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Roundup

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MLA 2015 ANNUAL CONFERENCE Save the Date and Call for Session Proposals

Please save the date for the [MLA 2015 Annual Conference](#)! The MLA Annual Conference this year will be on **October 8-9** held at the **St. Paul RiverCentre**. **Search, Create, Inspire**, this year's conference theme chosen by MLA President Maggie Snow, is an opportunity to showcase and share the work we do every day – searching for answers, creating learners, inspiring minds to grow and communities to take action. Registration will open in August. See you there!

CALL FOR SESSION PROPOSALS!

Please complete our proposal submission form if you have a great idea for an MLA 2015 Annual Conference session that you would like to present or coordinate. Sessions will run 60 minutes—a length appropriate for 1-3 speakers. The format of the presentation may include single or multiple speakers, panel discussions, case studies, and/or demonstrations of projects. **Deadline: May 1.**

[Learn more and submit a proposal here.](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Program Committee Chair [Michele McGraw](#).

You are Invited to Join the Minnesota Library Association for a MLA Annual Conference Encore Webinar Session

The Video Lifecycle: Working Together for Selection and Processing of Video Collections
Tuesday, April 21, 2015 11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Presenters:

Barb Bergman
Jessica Schomberg
Dorie Kurtz

This session is geared towards library staff who would like to increase practical knowledge about collection development and management of DVDs and streaming videos. Video selection includes identifying videos of interest, forming relationships with vendors, issues of pricing, licensing, and copyright fair use versus public performance rights. Video processing involves the steps in providing access to videos through cataloging for local consumption. This includes decisions such as genre and subject heading choices, classification decision, special interest MARC fields. We'll also speak briefly on packaging decisions to increase access, shelving, circulation, weeding, and preservation decisions related to section 108 of copyright law. We will also discuss our research conducted on classification of videos in libraries that was inspired by questions asked at our MLA presentation.

[Register](#)

Attend the Children and Young People Unconference

The 2nd Annual Children and Young People Unconference will be taking place on April 24, 2015 from 10:00-3:00pm at the Northtown branch of Anoka County Library in Blaine. An Unconference is where we'll hear from marvelous Minnesota children's librarians on their areas of expertise. This is a chance to share what we know best, and a place to ask questions and share ideas and best practices. This year we're focusing on "Tweens" and afterschool programs. The Unconference is open to anyone who cares about library service to children. The Unconference is free for MLA-CYP members, and \$10 for non-CYP members.

[Register on the MLA website](#)

Contact CYP Chair, Amy Commers (amy.commers@gmail.com) for more information.

RASS Rendezvous

Join RASS for our third annual networking event, newly renamed the RASS Rendezvous on Tuesday, May 19th, from 5:30-7:30 PM at the MN History Center Library.

The evening will consist of a tour of the MN History Center Library, food, and discussion. For more details or to RSVP, please [visit the event page on the MLA website](#).

ARLD Day 2015: The Open Library

April 24th at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

Our keynote speaker, [Stephanie Davis-Kahl](#), will discuss the role academic libraries can play in scholarly communication. Several insightful [breakout sessions](#), a lightning round, and plenty of time to network over lunch are also on the agenda.

Come for the presentations, enjoy networking with colleagues from across the state at a beautiful location, and stay for the fabulous door prizes! Registration for ARLD Day 2015 will close April 15th so [register today!](#)

RART Spring Retreat: Racial Equity and Readers' Advisory

Save the Date for the RART (Reader's Advisory Round Table) Spring Retreat: RE and RA: Racial Equity and Readers' Advisory: Reading and Promoting Diverse Literature. Sat May 2 at the Inver Glen Library in Inver Grove Heights. [Register here](#).

Schedule for the day:
10-10:30: Breakfast

10:30-11:30: Ice Breaker
11:30-12:30: Library Media Specialist panel
12:30-1:15: Lunch
1:15-1:45: Diversity in Adult Literature\
1:45-3: DORT (Diversity Outreach Round Table) panel

For more information please check out our [Facebook page](#) or contact kjones@co.carver.mn.us

Registration is Open! Assessment Workshop with Char Booth

Join the Instruction Roundtable for a half-day workshop on student learning assessment on the afternoon of June 4, 2015 at the University of Minnesota Duluth! This workshop will engage participants in discussions and activities geared toward developing small and large-scale information literacy assessment initiatives that are strategic and well designed. Facilitator Char Booth will highlight how even small assessment efforts can lead to significant gains in determining and showing the value of program impact and student learning, and participants will come away with best practices and tools to apply in their own contexts.

This workshop is sponsored by the Minnesota Library Association and the Minnesota Library Association Instruction Roundtable. Registration is limited to 50 participants; sign up today!

When: Thursday, June 4th, 2015
12:00 -1:00: Lunch
1:00 – 4:00: Workshop
Facilitator: Char Booth
Where: University of Minnesota Duluth Kathryn A. Martin Library
Cost: \$25 for MLA members, \$30 for non-members

[Registration](#)

Char Booth explores the integration of pedagogy, research, technology, and design in libraries. Char is the Director of Research, Teaching, and Learning Services at the Claremont Colleges Library, and a faculty member of the ACRL Information Literacy Immersion Institute.

