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Roundup

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RASS Rendezvous

RASS met for its 3rd annual networking event, newly named the RASS Rendezvous on May 19th at the Minnesota History Center. 10 attendees enjoyed dinner, discussed current issues in reference and adult services, and learned about the Gale Family Library resources and received a behind-the-scenes tour. Thanks to Brigid Shields from the Minnesota Historical Society for hosting us!



RASS is co-sponsoring a Metronet Wind Down

Tuesday, June 30 4:30-6:30pm

Join this discussion facilitated by the Co-Chairs of MLA-RASS. Stacy Hendren & Sarah Hawkins will lead the discussion as we share our ideas and experience on:

- How to justify programs to financing/governing board
- Best/worst programs
- How programs fit the mission of the library (bring or know your library mission)
- What/How, but most importantly WHY we do what we do (based on Simon Sinek's Golden Circle TED Talk)
- Telling the library story

Come ready to share & learn with colleagues from across the region (and maybe even out of the region!). Everyone welcome. [More information here.](#)

2015 MLA Annual Conference: Call for Exhibitors, Sponsors and Advertisers!

The 2015 MLA Annual Conference will be held October 8-9 at the St. Paul RiverCentre. There are several great opportunities for your organization to join us in St. Paul! We recommend you respond quickly. Sponsor, Exhibitor and Advertiser opportunities are limited, and are awarded on a first come, first served basis. Sponsor applications are due July 19, 2015; Exhibitor and Advertiser applications are due August 16, 2015.

Learn more and apply today on the [MLA Conference Page.](#)

Notes from the Board

The MLA Board met June 19th and discussed a variety of topics. July 8th will be the Legislative Forum and a related survey went out on June 18th, so keep your eyes peeled for that. President Snow (for you Hunger Games fans) is working on approval for digitizing the MLA records and the project is going well. We discussed the 2015 Conference and how things are coming – sessions are all approved and scheduling is going well. It is going to be a great conference!! In addition to conference discussion, we talked about the 125th Anniversary, coming up in 2016. There will be teasers/trivia in the round up all year, a traveling banner, and all sorts of other great activities to help celebrate. We're really looking forward to it. The membership committee is continuing to work on ways to attract new members, so if you have any brilliant ideas, let them know! PLD Day was a hit this year – perhaps another stand alone day in 2016 when the calendar isn't so crowded.

In more somber news, the Board discussed making a donation to Cynthia Hurd's library as a memorial following the shooting in South Carolina on Wednesday, June 17.

Calendar of Events

Here's a quick snapshot of upcoming MLA and other professional events you may be interested in attending. Visit our Calendar of Events for further details.

Tuesday, June 30: Metronet Wind Down

Wednesday, July 8: Legislative Forum in St. Cloud

Saturday, July 18th: RART Tomes on Tap

Early August: MLA Conference Registration Opens

Thursday and Friday, October 8 and 9: MLA Conference 2015 at St. Paul RiverCentre

Nominate Your Colleagues for the MLA 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. Please nominate MLA members that should be featured in the monthly Roundup Member Spotlight. Submit a [nomination form](#).

Welcome New Members!

Martha Vest
Emily Kissane
Kari Sell
Martha Eberhart
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Jessica Fries
Courtney Kramer

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