
MEDICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION UPDATE 2021/22

Presented By MLA President Kris Alpi, AHIP-D, FMLA

NAHSL 2021

Starting from *Scratch*

Taking Charge of Change



Reach out to your MLA President at:
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AVOID HEALTH MISINFORMATION!

Take the right path: Partner with your medical librarian.



CELEBRATE NATIONAL MEDICAL LIBRARIANS MONTH
IN YOUR INSTITUTION!



DEI training: juries, board liaisons, JMLA team

Socially responsible investments

DEI-related question on Midyear and Annual Reports

DEI in Libraries podcast

Revamped DEI website - coming soon!

DIVERSITY EQUITY AND INCLUSION IN MLA

“Diversity, equity, and inclusion are the threads that strengthen the fabric of the Medical Library Association”



Outgoing Editor in Chief, Katherine Akers



Interim Editor, Alexander Carroll

Thank you, Katherine and Alex!

Search committee approved by MLA board-chaired by Scott Plutchak

10 new JMLA editorial board members joined in July

JMLA editors to participate in DEI training

Help us improve. Put your suggestions, comments, questions in the JMLA virtual suggestion box!



MLA '22 HYBRID MEETING

Experiment with New Experiences: In-Person first

Session type	Virtual	In-person
Topical Collaboration	N/A	Defined topics, e.g., relating to MLA strategic goals, InSight, Domain Hub projects
Interactive	N/A	New types, such as fish-bowls, debates, role-play learning
Caucus	N/A during conference	Dispersed caucus networking + coordinated food event
Social	Networking events, games	Experience New Orleans (expanded tours, dine-arounds)

Keynotes and other main sessions

Session type	Virtual	In-person	Presenters
Welcome/address	Online	TBD	Mix of synchronous & asynchronous activity
Awards/In Memoriam	Online + video	Reception	
Keynotes	Live Stream + in-App Q&A	Live + engage with speaker	
NLM Update	Live Stream + in-App Q&A	Live + engage with speaker	





MLA '22 CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

- Get your immersion session or paper proposal in by [Wednesday, Oct. 27 \(extended!\); 6:00pm CT.](#)
- See submission tips at <https://www.mlanet.org/blog/tips-for-submitting-to-mla-'22>
- Planning a poster or lightning talk? Submit between [Dec. 15 – Jan. 22](#)

MLA '22
NEW ORLEANS

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MLANET.ORG



Interested in the intersection
between Collection
Development, Publishing and
Resource Sharing?

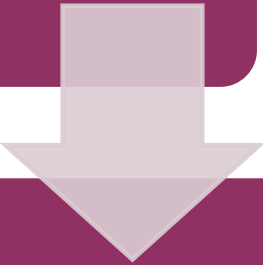
The MLA Board has approved a
special programs committee to
plan content focusing on these
key areas for our MLA '22
meeting.

**Watch for more information
coming soon!**

VIEW REFLECT

MLA vConnections Events Spring 2022

Content not specifically related to the conference now virtual and year-round to be more inclusive and accessible.

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- Annual Business Meeting • Open Forums • Council Meetings • Caucus Business Meetings • Committee Meetings • Virtual Resume Clinic with CV Reviews, Mock Interviews

PRESIDENTIAL TOWN HALL - JANUARY 2022



Topics include:
and whatever you want to
discuss. 😊

Watch for more
information and the link to
join on MLANET and MLA
social media channels!

Hospital library advocacy
statement and outreach

MLA Communities
assessment plan

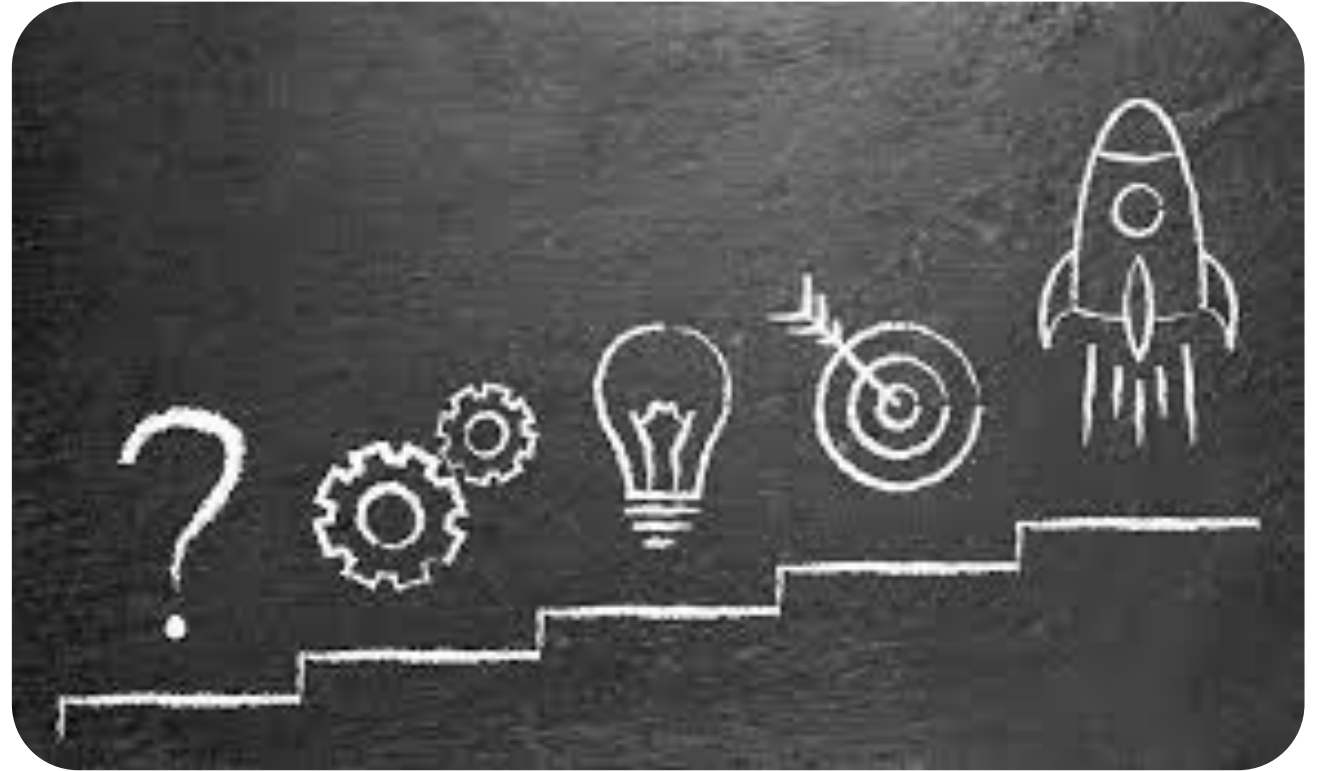
MLA's forthcoming
technology platform
evolution

