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## Thanks for the Memories!



This past year has been difficult and challenging, but it has also been exhilarating and fun. I am grateful for the dedicated assistance of the members of the board who expended much time and effort to strengthen and support this organization through its all-volunteer phase. Our treasurer, Susan Burton, ably brought our finances back from a near disaster, including tracking membership queries and transitioning to online payments. During the first part of the year, Susan Wray renegotiated our conference contract and ably served as President-Elect, yielding her position to Karen Hicklin, who moved into that position after an extraordinary year of piloting the Task Force on Structure, Governance, and Organization. Our secretary, Sarah Erwin, meticulously recorded minutes, organized and tracked asynchronous voting, and kept our records without office support. Brent Husher not only took on coordinating the video conferences, but also worked on the transition to online registration and payments and handled registration for the fall conference. Our members at large, Carol Smith and Marty Miller took on complete responsibility for Jobline, ensuring that this service for the state will survive and continue to provide income to

MLA. Carrie Cline went to truly heroic efforts to attend board meetings and volunteered for site selection under extreme time constraints. April Roy spent extended time at board meetings and in service to MLA when her personal life might have given her an excuse to do less instead of more, and Joy Dufrain continued to work on the Board far beyond the time that should ordinarily have been expected. Our ALA Councilor, Pam Klipsch, came to extra meetings, represented us at ALA through all of the difficulties and continued to offer sage advice throughout the year.

This experiment as an all-volunteer organization put unexpected pressure on all of our committees with amazing results. The Legislative Advocacy Day in February became our beta test for online payments through the generous assistance of Steve Potter who later became chair of the Legislative Committee when Bill Rodgers moved out of state. Kristine Helbling led the Publications Committee in continuing the publication of MO INFO, compiling and posting all issues right on schedule. Carolyn Chittenden and Randall Yelverton produced an annual conference on the scenic Lake of the Ozarks, with volunteer help from across the state. In fact, we have had literally dozens of MLA members step forward and express their support for this organization in tangible ways.

While MLA is steadily becoming stronger and more sustainable, the MLA membership has taken a number of steps to ensure a healthy future for itself. A slate of capable candidates was recruited for office in the September elections and the democratic process worked transparently. Arrangements were made with MLNC to handle the membership and financial records, in support of the new 2011 officers. A completely new set of bylaws was written, approved, and adopted, re-structuring the organization for better communication and closer adherence to member goals. In order to energize and focus the board on the highest priorities, a board retreat was arranged in February, with an additional retreat and orientation for the new 2011 Board being planned in conjunction with the final November board meeting.

It has been truly an honor and a pleasure to serve as President of the Missouri Library Association this year, and I am grateful for the opportunity to learn and grow with all of you. I feel confident that we are turning the organization over to good and responsible leaders who will make it even better in the years to come.

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## ALA Councilor Report

### SRRT Proposing Labor Action Resolutions

The Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT) is currently floating two labor action resolutions for discussion and comment on various ALA electronic lists. In recent years ALA has had several instances of labor actions taking place at one of the conference hotels during the Midwinter or Annual Conference. Some ALA members refuse to cross picket lines to stay at or attend meetings at a hotel where workers are either on strike or doing informational picketing. The issue is complicated by the fact that ALA books its conference about ten years out, so when contracts are negotiated and signed, it is not possible to determine whether a hotel may be having a labor dispute when the conference actually occurs.

One of the labor action resolutions would require ALA to insert a clause into the hotel contract which would assert ALA's right to cancel a contract with a hotel without penalty if it has been placed on a "Do Not Patronize" list by a union representing or attempting to organize hotel employees, or if a union has organized a boycott of the hotel. It would also require the hotel to disclose to ALA during contract negotiations if they have union contracts and when those contracts are scheduled to be renegotiated.

The second resolution would require ALA to notify members if it learns that a conference hotel has been placed on a "Do Not Patronize" list or is under boycott by a local labor organization, so that members with reservations at the affected hotel have the choice to change their reservations to other hotels.

One or both of these resolutions, in some form, may be submitted to ALA Council for action at either the Midwinter or Annual 2011 Conference.

