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Roundup

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ARLD Day 2019 - Session Proposals Due Feb. 8

The Academic & Research Libraries Division (ARLD) of the Minnesota Library Association is seeking session proposals for ARLD Day 2019, which will be held April 26, 2019, at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum.

Please [complete the session proposal form by February 8](#). Anyone, including current MLIS students, can submit a presentation. Our planning committee will select presentations and notify presenters in early March.

Conference session types will include:

- Breakout sessions: Breakout sessions are 50 minutes long and may include presentations, panel sessions, workshops, etc.
- Lightning round sessions: Lightning round sessions maximize the amount of information shared about innovative and exciting projects, services, or ideas. Each presenter will be given five minutes to present on a topic, followed by three minutes of audience Q&A. Each lightning round session is limited to one presenter.

The deadline for proposals is Friday, February 8, 2019. Questions? Contact [Phil Dudas](#).

[Submit a proposal](#).

Event Details:

ARLD Day 2019

April 26, 2019

8:30am - 4:00pm

[Minnesota Landscape Arboretum](#)

3675 Arboretum Dr., Chaska, MN

ARLD Day Pre-Conference: April 24-25

Systematic Reviews and Evidence Synthesis Beyond the Health Sciences: An Institute for Librarians

Enhance your database searching skills and learn about the possibilities for collaborating with researchers in conducting systematic reviews.

Systematic reviews, meta-analyses, and other forms of evidence synthesis that have long been common in the health sciences are growing in other disciplines (e.g., Agriculture, Nutrition, Education, Psychology).

In this 2-day institute, librarians will learn about the entire systematic review process with special emphasis on creating transparent, reproducible search strategies. Other topics covered will include creating and registering protocols, following guidelines for methodology, using tools to manage the process, and gaining awareness of networking organizations.

When: Wednesday, April 24, 10am - 4pm, and Thursday, April 25, 9am - 4pm

Where: Magrath Library - 1984 Buford Ave, St. Paul, MN

Lunch and snacks will be provided both days. Please contact us if you need assistance making lodging arrangements.

This workshop is free, but space is limited.

Institute Leaders: Megan Kocher, Amy Riegelman, and Julie Kelly, from the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities

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Participate in MN Legislative Week

Join library supporters from Minnesota on Tuesday, February 26, for the annual statewide library advocacy event to meet with elected officials at the Capitol. We need to see supporters from across the state!

Activities begin the afternoon of February 25. Legislators, their staff, and our advocates are invited to an informal meet and greet at the Capitol. Light refreshments will be served and you can have your photo taken to be turned into a READ poster. Receive an update on library legislative issues from the MLA/ITEM lobbyist at 5pm on Feb. 25. This verbal report will get you motivated and prepared to speak with your representatives. *The briefing repeats at 9am on Feb. 26 as well.*

Tuesday, February 26 is our major in-person advocacy day. Contact your regional library system for information on scheduling an in-person appointment with your officials. Help us show our elected officials just how much Minnesotans value their libraries!

[View the event page for further details and timing.](#)

Can't make it to the Capitol?

You can still participate the entire week of February 25-March 1 through Virtual Legislative

Week. Reach out to your legislators by phone, email, mail, Twitter, or other means all week long. Even if you do go to the Capitol, keep in touch the rest of the week! The Minnesota Advocacy website has [sample tweets](#), [letter templates](#), [email samples](#), and [other suggestions how to reach out](#).

[Learn more and register today!](#)

Welcome New Members!

The following members joined MLA in December & January. Welcome to MLA!

- Zachary Offner
- Larissa Schwenk
- Amanda Alguire
- Nancy Maxwell
- Kathie McDonald

Thank you Renewing Members!

MLA thanks all of those members who renewed during the last two months!

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