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Volunteer for MLA Annual!

Please support the conference by [volunteering](#) at the registration desk, for the silent auction, or as a room moderator. Help out the Communications Committee as a roving reporter by tweeting selected events and taking photographs. Contact volunteer coordinator [Stephanie Hall](#)

In Memoriam Information Requested for MLA Annual Conference

At our Membership meeting we take a few moments to recognize members of the library community who have passed away in the past year. If you know of someone who should be included, please take a moment to [share their name and library affiliation](#) with us.

GODORT Annual Business Meeting: Hack for MN & Hack for Good

When: Thursday, October 9 from 11:15 am – 12:15 pm

Where: [Verizon Wireless Center](#) , 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato, MN

The Government Documents Round Table's (GODORT) business meeting at MLA Annual will focus on "Hack for MN & Hack for Good," and is scheduled for Thursday, October 9 from 11:15-12:15. Intrigued by the idea of hosting a "Hack for Good" event at your library? [Hack for MN 2014](#) is our state's contribution to [Hack for Change](#), the White House-sponsored national event that draws citizens, community leaders, government representatives, designers, and technologists to build new solutions for community and civic problems.

What lessons have the past two years taught us? What can you do to encourage patrons in your area to participate? What projects could your library accomplish with a little help from civic-minded citizens? Learn more about the results and lessons learned from [Bill Bushey](#) E-Democracy's Technology Coordinator, who organized Hack for Good events in Minnesota.

Most recently Bill's work with [Open Twin Cities](#) led the city of Minneapolis to be the 16th city in the US to adopt an [Open Data Policy](#) . Bill will readily share experiences learned and future directions for Hack for Good events during this business meeting. All are welcome. Hope you'll join us!

Lead Out Loud!

Looking for a way to build your library leadership skills?

Consider [MILE](#), the Minnesota Library Association's Institute for Leadership Excellence - 2015.

Join us at the Minnesota Library Association Conference for our question and answer session, nominate someone with leadership skills as a participant or mentor at the exhibit hall, and talk to former participants about their excellent experiences.

Want more information right now? Watch the [MILE 2015](#) trailer!

Applications will go live October 1, 2014.

RART Happy Hour and Annual Business Meeting

When: Wednesday, October 8th starting at 6:30

Where: [Pub 500](#) , 500 South Front Street, Mankato, MN

Drinks and chatting about books: what better way to build community with your fellow library staff members? Join the Readers' Advisory Round Table (RART) for our annual business meeting/happy hour. We'll quickly discuss RART's goals and accomplishments

and then move on to everyone's favorite part: discussing our favorite recent reads in a variety of topics, and our favorite readers' advisory tricks and websites. Not yet a member of RART? No worries! We welcome one and all to our happy hour!

Want to talk about books and readers advisory throughout the year? Like us on [Facebook!](#)

Support Staff and Paraprofessional Interest Section (SSPiN)

While overall membership in MLA has grown over the past several years, membership in SSPiN (Support Staff and Paraprofessional Interest) section has continued to decline. Many MLA members work as support staff, paraprofessionals, and in similar positions, and they are active in all parts of MLA. But they have not been joining SSPiN, despite the work of the subunit leadership to reach out and engage potential members. When the Board eliminated the \$5.00 charge for subunit membership at the end of 2013 we hoped that this would lead to an increase in SSPiN members, but that did not happen. Our bylaws allow us to discontinue a Section with the membership has fallen below 50 members, and SSPiN membership has been considerably below this for several years.

After much discussion with SSPiN leadership and review of the MLA bylaws related to subunit membership, we have determined that we should dissolve the SSPiN subunit at the end of 2014.

If you have any questions or concerns about this change, please feel free to [contact us](#). We are happy to talk with you about this process, and to answer any questions you may have.

Academic & Research Library Division Election Update

The election for 2015 ARLD officers is underway. Check your email for instructions and remember to vote by **September 26**. Results will be announced in early October and new officers will be introduced at the ARLD Business Meeting on October 8, 2014 at 11:15 am in Mankato. Join us for "ARLD Members: So Happy Together," meet the new officers, and check out poster sessions presented by selected ARLD members.

