



## Roundup

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# Register for the 2016 Lake Superior Libraries Symposium

Registration is now open for the fifth annual **Lake Superior Libraries Symposium!** LSL16 will be held on **Friday, May 20, 2016** in Duluth, Minnesota at the College of St. Scholastica. Staff members from all types of libraries in the Upper Midwest and beyond are invited to attend and participate. Reflecting this year's conference theme, *NOW That's What I Call Libraries!*, breakout sessions will celebrate the inspiring, bold, and creative ways libraries are meeting their patrons' needs. Our keynote speaker is Jason Griffey, librarian, technologist, and a Fellow at the Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University. The conference also features a lightning round and two social events. [More information.](#)

For an additional registration fee, attendees can participate in a **pre-conference workshop** on innovation in libraries facilitated by Jason Griffey on **Thursday, May 19** from noon-4pm. [More information and registration.](#)

# MLA's Earliest Records Digitized and Accessible

The MLA Digital History Project Committee is pleased to share that we have completed work on our fourth batch of content. The latest batch (137 new items) spans the minutes, programs, and registration lists from our very first conference in 1891 all the way through 1937. This brings our latest count to 251 items total (roughly 1,936 pages) in Minnesota Reflections.

Visit the MLA collection [here](#), then browse by date to see records from 1891 on. You can also use the "Narrow your search by" facets to browse. For example, if you're interested in looking at just the annual conference notes, click on "Item Physical Format" and then choose "Minutes (administrative records)."

All the handwritten minutes were transcribed and are full text searchable. If you pull up the minutes from any conference and have trouble reading the handwritten notes, click on the "View Image & Text" button at the top of the viewer and you can read the transcribed text displayed alongside the original.

## Conference Keynote Speaker Selected

The conference planning committee is happy to announce keynote speaker, **Bobbi Newman** author of the blog [Librarian by Day](#).

Bobbi is an experienced speaker having given talks in such diverse places as Heidelberg, Ontario and the panhandle of Florida. Additionally she has been part of several national initiatives including serving on the National Information Standards Organization committee and the Pew Internet & American Life Project. Bobbi was named a Mover and Shaker by Library Journal in 2011.

At the MLA conference, Bobbi will give a keynote on *Privacy and Libraries in the 21st Century*. Technology advances have changed the depth and breadth of data that can be collected and stored, while at the same time patron expectations of libraries has shifted regarding services and educational opportunities. How should libraries respond?

She will also present a breakout session titled, *Digital Literacy Requires Life Long Learning*. What does Digital Literacy look like in 2016? Why does it matter to our patrons and our libraries? Join us in Duluth on **September 29th & 30th** for the **MLA Annual Conference!**

## Make a Video Selfie for the 125th Celebration!

To commemorate the 125th anniversary of MLA, we are collecting video selfies. Below are some suggestions to get you started. The only rule is that it cannot be longer than 2 minutes!

Make your selfie and send it to [MLA125video@gmail.com](mailto:MLA125video@gmail.com). We'll post the videos on our [YouTube channel](#) as well as show them at the conference at the MLA 125th table. You can have a duo selfie or a bunch of people from your workplace. If you need directions as to how to record a video selfie, see below. Whatever you do, have fun!

### **We Are MLA: Best Memories**

Capture your MLA experience in two minutes or less by producing your own video selfie. Start by introducing yourself ...name, library affiliation (current or past), and note approximately how long you've been a member. Choose one or two of these suggestions as your selfie focus.

- My most memorable MLA involvement
- My best MLA networking opportunity
- My best MLA professional development
- My best MLA social event
- My best MLA buddy outside of my workplace (joint selfie an option)
- My own reflection

## **Save the Date for ARLD Dialogue: Minnesota Science Librarians Unite**

Meet other science librarians from across the state in-person or virtually! Our discussion topic will be collaborations between science librarians and faculty, including research, instruction, grants, etc. This will also be an opportunity to discuss the challenges we face and opportunities to work together.