### 3M/NMRT Professional Development Grant available

Members of ALA's New Members Round Table (NMRT) can apply now for a grant, sponsored by 3M Library Systems, which will cover expenses to attend the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans, June 23 – 28, 2011. The application form and information about the grant is available on the NMRT website at <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/rts/nmrt/initiatives/applyforfunds/3mawardinformation.cfm>. Applicants **must** be current members of NMRT in order to apply. To join NMRT, visit the ALA website at <http://www.ala.org> and follow the "Join ALA" link to add to your ALA membership.

For further information about the grant, please contact Susan L. Jennings, Chair of the 3M/NMRT Professional Development Grant Committee at [Jenningsssl@appstate.edu](mailto:Jenningsssl@appstate.edu).

### New Task Force Will Examine Council Operations to Improve Effectiveness

Since Council decided to shorten Annual and Midwinter meetings by one day, the efficiency and effectiveness of Council deliberations has come under increased scrutiny. President Roberta Stevens has asked former ALA President Jim Rettig (2008-2009) to chair a Council Effectiveness Task Force. The Task Force is charged with examining Council's schedule, the structure of its sessions, modes of communication, use of technology and other factors, and to make recommendations to improve Council's productivity and responsiveness to ALA membership. In addition to Jim, Roberta has appointed the following task force members:

Rob Banks, Deputy Director, Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library, Topeka KS  
Beth Bingham, Bingham Associates, Baton Rouge LA  
Charles Forrest, Director, Library Facilities, Emory University Libraries, Atlanta GA  
Romina Gutierrez, Technology Initiatives Librarian, Princeton Public Library, Princeton NJ  
Sara Kelly Johns, Instructor, Mansfield University School, Mansfield PA  
Patricia Wand, Consultant, Bethesda MD  
Liana Zhou, Director of Library & Archives, Indiana University, Bloomington IN

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JoAnne Kempf and Lois Ann Gregory-Wood will serve as ALA staff liaisons to the task force, and ALA Parliamentarian Eli Mina will provide advice and assistance as necessary.

The task force should issue its recommendations next spring, allowing sufficient time for Councilors to review the recommendations prior to Annual Conference, and prepare to take action next June in New Orleans.

### **Thank You**

I'd like to thank the MLA membership for your vote of confidence in re-electing me to another term as your Missouri Chapter Councilor. I will continue to do my best to represent your interests and concerns at the national level and to keep you informed of events and opportunities that could affect you and your library and your community.

Pam Klipsch  
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## **Thoughts from the 2010 MLA Conference**

The 2010 MLA Conference reminded me of the first time that I went to a St. Louis Cardinals' baseball game as a child. I shook hands with Fredbird, ate nachos, saw a brawl that emptied both dugouts (Tommy Herr had to get stitches), and the Cardinals won in 13 innings. It was like every possible highlight of baseball rolled into one event.

Although there were no brawls, this year's conference was also filled with many highlights. We shook hands with notables, made new friends, caught up with old friends, and were inspired by our colleagues who shared their new ideas. Need I mention the cool t-shirts? In the final inning, a wonderful line-up of speakers took the time to cheer us on with some of the more memorable quotes below:

"A poet said to me, 'Librarians are the last idealists.' I want to salute you [librarians] for that."  
- Marilyn Johnson

"The more people use something, the more it is valued. This makes me think of libraries."  
- John Gillispie

"Libraries are the guide for our journey."  
- Shane Evans

"Knowing authors are alive and writing brings books to life. Bringing books to life increases reading."  
- David Harrison

"Libraries are strategically placed to fulfill a national imperative."  
- Roberta Stevens

Carolyn and Randall, you hit the ball out of the park!

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## MLNC Celebrates a Great Conference Season

It's been a great fall at MLNC. Tracy Byerly and Keith Gaertner have been visiting colleagues at conferences all over the Midwest, and the entire staff had a great time at the Missouri Library Association Conference. Thanks to all for dropping by the Missouri Library Network Corporation booth during exhibit time, and a very big thanks for making us "Friendly Booth" recipients for 2010!

A highlight of our conference was the approval of new bylaws at the MLNC Annual meeting, which will allow us to continue to expand our services.



Setting up at the MLA Exhibits (L-R):  
Lars Hagelin, Tracy Rochow Byerly, Linda Elkow, Keith Gaertner.

We were also pleased to announce that Laura Rein, Dean of the Library and Faculty Development Center at Webster University, was awarded the Ronald G. Bohley Award, co-sponsored by the Missouri Library Association and the Missouri Library Network Corporation.

