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ARLD Day 2022 Follow Up

Thank you for a great ARLD Day 2022!

A big thank you to our fantastic presenters and everyone who attended (over 80 of you!) for ARLD Day 2022. The recording of Derrick Jefferson’s keynote “Connecting the Dots” will soon be available on the Sched page and the ARLD website for future viewing, as well as slides from many other sessions.

Please take a moment to fill out the Future of ARLD survey to let us know what you want to see from ARLD in the coming years and help us make the next ARLD Day even better!
Attend the Monthly Legislative Committee Meeting

Join the monthly Legislative Committee meeting on **Wednesday, June 1 at 10:00 a.m.** via Zoom to hear an end-of-session update from MLA Lobbyist Sam Walseth and his team.

Register for the monthly meetings by visiting [Upcoming Events](#) on the MLA website.

DEIA Subunit Exploration

With a statement against systemic racism, a push for DEI training, and many more conversations about possibilities, the Board is looking at ways to support member requests and needs. One idea is a subunit focused on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility.

**If you are interested in the possibility of replacing DORT with a subunit focused on DEIA, would like to join a small group to explore a petition for the MLA Board, or if you have any questions, please email Stacey Hendren.**

Thank you,

Stacey Hendren and Brandon Wellman

MILE Update

Congratulations to the 27 MLA members who participated in the 9th MLA Institute for Leadership Excellence (MILE) retreat from May 10-13!

The cohort attended sessions on implicit bias, diversity, cultural competency, principles of engagement, growth mindset, and project management.

The group will now begin planning for MILE 2024.

Thank you to the 2019 cohort for staying on an extra year to plan and run MILE 2022 after it was postponed in 2021 due to the pandemic.
New LGBTQIA+ Roundtable

We are pleased to announce the approval of a LGBTQIA+ Roundtable with the Minnesota Library Association!

The purpose of this roundtable is to help foster awareness and build understanding of LGBTQIA+ community issues in Minnesota libraries. In doing
so, this creates spaces for libraries to work towards creating impactful and inclusive spaces where LGBTQIA+ staff are understood and supported.

Please continue to watch the website for updates and information about joining!

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**PLD Updates**

Virtual PLD Day 2022 was a success! Thanks so much to those who attended, to our wonderful speakers, and also to our generous sponsor CRPLSA (Council of Regional Public Library System Administrators)!

We are now planning for the 2022 MLA Conference - PLD Division meeting. Please email Kristin Schneider if you would like to be part of our Lightning Rounds section.

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**RASS' Recommended Law Resources**

Librarians are (usually) not lawyers, but patrons often visit the reference desk looking for legal assistance. There are many resources available to Minnesota residents, but if this isn't your area of expertise, here are a few that you may find helpful:

- **County law libraries** provide access to legal research materials and may also sponsor free legal advice clinics with volunteer attorneys. When in doubt, give them a call!

- LawHelpMN.org is a nonprofit focused on helping Minnesotans solve family, debt, housing, work, and other legal problems. They also maintain a database of legal service providers and clinics in Minnesota.

- If a patron is looking for legal forms, the State of Minnesota website has a page of Legal Resources including a directory of legal forms, and the Minnesota Judicial Branch provides court forms for topics ranging from adoption to subpoenas.

- For individuals who prefer print resources, Nolo publishes a series of well-regarded DIY legal books that guide the reader through various legal processes including making a will, filing for divorce, and writing a contract.

- If a patron is seeking a legal referral, the Minnesota State Law Library has compiled a list of reliable referrals for each county in Minnesota.
Save the Date: CYP Virtual Conference - October 7

Mark your calendars for the CYP Virtual Unconference planned for Friday, October 7, 2022, from 8:45 am - 12 pm.

More information will be coming in the next few months; stay tuned!

Seize the Opportunity to Present at the 2022 MLA Conference!

The Minnesota Library Association Annual Conference will be held October 27-28, 2022, at the DECC in Duluth, MN. Submit a presentation proposal and share your knowledge, experiences, and ideas with the library community!

The presentation proposal submission deadline is June 11, 2022.

Whether you present individually or as part of a team, the conference is a wonderful opportunity to share and discuss your new ideas, best practices, challenges faced and lessons learned, future directions and past successes, and more. We encourage proposals from library staff of all library types, sizes, departments, and levels.

Have a question about a potential presentation? Contact office@mnlibraryassociation.org.

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 MLA Members

- Corinda Edevold
- Melissa Whatley
- Tammy Schmidt
- Hannah Schefers

Thank you Renewing Members

- Allyn McColley
- Anna Hulseberg
- Anne Griffin
- Carol Walsh
- Gail Hedstrom
- Gail Nordstrom
- Jody Wurl
- John Larson
- Kathryn Mauger
- Katie Polley
- Laura Secord
- Marge Loch-Wouters
- Megan Krueger
- Molly Bostrom
- Natalie Draper
- Rachel Howell
- Stacey Hendren
- Tammy Bobrowsky

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