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Roundup

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Save the Date for workshop with the Instruction Roundtable

Join the Instruction Roundtable for a half-day workshop on student learning assessment with Char Booth! This interactive workshop will allow attendees to explore different approaches to student learning assessment through hands-on practice with a variety of strategies and methods. The workshop will take place on the afternoon of June 4, 2015 at the University of Minnesota Duluth. More details and registration will be released soon.

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.

LSLS Save the Date and Call for Proposals

Save the date for the [4th Annual Lake Superior Libraries Symposium](#) to be

held on Friday, June 5th, 2015 at the University of Minnesota Duluth! This year's 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. This year's theme, "Sharing Our Stories," focuses on learning from our successes and failures, and crafting stories to demonstrate our impact and advocate for change. We all have our own bookshelves of experiences, but we often don't circulate them widely. At LSL15, take your ideas off the shelf and lend them!

The call for proposals for LSL15 is now open. Submit your idea for a panel or presentation [here](#) for our 2015 Conference. We'd love to hear your idea and see you leading a discussion, demonstrating a skill set, or sharing your knowledge!

Library Legislative Day is March 3, 2015

Registration is now open for the Minnesota Library Legislative Day. Library advocates will gather on the evening of March 2 at the Capitol Ridge Hotel (formerly the Kelly Inn) in Saint Paul for a briefing by Capitol Hill Associates. March 3 begins with a briefing and then on to visits by local delegations or individuals to their legislators. Since MLA does not make appointments with legislators, public library advocates as well as others are encouraged to work with their Regional Library Administrators to set up and coordinate visits. Packets of information will be available on the MLA Legislative Committee website and will be available at the briefings.

[Register here](#).

National Library Legislative Day: May 4-5, 2015

Registration is open for the 41st ALA Library Legislative Day in Washington, D.C. To register click [here](#).

Participants will receive advocacy tips and training, along with important issues briefings prior to their meetings. First-time participants are eligible for a unique scholarship opportunity. The White House Conference on Library and Information Services Taskforce (WHCLIST) and the ALA Washington Office are calling for nominations for the 2015 WHCLIST Award. Recipients of this award receive a stipend (\$300 and two free nights at a D.C. hotel) to a non-librarian participant in National Library Legislative Day.

Governor announces budget proposal

Governor Dayton recently announced his 2015 budget. The Governor's focus on education and workforce development fits well with the work of

Minnesota libraries and will be the major focus of the legislative session. If you are interested learning more, check out this [toolkit](#).

Call for proposals for ARLD Day 2015!

The Academic & Research Libraries Division (ARLD) is seeking session proposals for ARLD Day 2015 which will be held April 24, 2015 at the [Minnesota Landscape Arboretum](#). Conference registration will open Monday, March 2nd.

Our theme this year is The Open Library. We are excited to have [Stephanie Davis-Kahl](#), the Scholarly Communications Librarian and Associate Professor at Illinois Wesleyan University, as our keynote speaker. Named a Mover & Shaker by Library Journal in 2014, Stephanie is an open access advocate, especially for the inclusion of original student work in IWU's institutional repository. Her keynote will look at the role academic libraries can play in scholarly communication.

We encourage you to submit a session proposal for ARLD Day 2015. Please complete the [session proposal form](#) by March 13. Anyone, including current MLIS students, can present. Our planning committee will select presentations and notify presenters in late March.

Help us find Innovative Academic Librarians

ARLD is seeking nominations for the Innovator's Award which recognizes librarians or project teams who have made an outstanding recent contribution to advance the mission of an academic library in Minnesota. More information and the nomination form are available [here](#).

Notes from the board

We now have position descriptions for all MLA board members and a draft for subunit chairs. The description for subunits will be on the agenda for the Subunit Orientation scheduled for Thursday, February 12, 2015.

[Tammy Schoenberg](#) will be joining Management HQ on February 2 and will be taking on the role of MLA Executive Director. She'll be joining the board at the February meeting.

Introducing New Initiatives

125th Anniversary Celebration Committee Margaret Stone and Kathleen James, Co-Chairs of The Minnesota Library Association reaches a milestone in 2016—our 125th Anniversary. MLA began in 1891 with William W. Folwell, serving as the first president. More than 100 other presidents

and conferences have followed. This committee will plan opportunities to celebrate the work of our association and our members.

MLA History Digital Project

Sara Ring, Chair

As MLA approaches its 125th Anniversary in 2016, we would like to take a look back at our activities and accomplishments over the past 125 years. To help accomplish this goal, we're planning our first digitization project! We will be working with the Minnesota Historical Society as they hold the majority of our archives which include founding documents, newsletters, conference programs going back to 1896, and much more. We also plan to partner with the Minnesota Digital Library on the digitization and access (via Minnesota Reflections) part of the project.

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.

Monday, March 2: Minnesota Library Legislative Day

Friday, March 13: ARLD Day session proposals due

Friday, April 24: ARLD Day 2015

Friday, April 24: CYP's Second Annual Unconference

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

Welcome new members!

Jessica Bellini

Max Chessler

Dawn-Marie deLara

Sarah Ethier

Lori Godin

Kristi Hanson

Pamela Harris

Daniel Hoiland

Rebecca Hudson

Jane Janssen

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