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Join the MLA Institute for Leadership Excellence!

Are you in a position of leadership within your library? Do you have aspirations of one day taking a leadership role at your library? Do you find yourself providing leadership for colleagues even though your official position might not be a leadership position?

If you answered ""yes" to any of these questions, then the Minnesota Library Association Institute for Leadership Excellence (MILE) is for you!

MILE helps you discover the leader within yourself and learn to lead effectively today—even if your current position is not one of leadership. During the four-day conference, selected participants spend their days in an intimate conference setting with 24 other emerging library leaders from across the state. You will learn about using improvisational humor and creative idea generation to foster creative approaches to problem solving and strategic planning, discover your personal strengths, and learn to lead no matter what your current library position may be.

For more information, check out the [MILE trailer](#), and visit the [MILE Website](#) to apply!

Election Results

Thanks to everyone who participated in the **Minnesota Library Association Board elections**. The following officers will be joining the 2015 MLA Board:

- President-Elect - Margaret Stone
- Secretary - Laura Morlock
- Legislative Chair-Elect - Barbara Misselt
- Intellectual Freedom Chair-Elect - Dayle Zelenka

Thanks to everyone who participated in the **Academic & Research Library Division Board elections**. Effective this December, the following officers will be joining the 2015 ARLD Board:

- Chair-Elect - Amanda Mills
- Legislative Liaison - Michael DeNotto
- Communications Officer - Jonathan D. Carlson
- Member-at-Large - Solveig Lund

MLA Annual Conference Materials Available

Miss a session? Take a look at the powerpoints and handouts. Session presentation materials have been published to the [conference website](#). We will continue to add materials to the website as they are provided by presenters. Materials will remain on the website through January 2015.

MLA 2014 Award Winners

One fun aspect of the Annual Conference is the announcement of the year's awards. Congratulations to the following:

Gretchen Wronka, Hennepin County Library, received the William G. Asp Distinguished Career Award for her innovation and leadership in children's services, service to MLA, and her dedication to mentoring fellow staff and those entering the career field.

Melissa Hill, Red Wing Public library, received the Above & Beyond Award for exemplary customer service for both patrons and fellow library staff. For example, she identified a need and was awarded a grant to purchase technology and develop computer classes for their patrons.

Nina Shimmin, Hennepin County Library, received the Above & Beyond Award for collaborating with local schools on integrating STEM outside of the school day with programming, such as a 3D printing club.

Dianne Pinney, Le Sueur Public Library, received the Above & Beyond Award for exemplary service in children's service, including starting a Junior Friends of the Library group.

Jeanne Whetstone, Hennepin County Library, received the SSPIN Advocate Award in recognition of her leadership as SSPIN Chair for numerous years, and as an active voice for support staff issues and topics within MLA.

Terri Evans, Champlin Park High School, received the Lars Steltzner Intellectual Freedom Award in recognition of her leadership regarding the book challenge of Eleanor and Park, and for preserving students' rights to intellectual freedom and opposing censorship in a school setting.

Chris Olson, MELSA, (posthumously) received the MLA President's Award in memoriam for his gifts of leadership and collaboration, his support of MLA, and leadership in facilitating discussions around eBook and eContent issues.

And thanks to the 2014 MLA Awards Committee: Jayne Blodgett, Abike Eyo, Krista Jacobson, Heidi Schutt, and Kristen Mastel. Visit the awards page of the MLA website for more information about MLA awards, including lists of past recipients.

Intellectual Freedom Committee Annual Meeting

The MLA Intellectual Freedom Committee meeting was a great success. "Defending Intellectual Freedom: It's not just about Huck Finn anymore!" touched on issues such as book challenges, academic freedom, and what to do when the government comes sniffing around. [Check out the slides](#) and thanks to our presenters, Amy Springer, Kirsten Clark, and Dan Reeves.

The Rochester Public School Reconsideration Committee voted to keep Louise Erdrich's "The Painted Drum" in the curriculum at Rochester public high schools. A parent, alarmed by the language and sexual content, asked that it either be removed or that parents get notified of the content.

Ellen Hopkins and Barbara Jones discussed [banned books](#) with Kerri Miller on MPR's The Daily Circuit.

Adobe Digital Editions is sending plain text information about its users, including personal information and reading habits, to its storage. Many libraries' eBook platforms use Adobe, and this raises concerns about patron privacy. Read the [original post](#) exposing the spying and [ALA's Office of Intellectual Freedom's](#) take.

Minnesota Library Trustees and Advocates Annual Meeting

MLTA conducted its annual meeting on Oct. 9, 2014, at the Verizon Wireless Center in Mankato during the Minnesota Library Association conference. There were 10 in attendance, plus one guest.

