Join the Movement at the
2021 MLA Annual Conference

The Minnesota Library Association’s 2021 Annual Conference will be held virtually October 6-8, 2021. Many thanks to the hundreds of attendees, we can’t wait to get together!

If you are sadly not attending the conference, but want to join the Annual Business Meeting – register here.

We are meeting virtually once again, but we invite you to share your community! If you were to host the MLA Conference in your community, what highlights make your area special? Share your highlights with us on our blog and check out other members’ favorite hangouts! After you share your community, register for trivia. Join a team, or come as a group and compete for trivia glory!

We will see you soon!

Volunteer to be a Session Room Moderator at the 2021 MLA Conference!

This year’s MLA conference promises to be an exciting opportunity for education, rejuvenation, and connection. It also offers an opportunity to be of service to your professional community, hone your facilitation skills, and network with colleagues. An hour or two of your time can make a significant difference!

Put those Zoom skills you’ve mastered this past year to work! If you haven’t used Zoom, fear not! We will provide you with training so you are comfortable navigating the platform.

Room moderators will:

- Arrive early to the selected/assigned session
- Greet attendees
- Monitor and facilitate the chat
- Introduce the speaker(s)
- Keep time and alert speakers (if speakers request)

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Jacquie Kramer.
MLA Conference Hallway Happy Hour:  
Cheers to 50 Years!

Minitex staff is celebrating 50 years of service to the library community! Join us for conversation, cocktails, fun, and games at the MLA Conference including:

- Minitexpeditions: Adventure and Travel
- Dictionarium and Other Jackbox Games (limit of 8 players per game, no limit on the fun)
- I Love Pets
- Food for Thought: All Things Foodie
- Guilty Pleasures: TV, Trashy Novels, and Boy Bands

Join one conversation or move between Zoom rooms to see more colleagues and experience the full event.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

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Legislative Committee Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Legislative Forum on Wednesday, September 1st! For those of you who were unable to attend, the recordings of both the morning and afternoon sessions are now available on the MLA Legislative Committee page and by clicking the links below:

**Legislative Forum, Part 1: Morning Session**
The morning session includes a presentation from Hannah Buckland of State Library Services as she discusses various funding streams allocated through the Department of Education, followed by Sam Walseth of Capitol Hill Associates with a Legislation 101 presentation and recap from the 2021 session.

**Legislative Forum, Part 2: Afternoon Session**
The afternoon session includes the plan for approving the legislative priorities for 2022, in addition to presentations by the Minnesota Library Partners and more.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the next Legislative Committee Meeting on October 7th at 3:00 p.m. when we reveal the draft 2022 priorities and seek approval to bring it to the MLA Board for adoption in November. Stay tuned for the Zoom link!

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Notes from the Field: An Instruction Round Table Discussion Group
The IRT is pleased to present Notes from the Field, a 3-part discussion group where we can connect with colleagues around the state and discuss a brief common read.

Our second meeting is Friday, October 15th from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Attend one, two, or all three discussions! Our common read for this meeting is Predictable Information Literacy Misconceptions of First-Year College Students by Janicek Hincliff, Rand, and Collier.

Register by Thursday, October 14 for a Zoom link.

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University of Minnesota Libraries First Fridays: October 1st Celebration

Join the University of Minnesota Libraries and attend the First Fridays series on October 1st to look back and celebrate the establishment of the Elmer L. Anderson Library!

When: Friday, October 1st from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Register here to attend.

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In Memoriam

At the Minnesota Library Association Annual Meeting we will be recognizing those who have passed over the past year.

If you know of library staff and supporters that have passed away in the past year, who you’d like recognized at the conference, please email their name and their role to stacey.hendren@co.anoka.mn.us.

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Welcome New Members!

- Audrey Gunn
- Samuel Mahowald
- Anne Van Roekel
- Susan Sowers
- Sarah Connolly
- Beth Burns

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- Paulina Poplawski
- Priyati Gupton
- Emily Waltz
- Keiko Satomi

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Thank You Renewing Members!

- Trent Brager
- Melissa Brechon
- Peter Bremer
- Julia Carlis
- Kalan Davis

- Alyssa Inninger
- Christie Kess
- Linda Kramer
- Wendy Lougee
- Justine Martin

- Naomi Skulan
- Mollie Stanford
- Katherine Sticher
- Monica Stratton
- Elizabeth Tegeler