Lake Superior Libraries Symposium

Registration for the 2015 Lake Superior Libraries Symposium is now open! LSLS15 will be held on Friday, June 5th at the University of Minnesota Duluth. Library staff, administrators, trustees, and students from the Upper Midwest and beyond are invited to attend and participate

[Register today!](#)

Reflecting this year's conference theme, Sharing Our Stories, breakout sessions will focus on learning from our successes and failures, and crafting stories to demonstrate our impact and advocate for change. Our keynote speaker is Char Booth, Director of Research, Teaching, and Learning Services at the Claremont Colleges Library, and a faculty member of the ACRL Information Literacy Immersion Institute. The conference also features a lightning round, deluxe taco bar, and two social events. [More information.](#)

Library Journal's LEAD THE CHANGE!

This all-new 2015 Lead the Change program is designed to optimize the contribution and impact of the individual library staff member, including librarians, support staff, public-facing service representatives, administration, and IT/technical services.

Participants at every stage in their career will benefit from learning their strengths and how they can contribute to their library's success. Each attendee will walk away with a Personal Action Plan for success, and also get access to The Commons, LJ's online alumni community where librarians can share resources, make connections, and crowdsource solutions to their challenges.

[More information, full day's agenda, and a link to event Registration](#)

Host: MELSA: Metropolitan Library Service Agency

DATE: Tuesday May 19

TIME: 9:30 AM through 4 PM

LOCATION: Hennepin County PL, Brookdale Library, 6125 Shingle Creek Parkway, Brooklyn Center

REGISTRATION: \$80.00.

Take advantage of the team builder discount. Purchase 5 or more tickets and receive 10% off of the cost of each ticket. Contact leadthechange@mediasourceinc.com for information.

Believe it. Build it. Minnesota's Guide to Effective Afterschool Practices

Those of us who work in afterschool believe all youth can be successful. It's that belief in what's possible that drives us to do our best. For the first time, Minnesota has a blue print to help us take what we believe and BUILD IT for (and with) the young people we work with. This guidebook brings us together around a common language and practices that are based in research and accessible to everyone who works with youth in afterschool and summer programs in Minnesota.

Join us for the launch of this great new resource by registering to attend our statewide conference - [Powering Learning. Expanding Possibilities](#). April 14-15 in St. Paul, MN.

You will:

- Receive a free copy of Believe It. Build It.
- Explore how to use the guidebook in your organization
- Provide feedback on the supports needed to make this guide come alive statewide

Member Spotlight

Each month the Roundup features one of our members and highlights the great work that is being done at libraries around the state. If you would like to share your story fill out our form [here](#).

Meet Kari Oanes!

Introduce yourself:

Hello, my name is Kari Oanes, and I am the Youth Services Librarian in Austin, MN. I was born, raised and attended college in Moorhead, MN, before moving to Boston, MA, for graduate school. Upon graduating, I was lucky to get a job that allowed me to move back home to Minnesota.

What do you like most about working in libraries?

I love the impact a library can make on the life of a person, especially when a library is tuned in to its community and works to respond to its needs. Also, the fact you never know what is going to happen means libraries are very rarely boring!

Why did you join MLA? What do you like most about being a member?

I joined MLA because one of the best parts of being a librarian is being a part of the community. Librarians are sharers, and at our best we love to build each other up.

What's a library program or service you're excited about?

I'm very excited about the Harry Potter Alliance chapter my teens took it upon themselves to start. I am SO lucky to have a great group of teens involved in my Teen Advisory Group, and when they found out about the Harry Potter Alliance, they jumped on the opportunity. We are currently holding our second Accio Books drive to collect books for children, and we had a very successful Dobby Drive this winter, where we collected outerwear for people new to the community.

What question or issue should the Minnesota library community address next?

We need to build on the "We Need Diverse Books" movement that is happening right now. The population has shifted a lot in the past decade, and it means libraries need to put some real effort into making sure they are accurately reflecting the needs of their communities, rather than maintaining a status quo. I dearly love Minnesota, but I will be the first to admit sometimes we need a kick in the pants to get out of our comfort zones.

Calendar

Here's a quick snapshot of upcoming MLA and other professional events you may be interested in attending. Check [Upcoming Events](#) for further details

Tuesday, April 21: MLA Annual Conference Encore Webinar Session- The Video Lifecycle

Friday, April 24: ARLD Day 2015

Friday, April 24: CYP's Second Annual Unconference

Tuesday, April 28: PLD Day 2015

Saturday, May 2: RART Spring Retreat

Monday and Tuesday, May 4-5: National Library Legislative Day

Thursday, June 4: Instruction Roundtable with Char Booth

Friday, June 5: 4th Annual Lake Superior Libraries Symposium

Sincerely,

[The Minnesota Library Association](#)

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