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125 Years & Moving Forward: MLA 2016 Annual Conference Registration is now Open!

Article Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

Minnesota Library Association—This year's convention will take place on September 29 & 30 in Duluth, MN. The Duluth Entertainment Convention Center will be hosting both days of the conference. This year's conference includes 2 amazing keynote speakers, 80 different breakout sessions, and plenty of time to network with your library colleagues.

We will also celebrate MLA's 125th anniversary, so [register today](#) to become part of history!

Lend a Hand: [Volunteers](#) are always welcome and needed for the conference. See the conference from behind the scenes and give back to your profession by moderating sessions, staff-

ing the sign in desk, or assisting with the Silent Auction.

Don't Worry Be Appy: [Sched](#) will be the digital app for this year's conference. In it you can find session, location, and presenter information.



Download the app today and start reviewing this year's lineup.

Keep It Quiet: Have a vintage Richard Nixon pennant collecting dust in the attic? Trying to get rid of Aunt Sally's antique teacup collection? [Donate](#)

it to the Silent Auction, and we'll find a new home for it. Best of all—the proceeds will go to supporting the Minnesota Library Foundation, which supports librarians and libraries across Minnesota.

The Earlier the Better: We've also got a preconference workshop planned for September 28. This preconference will feature Jamie LaRue and Marci Merola from ALA. More details can be found [right here](#) on Sched. Keep this option in mind when registering.

Stay Informed: As always you can keep up to date on conference news on our [Facebook](#) page or the [MLA website](#).

Click [here](#) for more information about the MLA conference.

Operational Changes to State Library Services

Info Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

Minnesota State Library Services by Kevin McHenry, Assistant Commissioner, MDE (Released 7/19/2016) - I'd like to share some important news about some operational changes at MDE. Effective today, State Library Ser-

vices and the Charter Center will now operate under the divisional leadership of Jennifer Nelson. This change was made in order to better meet the business needs of our customers and MDE.

The Charter Center has undertaken several new initiatives in the last couple of years, implementing a first of its kind au-

thorizer evaluation system, a redesigned and transparent complaint process, as well as continued implementation of our federal charter school grant which helps to recognize high-quality charter schools. With all of these changes, now is a perfect time to take a step back and evaluate how we continue to support the work moving forward.

Kids & Teens Broadcast

Articles Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

Building a Brain—*U.S. News* by Katharine Stevens (Released 7/14/2016)—Parents are their children's first and most important teachers. And they have a crucial job: Recent advances in developmental science make clear that the first five years of life are critically important to children's future learning and success. We now know that human brains aren't born—they're built from the ground up, through the combined influences of children's genes and early experiences. During the first 1,000 days of a child's life, over 700 neural connections are formed every second, literally shaping the architecture of a young child's brain. [Article](#)

School Libraries Heart of the 21st Century Learning—*ACT Govern-*

ment Education—[Document](#)

YALSA seeks Member Manager for programming website, Teen Programming HQ—*ALA* by Anna Lam (Released 7/20/2016) - The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the ALA, is seeking a Member Manager for its teen programming website, [Teen Programming HQ](#).

The mission of Teen Programming HQ is to provide a one-stop-shop for finding and sharing information about library programs of all kinds for and with teens. The site promotes best practices in programming by featuring user-submitted programs that align with YALSA's Teen Programming Guidelines, Futures Report, and new mission statement.

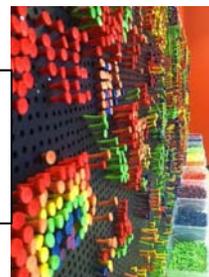
Additionally, the site enables members and the library community to connect with one another to support and display their efforts to continu-

ously improve their teen programs. Learn more about the full list of qualifications and responsibilities of the Member Manager [here](#).