**When:** May 23, 2016 ~ Noon-2pm

**Where:** [St. Catherine University, Coeur de Catherine room 17](#) OR [online via webex](#)

**Registration:** Registration will be available on the MLA website next week

**Parking:** Registrants will receive a parking permit via email to print out and display on their cars.

**Lunch:** Boxed lunch will be provided for in-person attendees

**Contact:** [Megan Kocher](#)

## **Spotlight on MLA History: 100 Years Ago**

In the world, the “War to end war” was commencing, Mary Pickford becomes the first

woman to get a million dollar movie contract, and Memphis, Tennessee became the home of the first supermarket, the Piggly-Wiggly.

<http://www.onthistday.com/events/date/1916>

Meanwhile, back in Minnesota, here are the highlights from the program of the Twenty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the MLA, held in Virginia, Minnesota, a mining community on the Iron Range:

- An illustrated lecture on Iron Mining on the Mesabi Range by Mr. J. H. Hearing, Assistant General Manager, Oliver Mining Co., Duluth, MN
- A visit to the Rainy Lake Lumber Company in Virginia and Schools of Virginia
- An automobile trip to the Rust-Hull and Mahoning Mines, which were the largest open pit mines in the world at the time.
- Other sessions included such topics as travel in the United States, Chemistry, Electrical, Mechanical, and Civil Engineering, Architecture, and the Use of War Literature.

Much information was included in the conference notes regarding travel. Special sleeper cars were available to those attending the conference in Virginia, MN, via the Great Northern Railway at a cost of \$9.24 per round trip from St. Paul or Minneapolis to Virginia, through Duluth. It took about 11 hours for the trains to make the trip from the Twin Cities to Virginia. Lodging rates were \$1.00 for a one person room without a bath, or \$1.50 for a room with a bath. In the next issue of NEWS AND NOTES (Vol. 5, No. 4, December 1916), "...the kindness of the citizens of Virginia who loaned their automobiles for the occasion..." was noted. Transportation was hard to come by 100 years ago! (MINNESOTA PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION NEWS AND NOTES, Vol. 5, No. 3, September, 1916, p. 30.)

Picture of Virginia Public Library, 1912

Image available at Minnesota Reflections:

<http://reflections.mndigital.org/cdm/singleitem/collection/irrc/id/1201/rec/9>

If you were looking for a library job, St Paul Library was looking for a Cataloger and a Senior Library Assistant, and the job posting stated that the salary range for the cataloger was \$70-\$80 per month, and the Library Assistant was \$50-\$60 per month.

(MINNESOTA PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION NEWS AND NOTES, Vol. 5, No. 3, September, 1916, p. 31.)

### **Want to channel your inner 1916 librarian?**

Would you rather:

Pay \$1.00 for a room without a bath and get to wear the most *comfortable* shoes

**OR**

Pay \$1.50 for a room with a bath and get to wear the most *UNcomfortable* shoes

Share your choice on the [Doodle Pool!](#)

# 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 **Annual Conference September 29-30 in Duluth**.

**How it works:** Look for the question in your MLA Roundup and 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:**

*If a 125th anniversary is called a Quasquicentennial what is a 250th anniversary called?*

Send your answers to [mlatrivia125@gmail.com](mailto:mlatrivia125@gmail.com). Entries must be received by: **Monday, May 23**. Good Luck!

**April Reference Challenge WINNER: Congratulations, Heidi Schutt of Muir Library in Winnebago!**

Answer: Which MN public libraries are located at the following 125 street addresses:

- 125 West Main Street – Belle Plain Library
- 125 West 3rd Avenue – Keewatin Public Library
- 125 West 11th Street – St Charles Library

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

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

## MLA Board Update

The MLA Board met on Friday, April 22nd. 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 in March. Welcome to MLA!

- Annie Hansen

- Marge Loch-Wouters
- Kathryn Pierce
- Cassandra Sampson

# Thank You Renewing Members!

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

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