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2021 MLA Virtual Conference Access Still Available

Don't forget! Registrants of the 2021 MLA Virtual Conference have until May 23, 2022, to access recordings of sessions. We encourage you to view sessions before that time.

Access the MLA 2021 Virtual Conference via the login page. Your email address is the one you provided for your PheedLoop access / registration and the password was created by you. If you cannot log in, try "RESET PASSWORD" first. If a reset does not work, please email the MLA office for assistance.

Be sure to indicate during sessions that you are “present” for CEU tracking and print out your “Attendance Certificate” via “Account” on the left-side of the navigation bar.
Apply to the Minnesota Library Foundation (MLF) Board

Greetings from the Minnesota Library Foundation!

The MLF benefits the Minnesota library community by raising and distributing funds to enhance services and increase public awareness of libraries. It currently supports two projects: MLA’s MILE institute and the author contest for MN Writes/MN Reads.

The MLF is seeking new board members! We are hopeful that you, or someone you recommend, would have an interest in joining others from across the Minnesota library community in serving as a director on the MLF board.

A cover letter and the board application are linked here for your convenience. A selection committee of current MLF board members will review applications starting on March 18. MLF’s board may have up to 15 members; applications will continue to be accepted until a full complement of directors has been selected.

This is an opportunity for you to make a difference in libraries across the state; please consider applying to the MLF board!

Thank you!

Marlene Moulton Janssen, MLF president

LGBTIA+ Round Table Petition

The Minnesota Library Association prides itself on bringing together staff and supporters of libraries. With this in mind, we are reaching out to seek interest in the forming and signing of a petition to form a LGBTIA+ Round Table as a subunit of the Minnesota Library Association.

We encourage all library professionals and supporters to email Chayse Sundt for interest or any questions relating to the petition.

Nominate a MN Academic Innovator Today!
Nothing sparks innovation quite like necessity. The challenges of the last few years have given us opportunities to be creative and try out new things or do old things in new ways.

Do you know of academic librarians, academic library staff, or project teams that made a particularly outstanding contribution to advance the mission of an academic and/or research library through an innovative project, program, or service? If so, nominate them today for the Minnesota Academic Innovators Award! Nominations can be made online through April 4.

About the Award: The Minnesota Academic Innovators Award is sponsored by the MLA Academic & Research Libraries Division (ARLD). The recipient of the award will be recognized and presented with $300 at ARLD Day 2022 (May 6 via Zoom). MLA membership is not required for nominators or nominees.

Award Criteria: Projects, programs, or services should demonstrate creativity, quality, and innovation within the context of an academic institution. Innovation can be a brand new idea or refining something that’s always been done. Innovation will be considered broadly and is not limited to technology. Previous winners’ projects have included amplifying marginalized voices in the library, innovative collaborations, embedded librarianship, community outreach, cataloging, and library assessment.

Questions? Contact Jenny McBurney

Public Libraries Division Updates

InfoPeople Webinar
A recent InfoPeople webinar that may be of interest to the MLA community is: We Are NOT Okay: Library Worker Trauma Before and During COVID-19 and What Happens After. Feel free to share this link with your colleagues*. *PLD is not affiliated with the InfoPeople webinar or content.

Save the Date: PLD Day, April 22, 2022
The Public Library Division is putting the final touches on speakers for the 2022 Virtual PLD Day. Mark your calendars for Friday, April 22 from 9am-12noon. More information will be provided very soon! Thanks so much for your patience. Please reach out to PLD and let us know how we can support you. Email Kristin Schneider with any comments or questions.

That's a Good Question: Developing an Effective Community Survey Webinar

How can your library learn more about community needs to plan for the future? You need a survey that asks the right questions! Come to a free webinar to
learn how to develop good questions for a community survey.

Event Details:

When: Wednesday, March 2, 2022
Time: Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Where: Zoom
Register here

After this session, you'll be able to develop questions to get clear, useful data that will help you plan future programs, services, collections, and facilities. The webinar will cover common mistakes when developing a survey and how to avoid them, along with which questions are most useful and methods for distributing your survey to maximize your response rate.

Join the Intellectual Freedom Committee Discussion on Navigating Collection Development and Reconsideration Processes

Challenges to books about sexual and racial identity are nothing new. With the recent upsurge in requests for reconsiderations and outright removal of books from library shelves present an opportunity to review your library’s practices. In this session we'll discuss board policies, how the review process works in libraries around Minnesota, and how to support librarians and teachers in the event of a book or database challenge.

Event Details:

When: Tuesday, March 29, 2022
Time: 3:30 - 4:30 pm
Where: Zoom
Register here

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!

Alyssa Stevenski  Lizz Buchanan
Chayse Sundt  Moe Perez
Christopher Yard

Welcome Renewing Members!

Alexandra Pollock  Karen Pundsack
Amanda Alguire  Kimberly Edson
Amber McKenzie  Leslie Hunter-Larson
Amy Boese  Marcia Semerau
Andrea Stelljes  Mark Troendle
Bernice Piechowski  Maureen Gormley
Cortni O'Brien  Renee Dougherty
Diane Lochner  Robin Ewing
Gail Hedstrom  Robyn Slusher
Holly Brooks  Sara Wagner
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