Announcing Instruction Round Table (IRT)'s New Co-Chair Angela Vetsch!

Angela Vetsch is the Digital Services Coordinator at the University of Minnesota Morris in Morris, MN where she is responsible for a variety of library technologies.

In this role, Angela contributes reference services to help students, faculty, staff, and community members access library resources. She also provides library instruction for classes with digital and information literacy components to support digital liberal arts/digital humanities on campus.

Angela is looking forward to her work as IRT co-chair and is excited to become more involved in the library community. Angela joins IRT co-chair Jennie Archer of Concordia College.

Legislative Committee Updates

Attend the Dec 1 Legislative Committee Meeting

Join the next online legislative committee meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 1 at 10:00 a.m. to keep up with the latest news regarding the MLA legislative priorities, the MN legislature, and national library issues.

Join via Zoom!
Meeting ID: 199 390 764
Password: 440617

Join the Legislative Working Committee!

The LegTrio is currently seeking participants in the advocacy planning for the 2022 legislative session. The tasks of the Legislative Working (LegWork) Committee include, but are not limited to:

- Sharing and implementing creative strategies to advance MLA priorities
- Creating and designing legislative committee documents
- Managing logistics for Legislative Day and Virtual Legislative Week
- Communicating to members about legislative/advocacy activities
- Developing educational content about legislative/advocacy activities

To join the committee or to learn more about the work of the committee, email Liz Lynch.

Save the Date: Legislative Day and Virtual Legislative Week

Mark your calendars for Legislative Day at the Capitol on Monday, Feb. 28, 2022 & Virtual Legislative Week Feb. 28-March 4, 2022!

MLA Institute for Leadership Excellence (MILE) 2022
Are you looking to develop and refine your skills to be a leader in the libraries of tomorrow? Want to enhance your professional and personal goals? Consider applying for MILE, which is a subunit of MLA that provides an opportunity to grow leadership skills, connect with library professionals across Minnesota, and be paired with a mentor/peer.

MILE helps you discover the leader within yourself and learn to lead effectively today — even if your current position is not one of leadership.

We are recruiting a class of 25 individuals with an emphasis on part-time staff, paraprofessionals, and students from a diverse range of backgrounds and library work settings, in addition to librarians and supervisory staff from public, academic, school, and special libraries.

MILE 2022 will be held May 10-13, 2022 at the beautiful Sugar Lake Lodge in Cohasset, Minnesota. Visit MILE for more information. Applications are due December 31!

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Notes from the Field: An Instruction Round Table Discussion on Dec. 3

The IRT is pleased to present our third and final Notes from the Field discussion group on Friday, Dec. 3, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Join us to connect with colleagues around the state and discuss a brief common read. Haven’t attended the previous gatherings? That’s okay! All are welcome.

Our common read this December is from the podcast Unreserved - The politics of citation: Is the peer review process biased against Indigenous academics? Register by Thursday, Dec. 2 for a Zoom link.

Questions? Email IRT co-chairs Jennie Archer or Lizzy Tegeler.

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Public Library Division (PLD)
Call for Board Nominations
Are you passionate about public libraries in Minnesota or know someone who is? Nominate yourself or someone else for the PLD Board!

**Open positions**
- Chair-Elect
- Secretary
- Member-at-Large

**Benefits of being on the PLD Board**
- Supporting public library staff across the state as they face changes and challenges
- Developing your professional network
- Gaining leadership and project management experience
- Shaping the future of what PLD does and how it connects with library staff and supporters across the state

"I was the incoming PLD chair in 2020 and became the chair of PLD this year, in 2021. The past two years have been tumultuous for library services in Minnesota between the pandemic and our political landscape. I know we will continue to face challenges and changes in 2022 that will transform our profession. Volunteering for the PLD Board has connected me to colleagues across the state who have been a huge support and inspiration to me as I grapple with what it means to be a library worker today, and how I can ensure a work/life balance. I encourage you to apply for the Board. It's a commitment of one hour a month for Board meetings, plus any time you can devote to work on MLA projects. I have found the time well spent. Please reach out to me if you have any questions." — Jody Wurl

PLD Board positions are available to MLA members who are public library staff of any job classification. Nominations are due by Dec. 1!

Please send nominations or questions to PLD Chair Jody Wurl.

We hope you can join us!

Jody Wurl
PLD Chair

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**Professional Development Opportunity:**

**Early Childhood Media Literacy**

Erikson Institute’s TEC Center is now offering a professional development program: Media Literacy in Early Childhood for Youth Library Staff. Recruitment is open for this four-month professional development series where participants will spend approximately 10-12 hours total in online synchronous and asynchronous learning. Cohorts will be made up of 20-25 youth library staff from across the U.S.

Who can apply? Public and school library staff who work directly with young children (ages birth-8 years old) and families.

Benefits: Participants will receive a certificate and a $400 honorarium for their library once they complete the program to compensate for their time.

More information and applications are available at the [Erikson Institute](https://www.ericson.edu). For more information, contact Dorothy Stoltz, Erikson TEC Center Project Partner.

Visit MLA News
Have ideas for future Roundup articles or social media posts? Want to nominate a colleague to feature them in the next Roundup? Submit your ideas to the forms on the MLA News page! These forms are available 24/7 with a rolling deadline.

Welcome New Members!

Danielle Bass
Kathleen Costello
Yuewen Fu
Theresa Heitz
Lauren Melcher
Yael Katrina Namad
Angela Novotny
Justin Pitman
Tiffany Ross
Stefanie Tywater-Christiansen
Katie Wojchik

Welcome Renewing Members!

Kate Anderson
Ken Behringer
Gretchen Benson
Ashley Bieber
Allison Brenhofer
Jennifer Dietrich
Taylor J. Evansen
Rebecca Ganzel
Emile Hanson
Jamie Hoehn
Michele Leininger
Erica Nutzman
Kari Oanes
Amy Oelkers
Tyler Pulkkinen
Alec Sonsteby
Katie Sundstrom
Jami Trenam
Wendi Wigham

MLA is strong because of you. Thank you for being a member.