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## Roundup

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### Don't Miss the MLA Strategic Planning Summit

Please plan to attend the Strategic Planning Summit on Friday, September 28th. We'll be meeting at the Brookdale Library to discuss challenges, opportunities, and the future of the Minnesota Library Association. Your input is crucial to the organization and we hope you will attend. More details and registration information can be found at [here](#).

### Chapter Councilor Report, ALA Annual 2018

I presented my ALA Annual Chapter Councilor report at the July MLA Board meeting, and you can read it in full on the MLA website [here](#). Here are a few highlights:

- ALA's Special Task Force on Sustainability was formed in 2017 by the ALA Executive Board in response to the 2015 ALA Resolution on the Importance of Sustainable Libraries. Libraries are well positioned to play an increasingly important role in helping communities thrive in the face of the disruptions our world is facing. There are [52 recommendations in the report](#), and many opportunities for ALA and individual libraries to step up on sustainability.
- Wellness Initiatives: ALA has updated the [Wellness web content](#) on the ALA-APA website, enhancing conference wellness programming and creating new online wellness programs.
- There is a [new Q&A resource](#) to help library staff with responding to and preparing for controversial programs and speakers.
- ALA's Choose Privacy Week has been rebranded as Choose Privacy Every Day, and they have a [new website](#).

- ALA has continued an 18-month ALA review on organizational effectiveness. Here's the latest [Organizational Effectiveness Plan](#) shared with Council, and it included a timeline for next steps.

## Passed Resolutions

- [Resolution to Honor African Americans Who Fought Library Segregation, CD #41](#)
- [Resolution to recognize the 25th anniversary of the GPO Access Act and calling for the enactment of the FDLP Modernization Act, CD #20.2](#)
- [Resolution to reunite detained migrant children with their parents, CD #20.3](#)
- [Resolution on gender-inclusive bathrooms at ALA conferences and meetings, CD #42](#)
- Several interpretations of the Library Bill of Rights drafted by the Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC) passed. The three interpretations included meeting rooms ([CD #19.6](#)), library-initiated programs as a resource ([CD #19.7](#)), and services to people with disabilities ([CD #19.8](#)). The meeting room interpretation has since come under scrutiny after a number of library workers responded strongly against the inclusion of the terms "hate speech," "hate groups," and the repercussions to library users and workers. In my report, I included several recent articles and opinions. More information will be forthcoming from MLA leadership soon, but here's what has happened since June. A resolution to rescind the interpretation that was passed at ALA Annual was introduced to Council, and the ALA Executive Board approved an online vote by Council. Comments are open on this resolution to rescind on the [ALA Connect space](#) from Thursday, July 26 through Thursday, August 9. ALA Council will then vote via electronic ballot, and the results of the vote will be announced on August 17th. In the meantime, the IFC has formed a separate working group to draft a new version of the meeting rooms interpretation and will share it in October 2018.

## Failed Resolutions

- Socially Responsible Investments for the ALA Endowment Fund Resolution

If there are any questions or concerns that you would like to discuss, please don't hesitate to contact ALA Chapter Councilor Sara Ring at [ring0089@umn.edu](mailto:ring0089@umn.edu).

## You're Invited to the Online Legislative Committee Meeting September 5

There will be a follow-up conversation about the 2019 MLA+ITEM Legislative Platform and the work started at the Legislative Forum at the Legislative Committee meeting on Sep 5 at 10am online via Zoom. Everyone is invite to participate at the meeting and/or through this [survey](#) to give some written comments and suggestions in advance of the meeting. This form also includes a link to the current draft. Watch for login information and an agenda in an upcoming Legislative Update Newsletter.

All MLA members receive the Legislative Update Newsletter as the way to keep informed about legislative activities and actions throughout the year. You do not have to be a member to receive this newsletter and we encourage you to let your Friends and Board members know about the newsletter so they may increase their advocacy activities, too. Here is a subscription [link](#).

