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Roundup

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MLA Annual Conference: Keynote and Featured Speakers Announced!

Keynote and featured speakers have been announced for the 2015 MLA Annual Conference (**October 8-9 at the St. Paul RiverCentre**)! Recharge your passion for libraries by attending a wide variety of engaging breakout sessions and the keynote presentations. View keynote and featured speakers [HERE](#).

Other notes and reminders for the 2015 Annual Conference:

- Online registration opens **August 3**
- Apply to be an [Exhibitor, Advertiser or host a Professional Table](#) by **August 16**
- Submit your [MLA Award nominations](#) by **August 25**

Calling all ARLD or ACRL members in Minnesota!

Looking to get involved with ARLD? Look no further.

We are now accepting proposals for the poster session hosted by the Academic and Research Libraries Division of Minnesota Library Association at the MLA 2015 Annual Conference.

Proposals are due August 21, 2015. [Please submit your poster session proposals online.](#)

Poster Session Requirements

Poster sessions may present any of the following:

- A description of an innovative library program
- An analysis of a practical problem-solving effort
- A report of a research study

Poster sessions are not for product advertisements, vendor displays, or similar promotional purposes.

Participants must be available to informally discuss their posters with meeting attendees during the ARLD Board Meeting & Poster Session at the MLA Annual Conference October 8-9, 2015 at the St. Paul RiverCenter in St. Paul (exact time and date TBD). Boards will be displayed on easels.

When submitting a proposal, you will need to provide:

- Title – consider choosing a title that is short enough to be cast in an extra large font which can be read from a distance)
- Abstract (200 words or fewer) – a plaintext description of your proposal, its impact, and how you will present it
- Information about each presenter:
 - Name and job title
 - Email address
 - Current employer
 - Phone number

Presenting not enough involvement for you? Considering running for the ARLD Board!

Please consider running for one of the open spots on the ARLD Board. We're a fun group that works with other professionals to serve the needs of Minnesota's academic library community. Open positions are Chair Elect (three-year term), Secretary (two-year term), and Member-at-Large (two-year term). Take a look at the [Position Descriptions](#) to see which position interests you. Feel free to nominate yourself or someone else.

The Academic and Research Libraries Division is a division of the Minnesota Library Association and is also the Minnesota chapter of the Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL). We are interested in librarians from all types of academic libraries throughout Minnesota. Our meetings are held in-person and virtually on a designated Friday each month; activities include planning conference programs and smaller member events and finding new ways to serve and connect with library staff throughout the state.

To express your interest in an open position, please complete [this form](#).

New Website Created by Librarians

As part of the ALA Emerging Leaders program, MLA's sponsored participant Kimberly Trinh-Sy worked with a group of four other librarians from across the country to launch a website that compiles government-related documents, primary sources, and lesson plans for children and young adults. The

website is still in its infancy, so there is a place for the public to suggest more sites and resources to be added. The goal is to have this website be a valuable resource for K-12 students, teachers, and media specialists/school librarians. Visit the site and suggest resources to add!
<http://govdocs4kids.weebly.com/>

Notes from the Board

The Board of Directors met on Friday, July 17, 2015. The Board welcomed Amanda Mills, ARLD chair elect. Amanda will be assuming the position of ARLD chair early in the absence of the current ARLD chair.

Engaging our members

Planning for the 2015 Conference continues. Programs are all scheduled and loaded into the Sched app. Registration materials for the 2015 conference will go out August 3. Recruiting of volunteers will begin soon.

The Board received a report from Management HQ on potential 2017 conference locations and approved proceeding with Rochester for the 2017 conference.

Educating and activating a library support network

Legislative Forum was held Wed. July 8 in St. Cloud. Legislative Chair Conley reported that it was well attended and that she demonstrated Engage to the group. A PR communications group at Forum began discussions on presenting a more uniform look and campaign as we lobby at the Legislature. Also from the Forum, the idea that MLA needs a Communications Director was discussed. MLA's partners in funding the lobbyist contract will be scheduled to meet this summer.

Developing and equipping our leaders

President Elect Stone announced that subunit check-in was very successful. Each subunit does have the capability of maintaining a blog if they choose. An orientation will be scheduled for December for next year's leaders.

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](#).

Name Stacey Hendren

Organization Anoka County Library- Crooked Lake Branch

Position Branch Manager

Introduce yourself I am 6'3" and I did play basketball. Nowadays, I spend my out of work time knitting, crocheting, making music, going on adventures with my husband and daughter, and reading a lot. I have worked in libraries for the past nine years, received my MLIS from UW-Milwaukee in 2013 and am in my first year as a librarian. I am a current co-chair of the RASS sub-unit, a MILE 2015 graduate, and also a regular attendee and coordinator of the RART Tomes on Tap book club. Prior to my work in libraries I was a middle school band director, and continue to play the trumpet in my local community band.

What do you like most about working in libraries? I believe in service to my community and that everyone deserves the opportunity to learn. As a librarian my mission is to connect patrons to resources, and to help them get excited about the world around them. When I work with a patron, a colleague, or partner I strive to make every experience positive and meaningful. Working as a librarian is fun, challenging, rewarding and exactly what I am meant to be doing.

Why did you join MLA? What do you like most about being a member? I joined MLA as a student member because of the opportunities for professional development and networking. I think it is important to be connected to professionals in the field and to continuously be learning. As a member I have participated at the annual conference, mini conferences through the year, webinars, book clubs, and discussions. I have also developed a network of colleagues that I can rely on for advice, ideas, and fun. Finally, as a member I support an organization that makes a statewide impact on library services, and I am proud to be a part of MLA.

What's a library program or service you're excited about? At the 2014 Annual Conference I attended a session on Play for youth. One of the programs mentioned was the block party. I started a block party at my library, with the assistance of our Friends organization, and it has been a huge hit. In addition to the fun of building, it is great to see the toddlers work on their critical thinking, motor and social skills. It has also been an opportunity to connect with families and promote reading.

What question or issue should the Minnesota library community address next? I am interested in outreach. Especially how to reach the families that need our services most, yet aren't regular users.

Welcome New Members!

Carrie Gawne
Kelly Perkins
Jessica Fries
Scott Williams
Courtney Kramer
Jason Kanuit
Katherine Gerwig
Erin Anderson
James Trojanowski

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