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## Join SLA-MN and MALL For 2017 Holiday Party Dec. 8

SLA-MN and MALL cordially invite you to celebrate the season with colleagues during this popular annual event open to all information professionals, librarians, researchers, knowledge managers, archivists, students, and guests! This year the event is at MIA, scheduled for the evening of December 8.

- Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and a cash bar of beer and wine.
- Browse the Exhibitor Fair featuring our fabulous sponsors.
- Visit MIA's galleries (open until 9:00 PM).
- Tour MIA's Art Research & Reference Library, one of the Midwest's premiere research centers dedicated to the study of art.
- Bid on silent auction items benefiting the St. Catherine University SLA Student Group. (**Note: please bring cash or your checkbook; credit cards will not be accepted.**)
- Mingle with like-minded professionals from across the Twin Cities.
- Sponsor a student attendee.

**Cost:** \$30 (\$20 for students). Includes hors d'oeuvres, desserts, non-alcoholic beverages, library tour, and gallery visits (with the exception of the special exhibition Eyewitness Views: Making History in Eighteenth-Century Europe).

**Attire:** business casual.

[Click here to buy tickets](#)

[Click here for directions, maps, & parking information](#)

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## **Stipends Available for Public Library Health Workshop with National Network of Libraries of Medicine**

Public library workers are invited to apply for a \$500 stipend to attend "Stand Up for Health: Health and Wellness Services for Your Community," a preconference workshop held at the Public Library Association (PLA) 2018 Conference in Philadelphia.

The conference will be held from March 20 to 24, 2018, at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. The one-day preconference (Tuesday, March 20) will review core competencies of providing health and wellness services; coach participants through understanding their communitiesâ€™ needs; and explore how to create fun and informative health-related programming for different age groups and special populations. Participants will learn about core reference and other materials, tips for helping library users evaluate health materials, and an action plan to put your new expertise to work.

The preconference workshop is part of Promoting Healthy Communities, a new nationwide initiative from PLA and National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM) that will increase public library workersâ€™ knowledge and skills related to consumer health services. Attendees who participate in the workshop and complete some pre/post work will receive the Consumer Health Information Specialization (CHIS) certification offered by the Medical Library Association.

Read the stipend opportunity guidelines, read the Frequently Asked Questions or start your online application:

<http://www.programminglibrarian.org/articles/apply-now-stand-health-workshop-stipend-pla-2018>

## **ALA Opportunity for Small/Rural Public Libraries**

Public libraries that serve small and/or rural communities are invited to apply for a travel stipend to attend a one-day dialogue and deliberation pre-conference workshop at the 2018 American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference in New Orleans. "Libraries

Transforming Communities: Conversation Caf  Workshop for Public Libraries Serving Small, Mid-Sized and/or Rural Communities" will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, June 22, 2018.

Attending the pre-conference is free, though space will be limited to 50 participants. Twenty-five participants from public libraries serving small and/or rural communities will be selected to receive an \$800 stipend to help cover travel costs for one library employee. Those interested in applying for a travel stipend should read the project guidelines and submit an online application by March 9, 2018. Applicants need not be ALA members.

Learn more and apply here: <https://apply.ala.org/LTC2018/guidelines>

This workshop is offered as part of Libraries Transforming Communities: Models for Change, an initiative of ALA and the National Coalition for Dialogue & Deliberation (NCDD). The initiative seeks to introduce libraries to various dialogue and deliberation approaches, enabling libraries to foster conversation and lead change in their communities.

Libraries Transforming Communities: Models for Change Series 3 <http://www.ala.org/tools/libriestransform/libraries-transforming-communities/small-mid-rural-public> highlights dialogue and deliberation models most useful for public libraries serving small, mid-sized and/or rural communities. Learn more about our earlier offerings, Series 1 for public libraries serving large and/or urban communities at <http://www.ala.org/tools/libriestransform/libraries-transforming-communities/large-urban-public> or Series 2 for academic libraries at <http://www.ala.org/tools/libriestransform/libraries-transforming-communities/academic>

Before attending the in-person workshop in New Orleans, Series 3 participants must view three 90-minute online learning sessions in winter/spring 2018. The three free webinars, respectively, will offer an introduction to dialogue and deliberation; an overview of the Future Search approach; and an overview of the Conversation Caf  approach.

The in-person workshop will provide a deeper exploration of Conversation Caf , allowing attendees to participate in a Caf  and discuss applications, opportunities and challenges of the approach.

## **Calling all Minnesota Library Employees**

We are seeking poetry, short fiction, or art created by Minnesota library employees to publish a Pressbook anthology of creative works by our Minnesota library community. All public, academic, special, and K-12 library employees are welcome to submit their work. Our goals are to showcase the great talent that we have in our community, and learn how to create a Pressbook and teach others in the library community how to do it! We will accept all submissions provided that they are your original works, and that they have not been published or performed for profit in other venues.

**Deadline for submissions: Friday December 15, 2017**

Formatting requirements for text: Microsoft Word

Formatting requirements for images: JPG, PNG, or GIF. 250KB maximum size, 300 dpi.

The anthology will be an open Pressbook publication made available on the Pressbook platform. If not otherwise stated, all submissions will be granted a [Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-NoDerivatives 4.0 International license](#).

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## MLA Board Update

The MLA Board met on Friday, November 17th. The approved minutes from the previous month's meeting may be found [here](#). The agenda from each meeting is posted on the [Board of Directors](#) page several days prior to the meeting. Board meetings are open to the public and members are encouraged to attend

## Welcome new members!

The following members joined MLA in February. Welcome to MLA!

- Sarah Clinton-McCausland
- Heather Dean
- Mark Kimmel
- Cortni Obrien

## Thank you renewing members!

MLA thanks all of those members who renewed during the month of November!

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