The LegWork Committee invites members who are interested in hands-on advocacy activities throughout the year to join the committee. The committee meets regularly both in-person and online to plan Legislative Day, the Legislative Forum, and other activities. Please email [LegWorkMLA@gmail.com](mailto:LegWorkMLA@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering on this active working committee.

# Join the Reader's Advisory Round Table (RART) 10/12 at the MLA Conference

If you would like to learn more about RART, please attend our subunit meeting during the MLA conference. It will be held on Friday 10/12, 1:00-1:50. Find location information [here](#). If you enjoy memes and book recommendations, consider following [RART](#) on Twitter!

## Academic and Research Libraries Division (ARLD) Happy Hour: Conference Edition

ARLD will be hosting a Happy Hour during the MLA Conference! Join ARLD board members at [The Pickled Loon](#) on Thursday, October 11th from 7-9pm for a beverage, great food, and even better conversation! All are welcome to join the Academic and Research Libraries Division for this event.

## Volunteer to Co-Chair MLA's Reference and Adult Services Section (RASS)!

Looking for an MLA leadership opportunity? RASS is seeking nominations for Co-Chair for January 2019 – December 2020. Please use this brief [form](#) to nominate yourself or a colleague. Nominations will be accepted through Friday, September 28, 2018 at 5:00 PM.

RASS Co-Chair responsibilities can include the following:

- Coordinating a RASS-sponsored session at MLA Annual
- Planning the subunit business meeting for MLA Annual
- Updating the RASS website, including discussions with members
- Planning the RASS Rendezvous, a meetup for adult services librarians
- Being involved in reviewing and selecting MLA Annual session proposals

Being a subunit co-chair is a great first step to being more involved in MLA. The time commitment is relatively low, and it provides a low-pressure opportunity to boost your resume and gain some professional leadership experience. RASS is always open to new people, new ideas, and all library types.

If you have any questions about this opportunity, please contact current RASS co-chairs Hannah Buckland at [hbuckland@hclib.org](mailto:hbuckland@hclib.org) or Brian Lind at [blind@rochester.lib.mn.us](mailto:blind@rochester.lib.mn.us).

## ARLD Back-to-School Happy Hour September 14

It is back to school season! Whether you are an academic librarian gearing up for the semester or a public librarian celebrating the end of a successful summer reading program, we invite you to join us for a tour of the [Textile Center's Pat O'Connor Library](#) on Friday, September 14, 2018 followed by a chance to reconnect with colleagues at the nearby Surly Destination Brewery. To RSVP [click here](#).

4:45 pm - Meet at the Pat O'Connor Library for a talk and tour with librarian Nancy Mambi  
5:45 pm - Walk/Bike/Drive over to Surly  
6 pm - Meet at Surly for social time

**Getting there:**  
[Textile Center](#)

Pat O'Connor Library  
3000 University Ave SE  
Minneapolis, MN 55414

- Parking is available in the lot behind the Textile Center, entrance at Arthur Ave and Sidney Place.
- Parking is also available at 3018 University Ave SE, just 2 doors east of Textile Center. Look for the green signs!
- \$3 parking is located at the surface lot at: 2813 4th Street SE, Minneapolis 55414
- Metro Transit Green Line - the Textile Center is a two minute walk from the Prospect Park station

[Surly Brewing Company](#)

520 Malcolm Ave SE  
Minneapolis, MN, 55414

- Want to stay for dinner? Now serving [pizza upstairs!](#)

## MLA Board Update

The MLA Board met on Friday, August 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 August. Welcome to MLA!

- Nick Anderson
- Chelsea Couillard-Smith
- Dorothy Doll
- Katherine Gerwig
- Laura Halverson
- Suzanne Hunt
- Connie Laing
- Leah Larson
- Rebeca Lashinski
- Danya Leebaw
- Melanie Leivers
- Alice Sather
- Katrina Taylor
- Sarah Villanueva
- Gretchen Vork

## Thank you renewing members!

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

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