The deadline for submission is September 1. The Member manager will be selected by search committee by October 1. The term of appointment is one year beginning October 2016, with an option to renew for a second year, based on performance. The Member Manager will receive an honorarium of \$500 per year plus \$500 towards travel to each Annual Conference and Midwinter Meeting while service as Member Manager.

[Press Release](#)

Found on [Pinterest](#) by MaryLei Barclay



It's a LEGACY Thing

By Alexis Leitgeb



Lake Superior Chamber Orchestra performance of Mozart's Music for a Pantomime—August 4, 7:30pm at the Mitchell Auditorium at the College of St. Scholastica—This performance features local talent directed by Jen Sramek and assisted by Ann Gumpers. Tickets are limited and restrictions may apply. Pick up your tickets at the public libraries in these communities: Aurora, Babbitt, Buhl, Cloquet, Du-

luth, Gilbert, Hibbing, Moose Lake, Mt. Iron, Silver Bay, Two Harbors, and Virginia. At the last minute, free tickets may still be available at the Duluth Public Library.

Minnesota Gold by author Patrick Mader—August 22-27 at various locations—Minnesotans, from the Arrowhead Region in the heart of the Midwest, have long been known for their humble nature and work ethic, and as such have long taken great pride in their athletics.

Minnesota Gold features compelling stories told by fifty-seven Minnesota

athletes participating in the Olympics, World Championships, and World Cups from 1948 – 2014. As they pursued their dreams and persevered to compete in the greatest international competitions, these diverse athletes represented their state with dignity and brought pride to sports fans in all regions of Minnesota. Author Patrick "Packy" Mader presents an engaging and unique program as he shares the memorable conversations he had with these remarkable men and women who honored their sport, their state, and their country on the world stage.

Bring Project Outcome to Region!

Article submitted by MaryLei Barclay

Public Library Association—In fall 2016, Project Outcome will begin offering a regional training workshop designed to be a deep dive into implementing outcome measurement using Project Outcome tools. This regional training opportunity will bring an expert Project Outcome trainer to regions across the United States and Canada. Any public library or organi-

zation that serves public libraries will be able to book a training to convene a cohort of public libraries interested in implementing Project Outcome. Interested in booking a training workshop? [Let us know!](#) To learn more, view the Project Outcome Regional Training: [Virtual Information Session](#) or contact us by [email](#)

To learn more about Project Outcome, register for free today and start measuring your library's true impact at www.projectoutcome.org/!

Don't forget to catch up on more information about Project Outcome on the upcoming Webinar:

[Following Up for Greater Impact: new project Outcome Surveys](#)—August 11, 1:00pm Central

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Thinking Outside Arrowhead

Articles submitted by MaryLei Barclay

Vatican Digitizes a 1,600-Year-Old Illuminated Manuscript of the 'Aeneid' - *Hyperallergic* by Carey Dunne (Released 7/13/2016) - In Rome, around the year 400, a scribe and three painters created an illuminated manuscript of Virgil's *Aeneid*, illustrating the ancient hero Aeneas' journey from Troy to Italy. 1,600 years later, the Vatican has digitized the surviving fragments of this manuscript. Known as the *Vergilius Vaticanus*, it's one of the world's oldest versions of the Latin epic poem, and you can browse it for [free online](#). [Article](#)

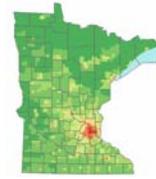
The U.S.-Canada border Runs Through This Tiny Library—*Atlas Obscura* by Sarah Yahm (Released 7/7/2016) - Rumor has it that 18-th century surveyors who drew the official line between the U.S. state of Vermont and the Canadian province of Quebec were drunk, because the border lurches back and forth across the 45th parallel, sometimes missing by as much as a mile. For nearly 200 years Derby Line, Vermont, and Stanstead, Quebec essentially functioned as one town. They shared the same cultural center, the Haskell Free Library and Opera House. In the last 15 years, though, the common culture of the two towns has been eroded, largely due to the increased emphasis on securing the U.S. border in the years following

