



Roundup

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Conference Keynote Speaker Selected

The conference planning committee is happy to announce keynote speaker, Nina Simon. Nina Simon is a museum director from Santa Cruz, CA. She is best known for her work surrounding The Participatory Museum, a practical guide to working with community members and visitors to make cultural institutions more dynamic, relevant, essential places. Nina will be speaking at Thursday's luncheon Keynote on the subject of Relevance.

We all want our libraries to be "relevant." But what does that word really mean? In this interactive keynote, author and museum director Nina Simon will share inspiring examples and practical theories on how to make your work more vital and valuable to diverse communities. Relevance isn't about what's #trending. It's about unlocking meaning in people's hearts. Join Nina for a thought-provoking conversation about how we can use relevance to matter more to more people.

On Thursday morning, Nina will also present a session on Community Based Program Design.

You won't want to miss it! See you in Duluth!

Don't forget!

You can request to have the banner at your library for a staff day, other workplace event or a MLA event. Contact MLA125banner@gmail.com with your request.

Also, check out the [125th Celebration tab](#) on the MLA website. While there make your video selfie! The directions are available. Make a selfie with a friend!

Attend the ALA Virtual Membership Meeting

[Register](#) and join hundreds of other ALA members for the annual ALA Virtual Membership Meeting (VMM16) on Thursday, June 2, from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. (CDT).

VMM16 is a terrific way to have your voice heard, to discuss essential topics with other members, and to connect with colleagues, old and new. Live captioning is provided so all registrants can participate. It is your chance to contribute, connect, and engage. This virtual meeting will:

- Update you about ALA's strategic directions and finances;
- Cover topics related to the Libraries Transform public awareness campaign, Library Advocacy, as well as the work of the Task Force on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion; and
- Provide participants the opportunity to submit and to vote on resolutions or testimonials.
- Registration is now open. A dedicated VMM16 ALA web page and ALA Connect group provide detailed information and relevant documents.

The meeting officially concludes at 2:30 p.m., but the text-chat session will remain open for an additional 15 minutes to allow participants to wrap up their conversations.

Comstock-Gág Read Aloud Book Awards Winners Announced

For the twelfth year, children have chosen the best books when read out loud to them in the Minnesota State University Moorhead's (MSUM) Comstock-Gág Read Aloud Book Awards program.

The 2016 winner of the Comstock Read Aloud Book Award for the nine to twelve year old category is *Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear* written by Lindsay Mattick and illustrated by Sophie Blackall. This tells the remarkable true story of the bear who inspired Winnie the Pooh.

The Comstock Honor Books are *Jars of Hope: How One Woman Helped Save 2,500 Children During the Holocaust* written by Jennifer Roy and illustrated by Meg Owenson, and *Tucky Jo and Little Heart* written and illustrated by Patricia Polacco.

The 2016 winner of the Wanda Gág Read Aloud Book Award for the preschool to eight year old category is *Please, Open This Book!* written by Adam Lehrhaupt and illustrated by Matthew Forsythe. This humorous book filled with "trapped" animals inside the pages will have you questioning your motive for continuing to read this book.

The Wanda Gág Honor Books are *If You Ever Want to Bring an Alligator to School, Don't!* written and illustrated by Elise Parsley, *A Tale of Two Beasts* written and illustrated by Fiona Robertson, and *Those Pesky Rabbits* written and illustrated by Ciara Flood.

Spotlight on MLA History: Summer School

School's (almost) out for summer! And we will begin to hear the common refrain... "No more pencils. No more books. No more teacher's dirty looks."

If you were in charge of a school library in the early 1900's, and needed or wanted additional training, that might not be your chant. Instead, you may be headed for summer school. Library summer school.

In response to a MLA resolution passed in 1899, the MN State Library Commission, with support of the University (of MN) Summer School, created a library science training to run during the University's summer school session. The course was 6 weeks long. If you attended, your mid-summer plans might look something like this . . .

PROGRAM.

- 1st week. Order and accession; Bibliography.
- 2nd week. Classification, bibliography and library economy.
- 3rd week. Classification and library economy.
- 4th week. Cataloging and Reference Work.
- 5th week. Cataloging, Reference Work and Children's Work.
- 6th week. Cataloging and Charging systems.

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And you would have to come up with some funding for this new and exciting summer 'vacation' opportunity. Tuition for the 6 week "Summer School for Library Training" in 1901 was \$5.00. Supplies were furnished at cost, \$3.00. Board and lodging near the University ranged from \$3.50-\$5.00 per week.

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Happy summer 'vacation' everyone!

MLA125 Reference Challenge: Research¹, Answer & Win²

In honor of MLA's 125th anniversary we're posing some 125 trivia questions from now until Annual Conference September 29-30 in Duluth.

How it works: Look for the question in your MLA Roundup. Submit your answer to the reference question to mla125trivia@gmail.com. All correct answers will be entered into a random drawing. There will be one winner for each question posted. Answers will be posted in the next Roundup.

The PRIZE: A limited edition Happy 125th MLA notebook

This Month's MLA 125 Reference Challenge:
Who is the 125th MLA Board President?

Send your answers to mla125trivia@gmail.com.

Entries must be received by: **Monday, June 20.**

Good Luck!

Congratulations to Last Month's WINNER: Martha Bisek from Dakota County Library

APRIL Answer:

Any of the following were accepted:

- Sestercentennial
- Semiquincentennial
- Bicenquingenary
- Quarter-millennial

¹Keep it real, google or the MLA website all you really need here.

²Maybe win. Each correct response will be entered in a random drawing each month.

MLA Board Update

The MLA Board met on Friday, May 20th. The approved minutes from the previous month's meeting may be found [here](#). The agenda from each meeting is posted [here](#) several days prior to the meeting. Board meetings are open to the public and members are encouraged to attend.

Welcome New Members!

The following have joined MLA this month. Welcome to MLA!

- Joyce Peterson
- Julie Kapke
- Amy Werner

Thank You Renewing Members!

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

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