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2022 ARLD Day: Call for Session Proposals

The Academic & Research Libraries Division (ARLD) of MLA is seeking session proposals for ARLD Day 2022, which will be held live via Zoom on May 6. Anyone, including current students, can submit a session proposal! To submit, please complete this Google form by Friday, February 4.

Though we consider proposals on any topic as it relates to academic libraries, this year we are especially interested in the topics of:

- Racial justice/anti-racism
- Interrogating or decentering whiteness
- Decolonizing libraries & archives
- Impacts of COVID-19
- Labor issues
- Change management
- Mentorship

More details about ARLD Day can be found on the ARLD website.

Questions? Contact Jenny McBurney.
Children and Young People’s Section (CYP) New Leadership

Elizabeth Ripley is excited to join the Children and Young People’s Section as 2023 Chair-Elect!

Elizabeth received her MLIS from Simmons University in Boston, Massachusetts and holds a Certificate in Children’s Literature from Hamline University. Currently, Elizabeth is a Children’s Librarian at Anoka County Library (ACL) but has also worked as a Branch Manager at ACL and East Central Regional Library. In the past she has served in non-public library roles, such as a Reading Tutor with Minnesota Reading Corps and School Librarian in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and Cambridge, Massachusetts.

When not in the library, Elizabeth enjoys spending time with her family, especially walking around the nearby lakes.

Conference Committee Updates

Save the Date

The MLA Conference Committee is already getting the ball rolling for the 2022 Annual Conference! Plan to see your friends, colleagues, and mentors in person this year in Duluth: "The Zenith City of the Unsalted Seas" October 27-28. Mark your calendars!

Seeking Volunteers

Interested in getting involved with the conference planning? Have questions about the process? We are still looking for folks to serve on the planning committee, particularly for volunteer coordination! Contact Amy Boese if you'd like to volunteer yourself or others!

Public Library Division (PLD) New Leadership

Hello and Happy 2022! My name is Kristin Schneider, and I am excited to be the 2022 PLD Chair. I am currently a Youth Services Librarian at the Victoria Library in Carver County.

These past two years of the pandemic have been hard for all of us, especially in public libraries.
PLD hopes to provide content this year that will help you on the front lines as well as provide a safe space to discuss ideas and concerns. We plan on holding a half-day virtual conference for LD Day this spring. Please reach out to me with any ideas or if you would like to be involved with planning for PLD Day. Thanks so much!

Kristin Schneider
PLD Chair

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**Legislative Committee Updates**

**Participate in Virtual Legislative Week**

The Legislative Session begins on January 31; it's time to get to work! Participate in the legislative process virtually during Virtual Library Legislative Week, February 28 through March 4.

**Contact Your Legislators Today!** Starting on Tuesday, January 18, contact your legislators to set a time to meet with them during Library Legislative Week - or even before! Meet via Zoom, Teams, or whichever virtual communication platform you currently use. If your legislators prefer to meet with you in person, the L'Etoile du Nord is reserved with tables, chairs, and a coat rack to use as a central meeting space. If you need this space, please fill out this form before February 28th so we can plan accordingly.

- Need a list of your local legislators? Use this spreadsheet as a guide (Note: this spreadsheet was last updated 01/12/21).

**Gather Library Stories from Your Community!** Share this form via social media or your website to gather impactful library stories. LegWork Committee Member Ann Hokanson will share responses with the regional directors coordinating virtual visits so they can be shared with legislators.

**Upcoming Dates for your Legislative Calendar**

**Attend the Online Legislative Committee Meeting, February 2 at 10:00 a.m.**

- Keep up with the latest news regarding MLA legislative priorities, the MN legislature, and national library issues. Join via Zoom: Meeting ID: 810 1611 5027, Passcode: 608730

**Virtual Library Legislative Week Briefing: Date Will Be Shared Soon!**

- Sam Walseth, MLA lobbyist and his team from Capitol Hill Associates will provide an overview of the current legislative session and an update regarding MLA bills and
initiatives. This session will take place the week of February 21 and will be recorded and shared with members. More information is coming soon!

**Legislative Day at the Capitol, Monday, February 28 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

- If your legislator would like to meet with you in person and you need a place to meet, the L'Etoile du Nord is available. Please use this form if you plan to use the space for a meeting.

**Virtual Library Legislative Week, Monday, February 28 - Friday, March 4!**

- Set up appointments with your local legislators, starting on Tuesday, January 18, for the week of February 28. Thank your legislators for supporting libraries and for all they do for the residents of MN!

**Legislative Committee Meeting, Wednesday, March 2 - Canceled!**

- Use this time to connect with legislators!

**Legislative Week Debriefing, March 9 at 10:00 a.m.**

- Join Sam Walseth and the Legislative Trio to share your stories—both good and bad—from Library Legislative Day and Virtual Library Legislative Week! A Zoom link will be shared as the date approaches.

**Online Legislative Forum, Tuesday, August 9, 2022 - Save the Date!**

- The Legislative Trio and the Legislative Working Committee are hard at work developing handouts and resources to support advocates in this process. Stay tuned for more information!

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**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 via the forms on the MLA News page! These forms are available 24/7 with a rolling deadline.

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**Welcome New Members!**

- Annisija Hunter
- Bethanne Chiero
- Blanca Guzman
- Cara Langston
- Carmella Hatch
Carmen Schempp
Erin Glade
Jacqueline Radosevich
Jennifer Nevers
Josiah Cox
Katelyn Martin

Thank You to Renewing Members!

Great River Regional Library
April Prohl
Cassandra Mathison
Jenna Emmans
Jim Weikum
Jonathan Carlson
LeAnn Dean
Liza Shafto
Ryan McCormick

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

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