9/11. [Article](#)

The New 53rd Street Library is Nice, Unless You Like to Read Books—*New York Magazine* by Justin Davidson (Released 7/12/2016) - Finally! After eight bookless years, 53rd Street has its library back—if that's the right word for a sleek but shrunken pit fitted out with bleachers, bar stools, and a megascreen, plus a smattering of circulating volumes. Call it a community center, a public hangout, a computer café, or the library of the future. [Article](#)

Kings County Library, staff ensure patron safety—*The Sentinel* by Eman Shurbaji (Released 7/19/2016) - Genovie Curdiel says she's been visiting the Kings County Library's Hanford location for eight years with her two young daughters, but has noticed fewer people loitering around the building for the past few years. "I feel safer now," Curdiel said. It's not a coincidence Curdiel feels safer and more welcome. Under the leadership of library director Natalie Rencher, county library facilities have been revamped over the past three years, and staff have received extensive training on how to make the library a safe, more inviting environment for patrons. [Article](#)

Knife-wielding man injures 4 in Fukushima Library—*Japan Today* (Released 7/19/2016) - Police in Nihonmatsue City, Fukushima Prefecture, said Tuesday they have arrested a 34-year-old man on suspicion of attempted murder after he injured



four people in a library with a knife. [Article](#)

Program at Sun Ray Library sheds some light on honeybees—*Lillie News* by Marjorie Otto (Released 7/10/2016) - "Woah!" exclaimed a group of five to 12 year-olds decked out in beekeeper suits. Beekeeper and Pollinate Minnesota Executive Director Erin Rupp had just lifted up a rack from a beehive at the Sun Ray Library on June 29, and it was covered in busy, crawling honeybees. The kids were part of a class put on by Sun Ray just a day after the hives were installed in a fenced-in area on a hill east of the library. [Article](#)

Street Books: This Library on Wheels Brings Great Reads to People Living Outside—*Huffington Post* (Released 7/14/2016) - For the past five years, Laura Moulton has spent her days in underserved areas of Portland, OR, lending books to people living on the fringes of society. Those living outside or in temporary shelters are usually barred from borrowing books from regularly libraries because they lack the required documentation to get a library card. Additionally, their everyday lives often make it hard for them to return books in good conditions and on time, triggering hefty fines and dissuading them from the practice. In 2011, she launched Street Books, a bike-powered, mobile library to ensure the homeless communities have access to literature. [Article](#)

Apply for Greatness

Info Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

Border-to-Border Broadband Development Grant—*Minnesota State Library Services*—During the 2016 session, the state legislature appropriated \$35 million for the Border-to-Border Broadband Development grant program. New this year is \$500,000 for projects in low-income areas and \$5 million for underserved

areas. The grants can provide up to half of project development. The maximum award is \$5 million. Construction of broadband infrastructure may include project planning, obtaining permits, construction of facilities, equipment, installation, and testing of the broadband service. The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) will accept applications from eligible organizations from July 22 to October 3. Program details, eligibility and application forms are available at

[Broadband Grant Program](#).

Penguin Random House Library Awards for Innovation—*Deadline October 1, 2016*—Recognizes public libraries creating innovative community-based programs, which encourage citizens to participate and support local reading initiatives that connect libraries with their community. Awards include \$1,000 in Penguin Random House books, as well as one \$10,000 grant award and four runner-up \$1,000 grant awards. [Information](#)

Webinar Control Center

Article Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

Cataloging with RDA eCourse—ALA September 12, continuing for 4 weeks **fee \$199.00**—After participating in this eCourse, you will: Create original records using RDA; Describe manifestation, item, work, and expression; Identify and record relationships between entities. As more libraries around the world adopt RDS (Resource Description and Access) knowledge of how to catalog library materials using this new standard is a crucial skill. [Register](#)

