Academic and Research Library Division (ARLD) Events

ARLD Day on May 6, 2022: Save the Date!
ARLD’s annual conference ARLD Day will be held on Friday, May 6, 2022 and will take place virtually. More information on the keynote speaker and session proposals is to come. Stay tuned!

Call for Volunteers: In-person Regional Social Events
ARLD is looking for volunteers to help organize in-person social events as part of the virtual ARLD Day. We are interested in organizing regional get-togethers so smaller groups of local ARLD members and conference attendees have an opportunity to connect. If you’re located outside of the twin cities metro and would like to organize a social event in your area after the conference on May 6, please contact Kat Nelsen.

Changes to the Technical Services Section (TSS) Leadership Team

The TSS team has sad news to share. Unfortunately, there is a change to TSS leadership for 2022. Incoming TSS Chair Monica Howell passed away from cancer at the beginning of October. Casie Reiner and Naomi Skulan will co-chair TSS in 2022 with Christie Kess remaining on the leadership team as past chair.

If you would like to make a memorial contribution on behalf of Monica Howell, below are charities Monica supported:
Children and Young People’s Section (CYP) Updates

Message from 2021 CYP Chair Jennifer Dietrich
I wanted to thank everyone for their support of CYP’s team and programs this year, with our Unconference in September, the MLA conference in October, and heck, just making it through another pandemic year! I'm grateful for the wonderful MLA staff and colleagues who were always there with answers to my many questions!

Keiko Satomi of Cloquet Public Library will be our upcoming chair of CYP in 2022! Welcome, Keiko!

We are interested in hearing if anyone would like to be chair elect for 2023. Please email me if you know of anyone.

Thank you, and have a wonderful new year!

Minnesota Youth Reading Awards (MYRA) Volunteer Opportunity
The MYRA Board, powered by volunteers, is currently seeking interested individuals for open Board positions, including Secretary and Events Chair.

The Minnesota Youth Reading Awards administers yearly "read and vote" awards programs by providing nominee titles for the Star of the North Picture Books Award and Maud Hart Lovelace Chapter Book Award. These awards offer opportunities for Minnesota youth to see themselves and others in the pages, make new connections, and enjoy the world of reading.

If you would like to learn more about MYRA and volunteer opportunities, please contact MYRA President Josh Jackson.

Legislative Committee Updates

Attend the January 5 Legislative Committee Meeting
Join the next online legislative committee meeting on **Wednesday, January 5 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]
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, February 28, 2022 & Virtual Legislative Week February 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!
Public Library Division (PLD) Board Resource Recommendation

Julia Carlis (Past Chair) recommends FantasticFiction.com. Search by author, book, or series. Check out their extensive list of upcoming titles, which you can filter by format and/or genre! It really shines when printing a list of an author’s titles; the website has a dark background and many images, but when you print you get a clean list of titles by series in order.

For a series like James S. A. Corey’s The Expanse where there are novellas in between the main series books, the website lists those with decimals so you can see where they fall in the series’ order. This is a great resource for completists of authors with many titles!

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!

Sonia Krinke

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Sara Galligan
Liz Lynch
Dana Weigman
Nicole Schmiesing
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Colleen Gordon
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