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MLA Executive Director Steps Down

Tammy Schoenberg, MLA Executive Director extraordinaire, has moved on from Management HQ. Her last day with us was Tuesday, November 20th.

Tammy has been an integral part of MLA over the past three years and I am grateful and thankful to have had the chance to work with her, and I know you all feel the same way.

MHQ has begun the search process of finding us a new executive director. In the meantime, [Dara Rudick](#), MHQ CEO, will be filling Tammy's role as interim. Dara will ensure we have continuous coverage and are able to move ahead both our daily operations and Strategic Planning efforts.

I have worked with a number of MHQ team members over the past couple of years and they have all been fantastic. I have no doubt that their qualified, responsive, and thoughtful service will continue.

A big thank you and best wishes to Tammy!

MLA Selects Kalan Davis for ALA Emerging Leaders Program

The Minnesota Library Association has selected to sponsor Kalan Davis, Special Collections Metadata Librarian (University of Minnesota Libraries) for the 2019 ALA Emerging Leaders program. The program is designed to enable library staff and information workers to participate in project planning workgroups, network with peers, gain an inside look into ALA structure, and have an opportunity to serve the profession in a leadership capacity early

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in their careers.

The Emerging Leaders program kicks off with a day-long session facilitated by Maureen Sullivan during the ALA 2019 Midwinter Meeting in Seattle. Following the kickoff session, which includes orientation and training, the program will continue in an online learning and networking environment for six months. The program culminates with a poster session where the 2019 Emerging Leaders will showcase the results of their project planning work during the ALA 2019 Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.

The complete list of the selected participants and other sponsoring organizations, along with additional program details can be found on the Emerging Leaders [webpage](#).

Applications are open for MILE 2019!

The Minnesota Library Association (MLA) Institute for Leadership Excellence (MILE) is a subunit of MLA that gives participants an opportunity to grow leadership skills, connect

with library professionals from around Minnesota, and be paired with a mentor. MILE helps you discover the leader within yourself and learn to lead effectively today—even if your current position is not one of leadership.

We are also looking for mentors to share their experience and knowledge with this year's attendees.

Please visit the MILE website at <https://sites.google.com/site/mlaexcellence/home> to apply to be an attendee or mentor today!

Reading is Healthy: Introducing the NNLM Reading Club

Book Clubs or reading groups are a staple of library outreach and literacy efforts. People gather to discuss Oprah's picks or the New York Times' Best Sellers to socially engage with literature and current events.

To help grow health literacy, the [NNLM All of Us Community Engagement Network](#) announces the launch of the NNLM Reading Club. The goal is to support libraries' health literacy efforts and address local communities' health information needs by celebrating important [National Health Observances](#) through the fun and intimacy of a book club.

The NNLM Reading Club offers a selection of three different book titles along with corresponding free, ready-to-use materials designed to help promote and facilitate a book club discussion on a health issue or topic. It's easy to download the discussion materials and direct patrons to the library's book holdings. However, the NNLM is offering an added benefit.

Beginning November 1st, participating NNLM libraries are making the quarterly Reading Club picks available in a free, handy, portable Book Club Kit. This program-in-a-box format includes 8 copies of each of the following items: the selected book, discussion guide, [MedlinePlus.gov](#) flyer, [NIH MedlinePlus Magazine](#), [NIH All of Us Research Program](#) brochure and additional material in support of the health topic all of which are tucked inside a handy library book bag and shipped to the requesting library.

Any U.S. library that is an organizational member of the [National Network of Libraries of Medicine](#) is eligible to apply and to receive one NNLM Reading Club Book Kit from November 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019. Due to the limited supply of federally-sponsored NNLM Reading Club Book Kits, libraries that support outreach to vulnerable populations receive priority status.

Visit <https://nmlm.gov/all-of-us/nnlm-reading-club> to browse the November selections and download the ready-to-use materials or to order an NNLM Book Club Kit from a participating region.

Submissions Due Jan. 19 for PLD Day

MLA-Public Libraries Division's annual conference, PLD Day, is seeking proposals for both breakout sessions & lightning rounds. Submit your idea [here](#). This year's theme is Equity of Access : Leveling the Playing Field. The conference takes place on Friday, April 12 at Rise by Elevation in Brooklyn Center. Complete the session proposal form by Saturday, January 19. Submissions are open to anyone, including MLIS students. Presenters will be notified in early February. Contact Angie Petrie, apetrie@ci.stillwater.mn.us or Jill Smith, jsmith@ci.bayport.mn.us with any questions.

Thank you renewing members!

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

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