We look forward to continued cooperation with the Missouri library community, and thanks again!

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### MLA Annual Conference



MLA Conference 2010: Proudly sporting the MLA Conference T-shirt



MLA Conference 2010: Shane Evans

## Libraries, Pirates, Mammoths, and More at the 2010 MLA Awards Banquet!

The 2010 MLA Awards Committee sincerely thanks everyone who joined us in celebrating this year's award winners at Conference. Committee members Mollie Dinwiddie (Chair), Barbara Brain, John Furlong, and Katy Smith could not have held the successful awards banquet without your attendance or your provision of nominees!

Over the course of the evening, we dined and were entertained by the 2007 MLA Literary Award winner, David Harrison. Mr. Harrison discussed his work as a poet and a writer of over eighty titles. He talked about specifics of his daily writing routine, such as problems he encountered while writing his 2008 book of poetry, *Pirates*. For example, how does one compose children's poetry about a bunch of murderers, rapists, and pillagers? He also discussed the heavy amount of research he completes while preparing to write children's non-fiction, such as that undertaken while writing *Mammoth Bones and Broken Stones* (released September 2010). Most entertaining was his enthusiastic reading from his works, including selections from *Pirates*, *Mammoth Bones and Broken Stones*, and *Bugs: Poems about Creeping Things*.

Following Mr. Harrison's address, Awards Committee Chair Mollie Dinwiddie introduced Steve Potter of the Legislative Committee to announce the Francis "Bud" Barnes Award for Outstanding Legislator. The award, named in honor of State Representative Francis (Bud) Barnes, was presented to Missouri House Representative Ryan Silvey (District 38) in recognition of his advocacy for his district and for libraries. Unfortunately, Rep. Silvey was unable to accept the award in person; it will be presented to him at the 2011 Library Advocacy Day in Jefferson City.

Carrie Kline of the Youth Services Division then presented the new MLA Award, the Show-Me Youth Services Award, to Anitra Steele of Mid-Continent Public Library for her on-going support and promotion of children's materials and services at the local, regional, and national levels.

Awards Committee Chair Dinwiddie then reclaimed the podium to present the remaining 2010 MLA awards:

Richard (Dick) Wilding received the Meritorious Achievement Award for his commendable leadership with Mid-Continent Public Library and the Missouri Library Association, as well as for his cooperative work with numerous regional libraries.

Linda Ballard was selected the Outstanding Library Employee Award for her exemplary guidance of the University City Public Library and for her efforts towards the development of the Municipal Library Consortium of St. Louis County and the "Libraries without Borders" program by which residents of St. Louis City, St. Louis County and St. Charles County can use all four library districts in the St. Louis area.

Jodie Borgerding was named the Outstanding New Librarian for her innovative librarianship and library instruction at Webster University and for her leadership in MLA, ACRL, and the READMOre program.

Laura Rein, Dean of Libraries at Webster University, received The Ronald G. Bohley Award, which is jointly awarded by the Missouri Library Association and the Missouri Library Network Corporation to a library leader who has fostered cooperation among libraries. Rein was presented the award in recognition of her many years of service in leadership positions for various library organizations, including the MOBIUS Council and Executive Board and the Missouri Library Network Corporation Board of Directors. Additionally, the award acknowledged her on-going encouragement of cooperative library work participation among the Webster University staff.

The Miller Nichols Library at the University of Missouri-Kansas City was chosen the 2010 Library of the Year in recognition of its efforts to provide superior services to its constituents, including the pioneering of the new automated storage and retrieval system (robot), the active participation of UMKC personnel in MLA and other library professional associations, and its ongoing support of the Kansas City Metropolitan Library and Information Network (KCMLIN).

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The 2010 Ronald G. Bohley Scholarship was awarded to Rebecca van Kniest, St. Louis, Missouri, who is pursuing a Master's Degree in Information Science and Learning Technologies at the University of Missouri. Ms. van Kniest has worked recently as a student assistant in the Original and Adaptive Cataloging Unit at Washington University. Her application narrative stated that with the MLS, she seeks a career among "smart, committed colleagues, an intellectual home with work worth doing, and a place within the larger, vibrant academic community." Ms. van Kniest received her award prior to the Awards Banquet at MLA. The Awards Committee is already discussing the awards and the banquet for 2011. Please be sure to nominate the many worthy candidates you know—we can't award those who haven't been nominated! We hope to see you in Kansas City at the 2011 Awards Banquet!