Cataloging Music Resources in RDA eCourse—ALA September 12, continuing for 4 weeks **fee \$175.00**—Are you struggling with cataloging music in your library? The latest release of RDA now includes the addition of Music Library Association's Best Practices for Music Cataloging. ALA Publishing presents this popular returning eCourse. [Register](#)

Cultivating a Library Technoculture: We are Tech Workers—Techsoup July 27, 11:00am Pacific—

Markham is Canada's "High-Tech Capital," housing 900 high-tech companies and their employees. In response, Markham Public Library began hosting maker and coding events, launched a digital media lab, and purchased 3D printers. When skill gaps in our workforce thwarted efforts to engage staff with new services, we embarked on a culture-shifting journey to develop a deep understanding and appreciation for technology. [Register](#)

Productivity Tips and Tricks to Help You Find More Time and manage your Days—PLA August 3, 1:00pm Central—Looking for new ways to help manage your day and find more time in your schedule? Join productivity and planning expert Kari Chapin as she shares actionable tips and tricks that you can start immediately. These productivity tips and tricks will help you take back your time, starting with your morning routine and ending with your evening wind down—and everything in between. [Register](#)

YA Announcements; Fall 2016—Booklist August 9, 1:00pm Central—Get a sneak peek of forthcoming YA titles in this hour-long, free

webinar featuring representatives from Macmillan, Bloomsbury, Tor, and Disney. [Register](#)

Upcoming NISO Webinars—Click [here](#)

Cultural Literacy Programs in Your Library: Connecting with Diverse children & Families—Infopeople August 9, 12:00pm Pacific—Do you promote cultural literacy in your library? Would you like to learn more about planning programs and outreach services for diverse groups of children and their families? This webinar will help libraries establish a foundation for understanding how cultural bias influences services to diverse patrons. [Register](#)

New twists on Storytime—Infopeople August 17, 12:00pm Pacific—Are you looking for something new and different to add to your storytime offerings? Library storytimes are one of the most popular and consistent programs offered by libraries, but it's not uncommon for presenters to feel like they are in a rut. In this webinar Penny Peck will discuss how to bolster interest and revitalize storytime by creating some "special event" storytimes. [Register](#)

The Conference is Calling

Info Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

iPadPaloozaMN—August 3 & 4—The Great Minnesota iPad get together is back and is not just for iPads anymore! This one day (August 3 is a 3 hour hands-on learnshop) learning festival celebrates how iPads and other mobile devices continue to impact education. The event will focus on creativity, social collaboration, engagement and innovative ways school have integrated iPads and mobile devices into classrooms and enhanced student learning. More [info](#).

Dynamic Planning Institute—PLA October 5-7, Washington, D.C.—PLA's new Dynamic Planning Insti-

tute, with content developed and delivered by trainer Stephanie Gerding, will blend an intensive in-person workshop with 3 months of personalized online learning. In addition to covering best practices in strategic planning and project management, this program will be unique in its focus in simple, low-cost planning. Participants will learn how to create a dynamic strategic plan, in a timely manner, which will serve as a living document and create actionable pathways for decision making, community involvement, and funding priorities. [Register](#)

PLA at 2017 ALA Annual Conference—PLA is now accepting proposals for educational programs and pre-conferences showcasing public library practices and innovations for the 2017 ALA Annual Conference,

June 22-27, 2017, in Chicago. Program topics should showcase emerging trends and examples of risk-taking... More [info](#).

OverDrive Digipalooza - August 2-4, 2017 Cleveland, Ohio—Registration opens August 2016. Digipalooza 2017 is OverDrive's international user group conference. If you work with digital media in the library, Digipalooza is a can't-miss event! **\$199 registration fee** includes conference sessions, special events and all meals during conference hours. Hotel rooms will be available for \$149 at the brand-new Hilton Cleveland Downtown hotel conveniently connected to the Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland. [Check](#) back soon for more details. Questions? [Contact](#) us.

What's Happening Arrowhead?