Remember to vote and see you in Mankato! If you have questions about the meeting or the voting, please contact Jayne Blodgett at blodgetj@morris.umn.edu.

MLA Annual Registration

[Pre-register online](#) if you can, but we will also be taking at-the-door registrations, which include options for the full conference, one-day-only for Wednesday or Thursday, and day passes for the Exhibitor Hall.

Our theme "Better Together" will focus on ways libraries and staff may create partnerships and build communities. One feature of Annual will be the mini-conference [We're All in This Together: Strengthening Libraries Through Professional Development](#) with its breakout sessions on project management, communication, teamwork, and

“leading up.”

With a great roster of [featured speakers](#) a chance to speak with exhibitors, and access to amazing sessions that tap into the expertise of Minnesotan library staff and supporters, this is a learning and networking opportunity that should not be missed!

Public Libraries Division (PLD) Pre-Conference at MLA Annual

On Tuesday, October 7 attend “Get It Together: Reclaiming Our Purpose for the 21st Century” featuring some thought-provoking guest speakers.

- [Valerie J. Gross](#), the Director of Howard County Library and 2013 ALA Library of the Year will present a keynote and workshop called “Putting It Together”
- [Peter Pearson](#), President of The Friends of the St. Paul Public Library will speak about “Image Matters in Advocacy and Fundraising”
- [Kevin McHenry](#), Assistant Commissioner of Education at the Minnesota Department of Education will speak about “Libraries as Key Educational Institutions”

[Registration fee is \\$25](#) and event will be at the Verizon Center in Mankato.

Intellectual Freedom Committee Update

September 21-27 is Banned Books Week. The focus this year was graphic novels. Find out more about banned comics [here](#).

The Intellectual Freedom Committee will be presenting at MLA on Thursday, October 9 at 11:15 am. Recent newspaper headlines around government gathering of personal data may not seem to be related to libraries. However, when the issue is expanded to how privacy and intellectual freedom are viewed as part of larger societal discussions, we begin to see how information and its collection and dissemination puts libraries in the forefront of building community understanding of how we use information for individual research and academic scholarship. Join the members of the MLA Intellectual Freedom Committee in a discussion of what can be done to ensure intellectual freedom is available for all. And for those who are dealing with keeping Huck and Jim on the shelves, we'll also end with a discussion of recent book challenges.

Tomes on Tap Book Club

Interested in joining librarian colleagues for a book club? The Readers Advisory Round Table (RART) hosts meetings every quarter. The next meeting will be in January and its book will be decided at the October meeting.

What: [The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Olympics](#) by Daniel Brown

When: Saturday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Where: [Great Waters Brewery Co.](#), 426 Saint Peter St., Saint Paul

RSVP: [Stacey R. Hendren](#) so an appropriately sized table may be reserved

MLA Board Meeting Recap: August 15, 2014

Bylaws

- Discussion was held on the bylaws. The proposed changes will be emailed to the membership and voted on at the business meeting at the conference.

Educating and Advocating

- The legislative platform was discussed; it will be ready for board approval at the September meeting.
- Lobbyist contract: The board approved a new two-year contract with Capital Hill Associates.
- Discussion was held on the federal depository collections. ALA is seeking feedback on proposed changes to the program. No action was taken; members may contact Kirsten Clark with questions.

Strengthening Our Organization

- The Nominating Committee reported the ballot for the MLA Board positions was finalized with two candidates for each of the four positions.
- Other organizational discussion included updates on the conference, SSPiN and MILE. The Co-Chairs of MILE will be at the next board meeting to present plans for the 2015 program.

Developing and Equipping Our Leaders

- Job descriptions for MLA board, subunits, and volunteers are being developed. They should be finalized in time for the conference.

Calendar

Here's a quick snapshot of upcoming MLA and other professional events you may be interested in attending. [Check Upcoming Events](#) for further details.