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## New Librarians Join UMKC

Two new librarians have recently been appointed to positions in the University of Missouri-Kansas City, University Libraries:

- Scott Curtis, Research and Instruction Librarian for Science and Engineering, University of Missouri-Kansas City, University Libraries
- Marie Thompson, Dental Librarian, University of Missouri-Kansas City, University Libraries

Scott Curtis is the new Librarian for Science and Engineering in the University of Missouri-Kansas City, University Libraries at Miller Nichols Library. Mr. Curtis previously served in positions at the Linda Hall Library of Science, Engineering and Technology, including Head of Reference Services and Bibliographer of Science, Engineering and Technology. Mr. Curtis holds an MLS from Emporia State University, an MS in Engineering Management (Manufacturing Management) from George Washington University, and a BS in Physics from the University of Pittsburgh with graduate studies in Physics at Indiana University.

Marie Thompson is the new Dental Librarian in charge of the overall administration of the Dental Library in the University of Missouri-Kansas City, University Libraries. Ms. Thompson previously served at Saint Luke's Hospital Health Sciences Library, primarily in the position of Librarian. Ms. Thompson holds an MA in Library and Information Science from the University of Missouri and a BA in English from UMKC. In addition to graduate studies in Exercise Physiology from the University of Kansas, she completed a four-year certificate program in Education for Ministry, School of Theology, University of the South, Sewanee, TN.

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## PEER SIG is still looking for a Recorder for 2011!

The Professionalism, Education, Employment and Recruitment Special Interest Group of the Missouri Library Association works toward meeting the needs of the members of MLA through its efforts in the areas of professionalism, education, employment and recruitment. Anyone interested in joining the PEER SIG is welcome. Contact Candice Oliver at [candicegoliver@gmail.com](mailto:candicegoliver@gmail.com) for more details.

The Bohley Scholarship Silent Auction raised approximately \$800.00 this year! Thank you to all of our donors and bidders who participated. A special thanks to the volunteers who worked the booth, with an extra thanks to Susan Wray and Susan Burton!

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## KCMLIN News

### Brick and Click

KCMLIN will be among the exhibitors at the *10th Annual Brick and Click Libraries Symposium* at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, MO.

The Symposium will be held on Friday, Nov. 5, 2010, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If you will be at *Brick and Click*, be sure to stop by the KCMLIN booth in the exhibitors' area!

### Fall YA Conference

The Kansas City Metropolitan Library & Information Network invites librarians and staff serving young adults in their community to attend a one-time training event, ***Young Adult Workshop – “Going Teen.”***

Kimberly Patton, 2010-2011 President of YALSA, will kick off the day's activities with an informative keynote address on YALSA, including current and future initiatives. A variety of morning and afternoon breakout sessions are available to choose from, as well as general workshop sessions on YALSA's Best Books for Young Adults and open house sessions on booklists. The day will conclude with a fun, team-oriented "Name That Book" game.

Location: North Kansas City Hospital

Date: Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010

Time: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM CST

A continental breakfast and catered Italian buffet lunch will accompany this workshop. If you require a special diet, please feel free to bring your own lunch.

Cost: KCMLIN Member: \$60; Non-Member: \$120

To register, contact Mary Puhr:

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### KCMLIN Membership Continues to Grow!

The State of Missouri renewed the FY2010-2011 LSTA grant for the *Show Me the World Get Connected Courier Delivery Service*, which connects public libraries in the State of Missouri.

Since July 2010, the following Missouri public libraries now receive free interlibrary loan courier delivery service for their patrons:

Bethany Public Library, Bethany MO

Bonne Terre Memorial Library, Bonne Terre MO

Crystal City Public Library, Crystal City MO

De Soto Public Library, De Soto MO

Howard County Public Library, Fayette MO

New Madrid County Library, Portageville MO

Northeast MO Library Service, Kahoka MO

Reynolds County Library District, Centerville MO

Rich Hill Memorial Library, Rich Hill MO

Schuyler County Library District, Lancaster MO

Wright County Library, Hartville MO

This brings the total number of libraries served by the KCMLIN courier delivery service to 563! Libraries served include academic, public, medical, and special libraries throughout Missouri, Kansas, and Colorado.