Info Submitted by Mollie Stanford, Steve Harsin, Rachel Heinrich, Julie Bollos, & MaryLei Barclay

Featuring: Grand Marais Public Library, Duluth Public Library—Mount Royal Branch, Ely Public Library, Grand Rapids Area Library, Ely-Winton Historical Society, Cloquet Public Library, Calumet Public Library, Gilbert Public Library, & St. Louis County Historical Society

Library Builds Tiny Houses for Kids

It wasn't your imagination—there were indeed tiny cardboard houses on the lawn in front of the Grand Marais Public Library last Tuesday. The library children's department worked with area kids to create cardboard tiny houses during their story time on Tuesday, July 19. This is part of an ongoing strategy intended to help kids make the connection to reading a book, tapping into their creativity, and taking some action that relates to the book. In this case, the book was "What to do with a box," a book owned in the children's collection at the library. Creating the box houses was the activity that grew out of that.



Mount Royal Branch Grand Re- Opening July 27,

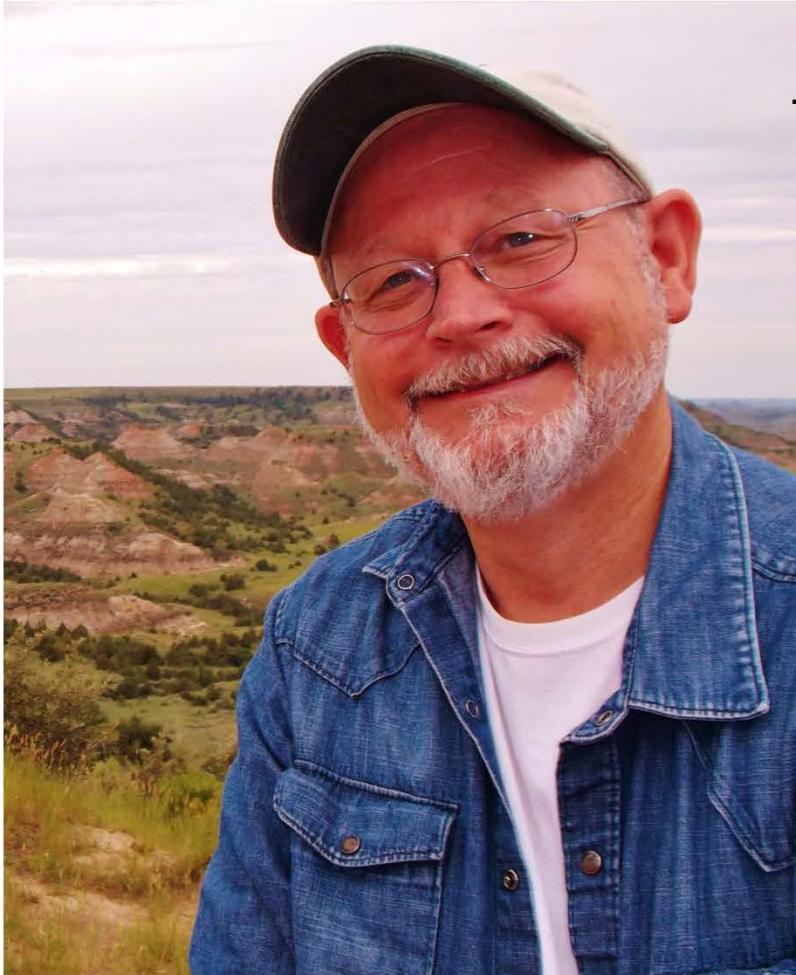


The Mount Royal Branch Library (Duluth) is bigger and better than ever and we are celebrating!

Come help us thank the people and organizations that made this project possible. Refreshments will be served and music will be provided by the Gabriel String Quartet. [Information](#)

William Kent Krueger

author of Ordinary Grace and the Cork O'Connor mysteries



Thurs., August 11
6 pm
Ely Public Library

A joint program
of the Ely Public
Library & Piragis
bookstore.

