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# **Tomes on Tap 2017**

Join us as Tomes on Tap embarks on its SIXTH year of connecting library staff through literature and reader's advisory!

Get to know colleagues from other library systems and find great reads to recommend to your patrons! Tomes on Tap is an informal book club for library staff that meets once every three months at restaurants in and around the Twin Cities.

Date: January 21, 2017 @ 6:30 pm Book: <u>An Untamed State by Roxane Gay</u> Location: <u>Town Hall Brewery - Minneapolis</u>

Host: Sadie Snyder

RSVP: sejensen1s@gmail.com

# **Libraries Respond**

Following one of the most contentious elections in memory, the American Library Association (ALA) and the ALA Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services has launched Libraries Respond, a website and space for us to help keep current events in conversation with libraries' ongoing work in and commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion. This page will be a resource for the library community to share information, find resources, and connect as they serve their communities.

How is your library responding to the Dakota Access Pipeline protests, the 2016 election aftermath, or other current events? Tweet and post on social media using the #librariesrespond hashtag.

Visit the website for more information

# **Save the Date: RART Spring Retreat**

MLA's Readers Advisory Roundtable is hosting their Spring Retreat on April 1, 2017. Join us at Inver Glen Public Library in Inver Grove Heights. Our topic for 2017 is Romance but we will not be limiting discussion to the classic bodice ripper. Stay tuned for more information!

### **Call for Volunteers**

Get involved with MLA by volunteering on the Communications Committee! This committee handles communication internally to MLA members and externally to the larger Minnesota Library community. The committee is looking for volunteers to take on leadership positions and to manage MLA's social media accounts. The committee is open to students looking for real world experience and experienced professionals who want to deepen their skills and give back to the library community. Please email Tammy Schoenberg at <a href="mailto:mla@management-hq.com">mla@management-hq.com</a> to apply.

## **MLA Board Update**

The MLA Board met on Friday, November 18th. The approved minutes from the previous month's meeting may be found <a href="here">here</a>. The agenda from each meeting is posted on the <a href="Board of Directors">Board of Directors</a> 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 November. Welcome to MLA!

Dylan Cheek Laura Gingras Dana Weigman Gina Westra

### Thank you renewing members!

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

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