Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs)
Seed Grant Available for Projects

Every two years, CERTs seek seed grant applications for clean energy projects. CERTs is now accepting applications through October 8, 2021 for clean energy projects that:

- Encourage community-based clean energy projects
- Clean energy projects include those related to energy conservation and efficiency, renewable energy, electric vehicles, and energy storage
- Spur projects that are highly visible in the community and can be replicated by others
- Provide an opportunity for community education about clean energy and its many benefits
Libraries are eligible to apply. Check out past CERT seed grant recipient Marshall-Lyon County Library’s [LED lighting project](#)!

To learn more and apply, visit [Clean Energy Resource Teams](#).

Unsure if your proposed project is eligible? Contact [Melissa Birch](#), Central CERT Coordinator, 218-866-2338.

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**CYP Virtual Unconference September 24**

The Children and Young People (CYP)’s section of MLA invite you to attend the annual Unconference event!

**Event Details**
- **Date:** Friday, Sept 24
- **Time:** 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
- **Location:** Zoom

Keynote speakers: Minnesota author Kao Kalia Yang and Native-owned non-profit publishing company [Black Bears and Blueberries Publishing](#) (Thomas Peacock and Betsy Albert-Peacock).

There will also be a BIPOC Panel featuring local librarians - Diversity in Youth librarianship: An Update.

[Registration opens Sept.1](#)

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**Make the Most of the MLA Annual Conference**

In addition to all the great sessions at the MLA Annual Conference, connect with colleagues and have fun with the [Local Arrangements](#) offerings.

There are three fun ways to be involved:

1. Make recommendations for what to do near your library or home. Read recommendations from others
2. Compete for fun and glory at virtual Trivia Night on Wednesday, October 6 at 7:30 pm. [Register](#) a team or a solo player
3. Meet up in your region for local Dine Arouns on Thursday October 7. Contact Conference Committee Local Arrangements Co-Chair Jodi Carlson Grebinoski if you are interested in hosting.

Questions? Contact Co-Chairs Jodi Carlson Grebinoski or Julia Carlis.

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**Legislative Forum Registration Now Open**

Registration is open for the MLA 2021 Legislative Forum! We hope you'll join us to learn about the legislative process, hear a recap of the 2021 session, and participate in the development of the 2022 MLA legislative platform priorities.

**Event Details**
- **Date:** Wednesday, September 1
- **Time:** 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Zoom

**Agenda**

*10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.*

Learn about the legislative process for libraries and hear a recap of the 2021 legislative session

*12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.*

Break

*1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.*

The Minnesota Library Partners will share their current struggles, proposed legislative priorities, and advocacy plan for 2022

In addition, participants will have an opportunity to help shape the 2022 Minnesota legislative priorities.

[Register Now]
Please note: The regular September Legislative Committee meeting is cancelled.

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The Silent Auction is once again part of the MN Annual Conference this year! We are in need of items to make it a success!

Do you have something you would like to donate? Though bidding on items is limited to conference attendees, anyone can donate to the Silent Auction.

Please see the [2021 Silent Auction page](#) to submit a donation or to learn more.

**Public Library Division Listening and Sharing Session**

Join colleagues from around the state on **Tuesday, August 31 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** for a Zoom conversation where we can listen and learn from each other.

Dave Collins, our Intellectual Freedom Committee chair for 2021, will be joining us to give a quick rundown on what the Committee does, recommend resources, and answer any questions you may have. We'll also have time for you to share any other concerns or successes you may be experiencing.

You do not need to be an MLA member to attend.

[Register today!](#)

**Save the Date: October 7 CYP Business Meeting**

The CYP is having its business meeting during the 2021 MLA Annual Conference on October 7, from 3:00 p.m. - 3:50 p.m. via Zoom.

Come learn more about CYP!
Welcome New Members!

Kay Kirscht
Amal Karim
Jeannie Diggs
Brandi Vieths
Alyssa Inniger
Krista Ross
Leticia Snow

Thank You Renewing Members!

Carla Urban
Pam O’Hara
Cynthia Lowe
Carla Lydon
Keri Ostby
Deni Buendorf
Paul Lai
Marjorie DeJong
Abike Eyo
Jessi Zimmerman
Kathy Halgren
Brenda McHugh
Lynn Delesha
Annie Larson
Jo Walter
Rhonda Huisman
Elaina Sessions
Stacy Price
Martha Chapin

Kathleen Hughes
Verena Getahun
Natasha Otteson
Bridget Stewart
Glenda Arndt
Robyn Geldner
Hannah Koerner

Cydnee Peterson
Johnna Horton
Lawrence Schwartz
Katrina Taylor
Leah Larson
Danielle Hinrichs
Jean Kramer
Scott Vrieze
Vance Stuehrenberg
Sue Sonnek
Elizabeth Traxler
Steve Flohrs
Connie Haugen
Carl Zeidler
Maggie Parra
Trisha Burr
Elizabeth Goodrich
Susan Richardson
Isabella Ross