



## Roundup

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## More MLA History Added to Minnesota Reflections Collection

The MLA Digital History Project Committee has described and added another batch of content to our collection in Minnesota Reflections. This latest batch brings our total up to 353 records/objects (2472 pages) for the whole collection. The latest additions include conference programs from the 1960s-1980s and the MLA Newsletter, 1951-1972.

Below are a few titles added that you can search by, or [browse the complete collection](#).

- 1939 Joint Conference of the Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin Library Associations program, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 1947 Upper Midwest Regional Library Conference program, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 1963 Tri-State Regional Library Conference program, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 1968 Forum: All-Association Conference I preliminary program, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 1968 Minnesota's first governor's conference on library service program, St. Paul, Minnesota
- 1978 Minnesota governor's pre-White House conference on library and information services program, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Want to be a librarian? Why not! brochure
- Minnesota Library Association Bulletin (1951-1959)
- Bulletin of the Minnesota Library Association (1959-1972)

Over the next few months we'll describe and upload MLA newsletters up to 2005.

## Openings for the 2017 ARLD Board

Interested in becoming more involved with ARLD? Know someone who you think would be a good board member? Consider running for a position or nominating someone for the ARLD Board!

We are a fun group that works with other professionals to serve the needs of Minnesota's academic library community. Open positions are Chair-Elect (three-year term), Legislative Liaison (two-year term), Communications Officer (two-year term) and Member-at-Large (two-year term). Take a look at the [Position Descriptions](#) for more information. [Nominations](#) are due July 22, 2016. The Academic and Research Libraries Division is a division of the Minnesota Library Association and is also the Minnesota chapter of the Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL). We are interested in librarians from all types of academic libraries throughout Minnesota. Our meetings are held in-person and virtually on a designated Friday each month; activities include planning conference programs, smaller member events, and finding new ways to serve and connect with library staff throughout the state.

## ARLD Dialogue Discusses Aspects of Science Librarianship!

ARLD hosted a Dialogue on May 23rd at Saint Catherine University with a focus on collaboration between science librarians and faculty. We had a great discussion, both in person and online, covering many topics from collaborating with faculty on various projects and publications, including systematic reviews, library instruction for science classes, and how to best promote and teach various science databases. We also discussed starting a new MLA Roundtable for Science Librarians and those interested in science. If you would be interested in joining this roundtable, or for more information, please email [Jonathan Carlson](#) or [Megan Kocher](#).

## Revamped Wikipedia Page

Take a look at the [Minnesota Library Association's Wikipedia page](#). The 125th Anniversary Committee is happy to say we've expanded what was once little more than a stub. It now has highlights of MLA's growth, some of its challenges, and a list of all the MLA presidents to date.

Curious readers can learn more by following links to the biographical pages of two early presidents: William Watts Folwell, MLA's first president, and Gratia Countryman, long-time Minneapolis Public Library director and the first woman director of a major American public library.

## Spotlight on MLA History

MINNESOTA PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION NOTES AND NEWS A, No. 6, St. Paul, February 1906

Apparently the goals of librarians haven't changed much over the years since this article was written in 1906. From p. 5.

### *Library Wants*

*We want business men to call on us for statistics, etc.*

*We want railroad men to use our railroad books.*

*We want mechanics to tell us what books they need for their study.*

*We want taxpayers to see that we are a paying investment.*

*We want mothers to come see what we have for the children.*

*We want teachers, ministers, and newspapermen to depend on us and see where we are wanting.*

*We want more readers in our reading rooms, afternoon and evening.*

*We want all residents to feel a pride and interest in their library; to come to it for their books, or if they buy books, just to see what we have, and in every way to show a lively interest in it.*

From the same Notes and News, p. 1, the good news was that the number of tax supported libraries in Minnesota increased from 57 to 61. Twenty-two libraries were open on Sundays, and were staffed by various employees including the librarian, the librarian's assistant, members of the board, or in some cases, the janitor! (P. 2). Vacations were recommended for librarians, since libraries were open many hours a week, including evenings and weekends. "...a vacation of at least three weeks, and if possible one month should be given..." (p. 2). Sounds delightful!

Are you a "Library Goop"? [Take a look at this to decide!](#)

Goop posters were available for purchase for 15 cents either by mail or at the Red Wing meeting of the Minnesota Library Association. The posters "...will not only please but remind the children how to care for the books."

From the Minnesota Public Library Commission Library Notes and News No. 4, St. Paul, October 1905, p. 5.

## **MLA125 Reference Challenge: Research<sup>1</sup>, Answer & Win<sup>2</sup>**

In honor of MLA's 125th anniversary we're posing some 125 trivia questions from now until the 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](mailto: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 MLA125 Reference Challenge:**

In what year did MLA's membership reach a total of 125 members?

**Hint:** William Howard Taft was president of the United States of America (not MLA). It was also the same year of the first commercial Zeppelin flight, and the year author E.M. Forster published *Howard's End*.

Send your answers to [mla125trivia@gmail.com](mailto:mla125trivia@gmail.com)

Entries must be received by: Wednesday, July 20

Good Luck!

**Congratulations to Last Month's WINNER:**

Jonathan D. Carlson, Science Librarian at the College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University!

**Answer:**

Who is the 125th MLA Board President?

The correct answer:

No one. William W. Folwell was the first president and served for eight years, and Linda DeBeau-Melting served two consecutive terms. That makes president in the 125th year, Margaret Stone, the 114th MLA president.

<sup>1</sup>Keep it real, Google or the MLA website is all you really need here.

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

## MLA Board Update

The MLA Board met on Friday, June 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 joined MLA this month. Welcome to MLA!

- Amy Dunning
- Cassandra Gilgenbach
- Cheryl Heimer
- Jennifer Lund
- Cassie Rauk
- Martina Rising
- Jennifer Rodger

- Edward Speiker
- Kay Yang-Cha

# Thank You Renewing Members!

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

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