Bestselling author, William Kent Krueger will speak about his writing, and, we hope, give a few teasers about what to expect from his new Cork O'Connor mystery that is due to release in early September.

Books will be available for purchase at the event.



Press Release

July 19, 2016

Grand Marais Public Library

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

POKEMON AT THE LIBRARY

Grand Marais Public Library will host an event about the current craze over Pokemon Go on Tuesday, August 2, at 6:00 PM in the library. The event will also be live streamed via YouTube so members of the community who cannot attend in person may tap into the event remotely.

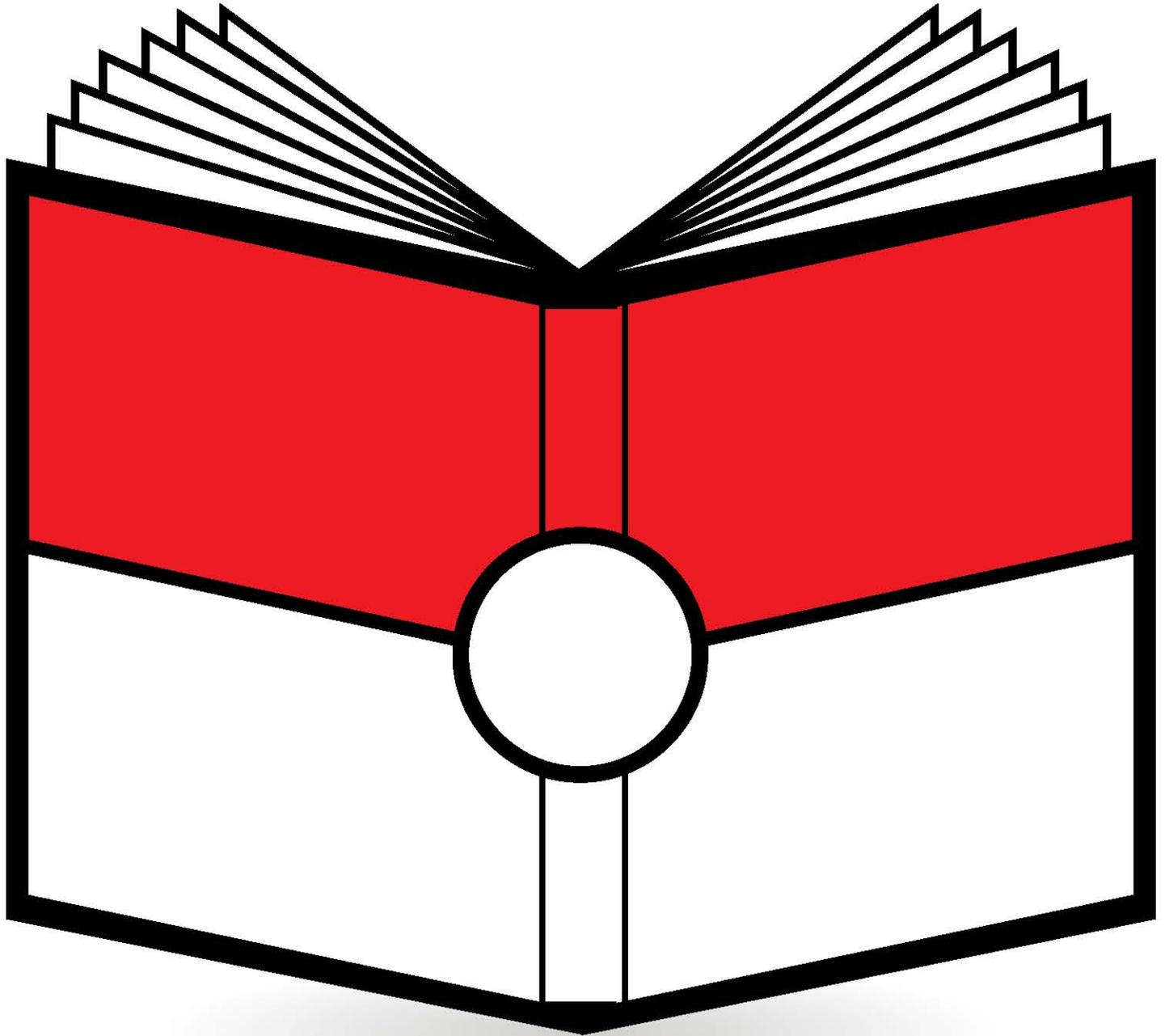
Pokemon Go has taken the world by storm. Evidence abounds in our community in the form of people walking around, staring at their phone screen as they catch Pokemons, visit Pokestops, and work out in the PokeGyms. For many in our community, this may be the “must attend” event of the summer.