The *Show Me the World Get Connected Courier Delivery Service* project is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.

Is your library "Connected"? If not, contact Susan Burton (susanburton@kcmlin.org) for information on becoming a member of KCMLIN!

## New 417 Librarians Group!

A new group called 417 Librarians held its first meet-and-greet supper event on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at McSalty's Pizza in Springfield. Librarians, staff, students, and anyone with a love for libraries from southwest Missouri were welcome. There were 29 people in attendance from public, school, special, and academic libraries, as well as library science students, retirees, and some family members. Some came from as far away as Bolivar, Marshfield, Seymour, and Nixa. Everyone had a wonderful time meeting new people and catching up with old friends. Our next event will be lunch from 11:30am-1:30pm at Old Chicago Pizza, 2040 E. Independence, in Springfield on Friday, Nov. 5.



Lunching 417 Librarians (photo by Sharla Lair)

We envision laid-back, informal gatherings at which all kinds of library enthusiasts can get together, get to know each other, and share ideas. We plan to alternate lunches and suppers approximately every two to three months. We also eventually hope to do some library tours and discussions of issues. Future events will be posted to various listservs like MLA, MACRL, SWRASL, SISLT, a private email group (email [heatherc@thelibrary.org](mailto:heatherc@thelibrary.org) to join), and our Facebook group, 417 Librarians, which has already grown to 71 members.

We coordinated a lunch meeting at the MLA Conference to bring together all Librarians That Lunch groups in Missouri. The photo shows the groups beginning to gather for fun, food, and fellowship at Breezes Restaurant at Lodge of the Four Seasons. We hope to see you at an event soon!

If you have any questions or would like more information, feel free to contact any of the co-facilitators:

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## MLA Annual Conference 2010 Memories



MLA Annual Conference 2010: Lodge of the Four Seasons on a beautiful day



MLA Annual Conference 2010: The Meet and Greet group



MLA Annual Conference 2010: Randall Yelverton



MLA Annual Conference 2010: Marilyn Johnson and Vicky Moore

## MLA Announcements

**KCMLIN** invites you to attend  
*Dealing With Grumpy, Cranky and Difficult People*

Where: Kansas City Kansas - West Wyandotte Branch  
Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010  
Time: 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM CST  
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**Submitted presentation materials** from 2010 MLA Conference sessions can be viewed at:  
<http://molib.org/2010confpresentations.html>  
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**MASL** is seeking proposals for its Spring 2011 conference at Tan-Tar-A.

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Please note new phone number!  
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**YALSA** Professional Development Opportunities:  
*Gear Up for Summer Reading* webinar, hosted by Shari Fesko  
Dec. 16 at 2 p.m. EST

Registration costs \$39 for individual YALSA members and \$49 for all other individuals.

Group registration is available for \$195. Register by Dec. 14 at [www.ala.org/yalsa/webinars](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/webinars).

*Connect Create Collaborate: Supporting Teen Needs with Technology*, taught by Linda Braun, self-paced six-week class starts Feb. 7 and ends March 21.

Registration costs \$149 for YALSA members, \$195 for ALA members, and \$215 for nonmembers, but hurry — registration ends Jan. 31 at [www.ala.org/yalsa/onlinecourses](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/onlinecourses).

Questions? Contact YALSA Program Officer for Continuing Education Eve Gaus at [egaus@ala.org](mailto:egaus@ala.org) or 1-800-545-2433, ext. 5293.  
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Congratulations to the Kansas City Public Library and Centrailia Public Library in being recognized as two of "America's Star Libraries" in this month's edition of *Library Journal*.  
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Springfield-Greene County Library District workshop: *What Should I Read Next? Connecting Children with Books*, presented by Judy Freeman  
Dec. 15, 2010, 9:00 a.m.– 3:30 p.m.

To register, email the name, library system/branch and email address **for each registrant**, to: [nanceed@thelibrary.org](mailto:nanceed@thelibrary.org). Please indicate any special dietary needs (i.e., vegetarian or diabetic).

Registration ends on Tuesday, Nov. 30. Space is limited. Registrants will receive an email confirmation and a pre-workshop survey which must be completed by Dec. 12.



MLA Conference 2010: Carolyn Chittenden



MLA Conference 2010: Katie Schneider at the Poster Session