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Request the MLA 125th Banner!

Did you see the MLA 125th banner at the MLA booth during the conference? You can request to have the banner at your library for a staff day, other workplace event or a MLA event. Contact MLA125banner@gmail.com with your request.
ARLD 2015 Business Meeting Recap

The 2015 ARLD business meeting and poster session took place on October 8th during the MLA Annual Conference. After introducing our new Board members who start in December – Jodi Grebinoski, Chair Elect; Sara Stambaugh, Secretary; Megan Kocher, Member-at-large – and approving all the proposed bylaw changes, a dynamic poster session was held. Posters ranged in topic from outreach and assessment to repositories and metadata with a little of everything in
Announcing MLA's New Digital Collection in Minnesota Reflections

The MLA 125th Anniversary is in 2016, yet much about the early role our association played in the development of library service in Minnesota is buried in our archives, or the stories live in the heads of current and retired library staff. MLA’s first digital project will help us tell the story of how our library services evolved locally. Take a look at our first digital collection in Minnesota Reflections, which went live during this year’s annual conference.

By the time the project is finished, we’ll have several hundred objects added to the collection that will include:

- Scripts from a radio show called Fact Finders, created by the Minnesota Library Association Radio Committee and broadcast weekly from 1938-1939
- Annual Conference programs and full proceedings from the 1890s-1970s
- MLA newsletters including titles such as: MLA Peddler (1939-1943), Journal of the Minnesota Library Association (1972-1974), and more!
- The first traveling library list of books from 1898

We’ll announce new additions to the collection as they are added in the MLA Roundup. Thanks to the wonderful volunteer committee, our partners at the Minnesota Historical Society and the Minnesota Digital Library, and MLA for helping to make this project a success! The MLA Digital History Project Committee includes:

- Sara Ring (Chair)
- Beth Goodrich
- Marguerite Moran
- Maggie Snow (liaison to MLA Board)
- Elizabeth Wong
- Jeanette Ward
- Jody Wurl

Here’s a timeline of the digital project:

- January-April: Visited the MNHS Library and selected materials for the digital project
- May: Applied for a Minnesota Reflections digital project through the Minnesota Digital Library
- June: The project was approved by the MDL Selection Committee
- July-October: Scanning of archives begins, committee members are all trained on using the Minnesota Reflections metadata standards and provide description for 43 objects (just in time for the MLA Annual Conference!)
- November 2015 - 2016: Scanning continues, committee keeps working in batches on describing the objects

Tomes on Tap 2016

Food, Beer (or other drinks), Books, and Librarians...a perfect combination!

Tomes on Tap is an informal book club for library staff that meets quarterly in and around the Twin Cities. Add the following dates to your calendar and join us for an evening of discussion. Books and locations TBD.
January 16, 2016
April 23, 2016
July 16, 2016, and
October 15, 2016

Not in or around the Twin Cities? No problem! Host a Traveling Tomes on Tap event at a location near you. The first Traveling Tomes on Tap event was a success in Duluth! Contact Stacey Hendren if you would like more information.

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Member Spotlight

The Roundup will occasionally feature one of our members and highlight 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. You can also nominate a colleague to be featured here.

October Member Spotlight

Name: Jody Wurl
Organization: Hennepin County Library
Position: Senior Librarian

Introduce yourself My Twitter profile bio is "Public librarian with a focus on website ux, teens, filmmaking, and geek culture, who finds the world a curious and mostly marvelous place." It captures both how important my library work is to me as well as the fact I am a bit of a pop culture junkie and a geek. I even volunteer for sci fi conventions for fun. I currently help manage the content of my library's website and support system-wide projects and initiatives.

What do you like most about working in libraries? I like the fact that the work we do makes people's lives better. I have cool colleagues; smart, caring people who strive to make the world a better place. On a personal level, I love learning new things, and with our profession in a state of change, I get to explore so many interesting new ideas on education and technology.

Why did you join MLA? What do you like most about being a member? I joined MLA so I could build
my toolkit of skills and connect with people outside of my library system to learn what they are doing and get inspired. And it was just like I hoped it would be. I have been able to practice skills for MLA that I haven’t been able to exercise at work, and I’m constantly impressed by how much Minnesota libraries do for their communities.

**What’s a library program or service you’re excited about?** I feel like we’re on the right track as a profession when we explore the idea of the life-long learner and find ways to make learning fun. STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, math) programs aimed at youth; maker spaces; all the amazing programs for adults that acknowledge people want to remain engaged with and curious about the world and how it works.

**What question or issue should the Minnesota library community address next?** Staff roles are changing in our buildings. How do we balance outreach and programming with maintaining a community gathering place and physical collection? For libraries using the one desk model, how do we define what is librarian work and what is the work of other staff members?

**Welcome New Members!**

*(August, September & October)*

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Shannon Adkins  
Connie Kingrey Anderson  
Kevin Baggett  
Gretchen Benson  
Barbara Berdahl  
Bonnie R Boese  
Catherine A. Brennan  
Sara Butterfass  
Jim Byerly  
Nicole Catlin  
Michelle Champion  
Jennifer Connolly  
Lynn Delesha  
Michael DeNotto  
Nate Deprey  
Jennifer Dolen  
Monica Erickson  
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