Those who want to know what all the fuss is about are invited to attend the event in order to learn what Pokemons are, what is needed to play, and how to get started. People familiar with the game will talk in detail about how to have the best experience, how to play safely, and how business owners may make the most of the craze.

People of all ages and levels of knowledge (or lack thereof) may find the program of interest and are encouraged to attend. Those who can are encouraged to be at the library by 6 PM on Tuesday, August 2. Alternatively, remote participants may join via streaming YouTube presentation by clicking on a link to be published on the Library Facebook page shortly (around one hour) before the event goes live.

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EVENT



GRAND MARAIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 6:00 PM

**BE THERE - IN PERSON OR LIVE STREAMING.
DETAILS ON THE LIBRARY FACEBOOK PAGE.**

GRAL-FLIX @ REIF CENTER



Grand Rapids Herald by Will Richter (Released 7/16/2016) - Dropping a reminder about the Tuesday independent film series presented by Grand Rapids Area Library (GRAL) and Reif Center. Indies @ the Reif screens each Tuesday through August 16—free and open to the public. Watch trailers at www.reifcenter.org. *Films may contain adult language and content. [Article](#)

New Contribution to Minnesota Reflections: Ely-Winton Historical Society



Minitex by Greta Bahnemann (released 7/14/2016) - We are always excited to announce the addition of new contributors to Minnesota Reflections. Today we welcome a series of historic postcards from the Ely-Winton Historical Society. These postcards capture historic events and people in and around Ely and Winton in far northern St. Louis County. The addition of these materials from Minnesota's Arrowhead country helps fill in a gap in Minnesota Reflections. We are thrilled that we can now better tell the story of life in far northeastern Minnesota. [Article](#)

Cloquet Public Library is Offering...

“Using a Digital Camera 101”: A two-session class with photographer Amy Louhela. Tuesday August 23, 6pm to 7pm and Tuesday August 30, 6pm to 7pm. Free! Call the library to register. A limited number of digital cameras are available for classroom use—or bring your own. 218-879-1531

The following introductory technology classes will be offered at Cloquet Public Library:

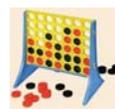
- Introducing Chromebook, Thursday, July 28, 6:30pm
- Introducing Chromebook, Monday, August 1, 6:30pm
- Introducing Raspberry Pi, Thursday, August 11, 6:30pm
- Introducing Raspberry Pi, Monday, August 15, 6:30pm

Pie Social Fundraiser at Calumet Public Library



August 18, 1:00-3:00pm—Calumet Church & Calumet Public Library are joining together for a pie social. \$2.50 per slice and \$3.00 ala mode.

Life-Sized Board Games at Gilbert Public Library



August 2, 4:00pm—Families of all ages and abilities are invited to participate in Life-Sized Board Games event. This event is free and open to all people. Games will include: Connect Four, Giant Twister, Checkers, Tic-Tac-Toe, and more!





PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release through August 1, 2016

Contact: Executive Director JoAnne Coombe, 218-733-7581 or
joanne@thehistorypeople.org

St. Louis County Historical Society and its Veterans' Memorial Hall Program, in collaboration with the Lake Superior Railroad Museum and the David Wisted American Legion Post 28, **commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the passing of Albert Woolson**, the last surviving Union soldier, with a dinner in his honor, along with the Lincoln Funeral Car exhibit, a Civil War artifact exhibit and a flat-panel exhibit on the life of Albert Woolson **on August 2, 2016**.

Woolson was the last surviving Civil War soldier, who was a citizen of Duluth for much of the later part of his life after serving in the Union Army.

The event will begin outside the building at 4:00 with a ceremony of rededication of the Woolson statue near the entrance. Civil War re-enactors will be present.

A social hour at 5:00 follows with opportunity to tour – free - the Lincoln Funeral Car exhibit in the Railroad Museum, along with the newly created Albert Woolson exhibit and Civil War artifact exhibit. Veterans' Memorial Hall's long-term exhibit, *Generations of Service*, will also be open to dinner guests.

The buffet dinner will be served at 6:00 by Kurtz Catering.

A presentation on Albert Woolson by Ken Buehler, Executive Director of the Lake Superior Railroad Museum and of Historic Union Depot Corporation, will begin at 7:00.

To reserve tickets (\$20) and for further information please contact St. Louis County Historical Society staff at 218-733-7586.

MAGIC OLYMPICS



Magician and comedian Robert Hallbrook gets his young audience involved during the "Magic Olympics" Tuesday afternoon at the Mountain Iron Library. Below, Hallbrook performs a magic trick with a young audience member.

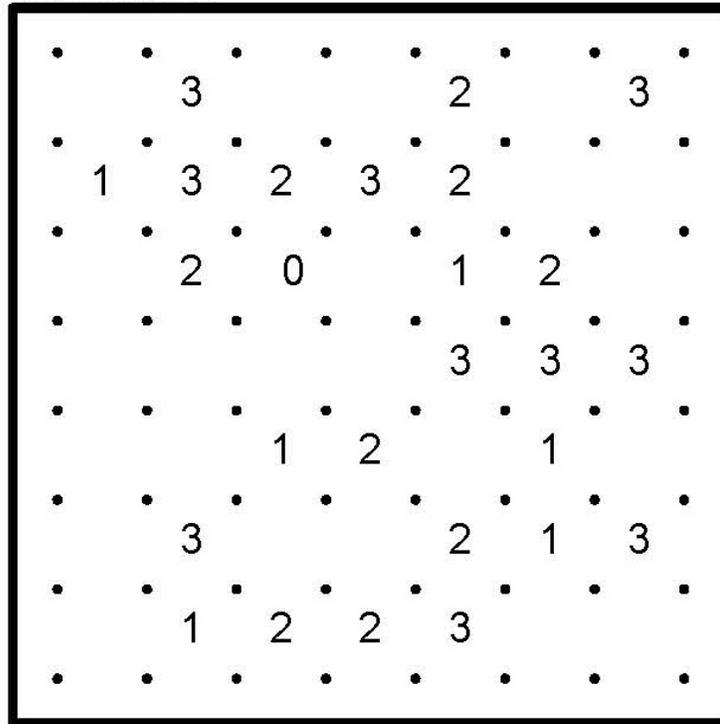
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HARRY POTTER PARTY



MARK SAUER/MESABI DAILY NEWS

Harry Potter fans, many in costume, team up to answer trivia questions during a Harry Potter Party on Thursday morning at the Virginia Public Library. More than 80 children took part in a morning of crafts, magic-themed snacks and wizard trivia.



In a Slitherlink Puzzle, you connect horizontally or vertically adjacent dots to form a meandering path that forms a single loop, without crossing itself, or branching. The numbers indicate how many lines surround each cell. Empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines (from 0 to 3).

There is one unique solution, and you should be able to find it without guessing. You may find it helpful to make small x's between dots that cannot be connected.

Need some solving help? Visit krazydad.com/slitherlink

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