Outlines of the History of Minnesota* (By: J. Fletcher Williams)

Compiled by: Rev. Edward D. Neill and J. Fletcher Williams

Publish Date: 1881

History of Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis, including the Explorers and Pioneers of Minnesota (By: Rev. Edward D. Neill), and *Outlines of the History of Minnesota* (By: J. Fletcher Williams)

Compiled by: Rev. Edward D. Neill and J. Fletcher Williams

Publish Date: 1881

History of Ramsey County and the City of St. Paul, including the Explorers and Pioneers of Minnesota (By: Rev. Edward D. Neill) and *Outlines of the History of Minnesota* (By: J. Fletcher Williams)

Compiled by: Rev. Edward D. Neill and J. Fletcher Williams

Publish Date: 1881

History of Washington County and the St. Croix Valley, including the Explorers and Pioneers of Minnesota (By: Rev. Edward D. Neill) and *Outlines of the History of Minnesota* (By: J. Fletcher Williams)

Compiled by: Rev. Edward D. Neill and J. Fletcher Williams

Publish Date: 1881

MLA Board Update

The MLA Board met on Friday July 21st. 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 July. Welcome to MLA!

- Cyndi Cook
- Patrick Jager
- Tom Johnsen
- Anna Beth Morgan

- Roberta Schake
- Christopher Stewart

Thank you renewing members!

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

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