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## Roundup

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#### New MLA Code of Conduct Approved

The MLA Board has drafted and approved a new [Code of Conduct](#) for our organization. This statement, and subsequent link to the American Library Association's Statement of Appropriate Conduct, is intended to be used for all MLA-sponsored events. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact a [member of the Board](#).

#### Join the MLA Legislative Working Committee

The Legislative Working Committee is made up of MLA and ITEM members who help plan and organize our grassroots lobbying efforts for the MLA/ITEM Legislative Platform. We plan the logistics for the Legislative Forum and Library Legislative Day, publish updates, and share breaking news. We strive to prepare all library staff, Friends and patrons to be successful library advocates. You can get involved with us by emailing [LegWorkMLA@gmail.com](mailto:LegWorkMLA@gmail.com). Please be sure to subscribe to the Legislative Updates [here](#).

#### CYP Unconference

In April, two dozen youth services library staff gathered at the 5th Annual CYP Unconference at Hennepin County Library's Brooklyn Park location. Attendees learned about Nature Smart Libraries from Monica Lopez Magee of the Children and Nature Network and how to raise Monarch Butterflies in the library from Monica Stratton of Ramsey County Library. Breakout groups talked about summer programs, passive programming, the future of CYP and more. Thanks to everyone who attended and we hope to see you next year! Any questions, please contact CYP Chair Julia Carlis, [jcarlis@gmail.com](mailto:jcarlis@gmail.com)

## **New Minnesota Libraries Transform Toolkit Available**

In addition to the marketing materials available on the ALA Libraries Transform [website](#), ALA recently created a Minnesota branded version of the Libraries Transform logo. There are several different colors of the Minnesota Libraries Transform logo (depending on what background you choose to use it on) and several different file types. Please make sure to review the guidelines ALA provides before using them at your library.

ALA also created editable Because statement posters for Chapters like MLA and individual libraries to use. All you need is Adobe Reader to edit them with your own unique Because statement. You can use them to create your own custom statements specific to your library, share them on social media, include them in library reports, or print posters to display at your library.

We have posted the Minnesota toolkit files and supporting documentation on the "Advocacy and Legislation" page of the MLA website [here](#). They are also on the Minnesota Library Advocacy [website](#).

You may recall that MLA created our own Minnesota Libraries transform logo over a year ago and used it for the 2018 Library Legislative Day. Please note that these ALA-provided new logos replace any previous versions of the Minnesota Libraries Transform logo.

## **MLA Membership Committee Seeks New Members**

The Membership Committee is looking for a few new members. We focus on recruitment, retention, and ensuring that members' voices are being heard. As a volunteer-led organization, the Membership Committee plays a key role in MLA. This is a great opportunity to become more involved and meet lots of fantastic people. Come join us! Contact Tasha Nins at [tashanins@gmail.com](mailto:tashanins@gmail.com)

## **Attention Librarians and Anyone Interested in a Degree/education in Library Science**

The School of Library and Information Management (SLIM) at Emporia State University is again offering generous scholarship opportunities for students attending classes at our South Dakota site. Located in beautiful Sioux Falls, weekend intensive classes are held at Augustana University. (Two weekends/semester for required classes.)

Students from South Dakota and Iowa will receive \$1,000 scholarships in the Fall; and students from Nebraska, Minnesota, and North Dakota will receive \$500 scholarships. This offer will be limited to the first 15 students admitted into the Fall 2018 cohort.

Questions? Please contact Kathie Buckman at [kbuckman@emporia.edu](mailto:kbuckman@emporia.edu); 620-757-9088. See more information [here](#).

## **MLA Board Update**

The MLA Board met on Friday, June 15th. 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 June. Welcome to MLA!

- Amy Helfritz

- Jacqueline Kramer
- Teri Nagel

## **Thank you renewing members!**

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

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