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Academic Innovator Award: Nominations Due 4/4!

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.
Virtual PLD Day 2022

Join us on Friday, April 22 for a half day conference centering around human service connection and self-care in stressful times.

**When:** Friday, April 22, 2022

**Time:** 9:00am -12:00pm

**Where:** Zoom

**Registration Cost:**
MLA members attend FREE (but you must register to receive the Zoom info)
Non-MLA members: $50

**Agenda:**
- 9:00am: Welcome from PLD Chair, Kristin Schneider
- 9:10am-10:15am: Keynote Speaker Sara Zettervall on ‘Whole Person Librarianship’
- 10:15am-10:35am: Lightning Rounds
  - Jenny Sippel - 5 minutes - Library Information Technology
  - 3 spots open! Email: kschneider@co.carver.mn.us if you’re interested in presenting a 5-minute Lightning Round
- 10:35am-10:45am: 10-minute Break
- 10:45am-11:30am: Guest Presenter Cari Michaels - Self Care/Mental Well Being
- 11:30am-12:00pm: Guest Presenter Jenny Sippel – Yoga

Check the [MLA website](http://www.mla.org) for more information about registration for Virtual PLD Day 2022.

ARLD Day 2022: Registration Open

The ARLD is happy to announce registration is open for ARLD Day which will be held on May 6 via Zoom. We have an excellent line-up of sessions and are very excited to announce our keynote speaker is Derrick Jefferson of the American University Library, Washington, DC.

Jefferson’s session “Connecting the Dots” is a conversation that explores and examines identity and how multiple intersectional identities engage on both personal and professional fronts. How do these identities work in conjunction? Do they coexist? Work in parallel? Create tension? Or do they collide? How do
we deal with these results? And how do they inform how we do our jobs? This presentation will explore issues of justice, equity, diversity, inclusion, and labor in librarianship by centering ourselves and our roles in the library.

More details and a registration link can be found here.

MILE Update

The 2022 MILE cohort has been chosen and we are preparing for another great retreat at Sugar Lake Lodge in Cohasset from May 10-13, 2022.

Project READY Final Workshop: Open to All

Join Minnesota’s first group of Project READY cohorts as they wrap up an 18-month journey through the Project READY curriculum. This culminating workshop is open to all library staff.

When discussing and confronting “heated” racial or social justice issues within our communities, it is imperative to use practical facilitation skills that are both culturally responsive and sensitive to the needs and issues facing minority groups. In this workshop, Lee Mun Wah, master trainer at StirFry Seminars & Consulting, will make use of personal stories, vignettes, and film clip scenarios to encourage participants to authentically address a variety of social justice issues.

Throughout the workshop Lee Mun Wah will teach techniques for mindful facilitation. We will work together to learn how to be stronger and more effective allies within our own communities and to one another.

Register for “Standing Up For Social Justice in Times of Fear and Hatred” by April 7!

Event Details:

What: Standing Up For Social Justice in Times of Fear and Hatred with Lee Mun Wah

When: Thursday, April 14, 3:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Where: Zoom link available to registrants (Session will not be recorded.)

Please contact Ashley Bieber (651-582-8849) with any questions.
Minitex Connect Registration Open

Registration for the virtual Minitex Connect conference is now open! Minitex Connect celebrates interconnectivity and invites all library communities to learn and share ideas from each other. This year’s conference will focus on digital inclusion and access equity.

Event Details:
Date: May 3-4
Time: 8:30am-noon each day
Where: Online (Register here to receive link)

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!

Margaret Deignan
Shana Crandall
Elizabeth Hoffman
Heather Bean

Welcome Renewing Members!

Beth Nienow       Karen Lemke
MLA is strong because of you. Thank you for being a member.