- September is **Library Card Sign-Up Month** from American Library Association (ALA)
- Thursday through Saturday, **September 18-20**: Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) National Institute in Oakland, CA
- Friday, **September 26**: Deadline to vote for ARLD Board members
- Sunday, **September 21 through 27**: Banned Books Week from American Library Association (ALA)
- Wednesday, **October 4**: Apply online for MLA's Institute for Leadership Excellence (MILE) 2015
- Thursday through Saturday, **October 2-4**: Information & Technology Educators of MN/MN Educational Media Organization (ITEM/MEMO) Fall Conference in St. Cloud
- Tuesday, **October 7**: Public Libraries Division (PLD) Day and Pre-conference in Mankato
- Wednesday and Thursday, **October 8-9**: MLA's 2014 Annual Conference in Mankato
- Sunday through Saturday, **October 12-18**: Teen Read Week from Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA)

- Saturday, **October 18**: Tomes on Tap book club meeting in St. Paul
- Sunday through Saturday, **October 19-25**: National Friends of Libraries Week from United for Libraries of the American Library Association (ALA)
- 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)
- 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

Welcome and Thank you to new and renewing members!

The following members joined or renewed their MLA membership this past month. If we have inadvertently left your name off the list, please let us know! Contact the MLA office at 612-294-6549 or via email at mla@management-hq.com.

Shirley	Apley
Kathleen	Ashe
Gary	Averill
John	Baken
Rhonda	Barnes
Jeannine	Berroteran
Barb	Bissen
Julie	Clinefelter
Samantha	Coryell
Koami	DaCruz
LeAnn	Dean
Corinne	Eckhardt
Jennifer K	Erickson
Todd M	Fenton
Amber	Fick
Kasia	Gonnerman
Teri	Hams
ROBERT	HARLOW
Vanessa J	Hoffmann
Ann	Hokanson

Janet	Karius
Jan	Karius
Gladys	Kasel
Paris	Kelvakis
Dorie	Kurtz
Tracy	Kutsi

Joseph	Larsen
Sharyl	Larson
Margaret	Lawrence
Julia N	Lee
Sarah	Lo Pinto
kelly	mcbride
Jessica	McGee
Zachariah	Miller
Michelle	Myers
Cassandra	Nelson
Alice	Pfleghaar
Kim	Pickens
Amanda	Pruka
Manda	Pruka
Emily	Reimer
Ingrid	Rimmereide
Brigette	Rol
Stephanie	Rosso
Andrea	Scherer
Anna	Skare

Ethan	Joon-Hee	Stein
Candace		Thomas
Kathy		Torkelson
Lisa		Von Drasek
Pamela		Wagman
Jeanette		Ward
Sara		Watson
		Curry
Bethany		Winter
Kelsey		Wulf
Danica		Wytcherley
Jane		Young

On Twitter

Follow us as @mnlibraries [link to <https://twitter.com/mnlibraries>] to learn more about local events and follow conversations about MLA events. Here are some recent posts.

- Get ready for some book to movie adaptations- Hollywood is about to [hit the books!](#)
- [This article](#) reviews how public library ebook collections stack up against Kindle Unlimited and other ebook subscription services.
- Julia Strand, a Carleton College professor, carves up old books to [create artwork](#)

- The land of 10,000 lakes now has a [floating library](#)

On Facebook

Like us on Facebook [link to <https://www.facebook.com/MinnesotaLibraryAssociation>] to learn more about local events and topics of MLA interest. Here are some recent posts.

- Need a sledgehammer? Some libraries have them to lend! - <http://tinyurl.com/lmbbv55>
- Book Art is Awesome! <http://tinyurl.com/n9j5eu6>
- No earthquakes in Minnesota, but Napa County Libraries recently closed for a day to clean up and shelve books. <http://tinyurl.com/o5lu3of>
- Tulip the Cow - Art at the Ellensburg Public Library (Washington) <http://tinyurl.com/pabvqg3>
- Banned book resources now available. <http://tinyurl.com/onuyer3>
- The Floating Library returns to Cedar Lake: <http://www.vita.mn/arts/271267121.html>

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