Executive board officers were elected as follows:

- President - Amy Wilde
- Vice President/President Elect - Jim Weygand
- Secretary - Jane Brissett

Proposed amendments to the MLTA bylaws were presented by Paul Bursik. They had been emailed to all MLTA members and reviewed by the Minnesota Library Association secretary prior to the meeting. After discussion, the amended bylaws were unanimously adopted by those present.

The budget was discussed and the group decided to spend the 2014 MLA allotment on reprinting the MLTA membership brochure. Amy Wilde will update one photo in that brochure and take care of getting that done.

The group also directed Wilde to look into the cost and process of developing an on-line tutorial for new library trustees to be placed in the MLTA section of the MLA website. The 2015 MLA allotment will be directed toward that expense.

Instruction Round Table Annual Meeting

Twenty-seven participants attended the first meeting of the new IRT at MLA 2014. This lively crowd generated a range of ideas for the future of the round table. If you were not able to attend IRT's first meeting but would like to participate in planning our future, feel free to add your ideas to our Google [planning document](#).

R.E.A.D. Dogs Minnesota

Is your reading dog R.E.A.D. certified? Having a dog in the library is great, but even trained therapy dogs may not have any reading program training. At the CYP session at MLA this year, librarian and R.E.A.D. dog owner Shannon Melham shared information about [R.E.A.D. Dogs Minnesota](#) which offers trainings for dog handlers to help them become better tutors and reading partners. Check it out and contact Nancy Brooks (kdcbrooks@hotmail.com) at R.E.A.D. Dogs Minnesota for more information.

CYP is planning its second Unconference for spring 2015. Watch here for more details!

MLA Board Meeting Recap: September

Many of the September Board discussions were around annual conference: PLD Day registration exceeded goals; the 2015 legislative platform was reviewed; conference registrations and financials were reviewed.

Other items of business included:

Amy Boese and Ryan McCormick presented MILE's 2015 budget request and also gave a sneak peek of the video and website developed for this year's program. MILE will be held at Sugar Lake Lodge near Grand Rapids, May 12-15, 2015. The budget was approved.

ALA Chapter Counselor vacancy- Michael Scott has accepted the position of Librarian of State Library of Iowa leaving the ALA Chapter Counselor position vacant. Following ALA by-laws, the position may be filled on an interim basis for up to one year. The position will be on the ballot for the 2015 elections. The board will appoint someone in time to attend ALA Mid-Winter.

Calendar

Here's a quick snapshot of upcoming MLA and other professional events you may be interested in attending.

- Friday through Sunday, **October 31-November 2**: Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) Symposium in Austin, TX
- November is **Picture Book Month** from the American Association of School Librarians (AASL)
- Friday, **November 7**: deadline to register for ARLD Dialogue
- Friday, **November 14**: ARLD Dialogue in White Bear Lake
- Tuesday through Thursday, **December 9-11**: Minnesota Government IT Symposium in St. Paul
- Wednesday and Thursday, **March 18-19, 2015**: Library Technology Conference in St. Paul
- Tuesday through Friday, **May 12-15, 2015**: MILE Retreat in Grand Rapids

Welcome New and Renewing members!

We do our best to include everyone, but let us know if we missed you! Contact the MLA office: mla@management-hq.com.

Barb	Bissen
Michele	Telschow
Olivia	Moris
Jennifer	Wallace
Allison	Current
Allison	Current
Hagdis	Tschunko
Rachel	Milani
Jessi	Zimmerman
Mary	Feltes

Alison	Nelson
Laura	Oanes
Mary	O'Dea
Jack	Salaski
Peter	Borgen
Jon	Schroeder
Emily	Nisius
Megan	Lefebvre
Leslie	Peterson
David	Rochelero
Harris	Burkhalter
Paula	La Frenierre
James	Corbly
Gregory	Ludwig
Mary	Braun
Christine	Schafer
Deborah	Kerkvliet
Rebecca	Maddaus
Julia	Jenkins
Kari	Larson
Kristin	Harley
Adam	Brisk
Hope	Thier

On Twitter

Follow us as [@mnllibraries](#) to learn more about local events and follow conversations about MLA events.

- Coming soon- [Booked for the Evening](#), a comprehensive overview of the year's best books for children and young adults, happening at St Catherine University
- Gov. Mark Dayton [gets a first hand look](#) at the new Ely Public Library
- [Help!](#) All of Minitex's blue interlibrary loan tubs have been KIDNAPPED! Help solve the crime (and explore ELM)!
- [Early literacy program](#) launches in Mankato at #mnl14

On Facebook

Like us on [Facebook](#) to learn more about local events and topics of MLA interest. Here are some recent posts.

- Did you see the Moo unveiling at MLA? If not you can read all about it here: <http://tinyurl.com/m45sbos>
- Help! All of Minitex's blue interlibrary loan tubs have been KIDNAPPED! Help solve the crime: Ransom! <http://tinyurl.com/mgzcx7>
- Passport program under way at libraries: <http://tinyurl.com/ne7ae9d>

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