MLA STRATEGIC FOCUS SURVEY

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
THAT DRIVE ACTION

SENT TO ALL MLA
STAKEHOLDERS

WATCH FOR IT LATE
OCTOBER/EARLY NOVEMBER



OCTOBER CONTINUING EDUCATION

A variety of opportunities to develop valuable skills:

- Self-paced course on your own time
- Live instructor-led courses
- Live webinars

Getting Started with Self-Paced Courses

Instructor-Led Courses

MLA CONTINUING EDUCATION

Choose the learning format that works best for you!

Sample of fall CE opportunities:

Better, Faster:
Introduction to
Systematic Review
Automation Tools

Systematic Review
Protocols

Effectiveness and
Efficiency in Exhaustive
Searches 2021

Journey to the Outer
Limits of EVP
Instruction

Collection
Development:
Subscribing to and
Renewing E-resources

Learn more at <http://www.medlib-ed.org/>

EXPERIENCE MLA FEBRUARY 2022

- Daily engagement:
networking
events/webinars/games/
discussions
- February – free
membership month



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Thank You
to Our Members

COMPLETE YOUR I AM MLA PROFILE!

To learn more about I Am
MLA ambassadors and
how to become one
yourself, please visit
[https://www.mlanet.org/
page/i-am-mla-campaign-
home](https://www.mlanet.org/page/i-am-mla-campaign-home)

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MLA CAUCUS UPDATES

New Caucus

Asian Diaspora Coalition of Medical Librarians

Centering on the needs and issues of those MLA members who identify as Asian (East Asian, South Asian, Southeast Asian, West Asian (Middle Eastern), Central Asian, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, and includes all those who identify as adoptees, mixed race, and/or mixed ethnicity).

Merged

Solo Librarians merged with Hospital Library Caucus

Name Change

- **Health Humanities** (formerly Medical Humanities)
- **Consumer and Patient Health Information Services** (formerly Consumer and Patient Health Information)

UPCOMING CAUCUS EVENTS

- African American Medical Librarians Alliance Caucus
October 29: *An Introduction to AAMLA Networking Event*
- Basic Science Caucus:
November 4: *Making Sense of Basic Science: a Reflection on Lab Culture Discussion*
- Hospital Library Caucus
Monthly: Solo Librarians Chats
- New Members Caucus
October 26: *Navigating the MLA Website Webinar*
- Medical Library Education Caucus
November 11: *Using Google Jamboard in Online Instruction Webinar*
- Public Health/Health Administration Caucus
Weekly: Cafecito Fridays Informal Chats
- Scholarly Communications Caucus
October 28: *All things Pre-prints Discussion-* (Part of the caucus' monthly "Shop Talk" series)

To learn more about MLA caucuses, visit public caucus member pages at www.mlanet.org/page/mla-caucuses
MLA members can join caucuses for free at www.mlanet.org/page/caucus-landing-page

“WHAT’S HAPPENING WITH DOMAIN HUBS?”

CLINICAL SUPPORT

EDUCATION

HEALTH EQUITY &
GLOBAL HEALTH—
new name!

INFORMATION
MANAGEMENT

INFORMATION
SERVICES

INNOVATION &
RESEARCH
PRACTICE

PROFESSIONALISM
& LEADERSHIP

Visit www.mlanet.org/page/team-domain-hubs to learn more about
domain hub projects

NATIONAL MLA LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES PLAN TO APPLY!

- Watch for committee application - early December
- Applicants notified - March 2022
- Terms commence - June 1, 2022





Join or
**RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP**

- No dues increase
- Lower dues rate threshold raised to include those earning up to \$50K per year
- Installment plan available
- Grace period ends February 28

REMINDERS:

- MLA '22 Immersion Session and Paper Submissions due October 27; 6pm CST (extended from 10/13!)
- Strategic stakeholder survey open late October – due in November
- Awards and Honors nominations due November 1
- Vision 2048 Open Forum on November 17
- Grants and scholarships applications due December 1
- Committee applications open early December
- DEI Living Library – December 8
- MLA '22 poster and lightning talk submissions open Dec. 15 – close Jan. 22
- MLA membership fees due January 1, 2022. Grace period ends February 28

ANY
QUESTIONS
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Thank you!

