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Annual Meeting

Please mark your
calendars for the
MALA/KCMLIN Annual
Meeting, scheduled for
April 26, 2012, at 2 p.m.
Location to be
announced.

Free *JobLink*

Did you know that you
can upload your job
openings directly to the

Thank you for all of your positive comments on our inaugural issue of *Between the Margins*! We've added a couple of features, like a link to our Continuing Education calendar, for the November issue. Feel free to forward our newsletter to friends and contacts or to let us know who we ought to add to our mailing list.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Your Friends at MALA/KCMLIN

Preparing for December Launch: *Self-Paced Learning at Your Desktop*

Looking for economical, effective and efficient training options for your staff or yourself? We have the answer, and it is available on December 1.

[Self-Paced Learning at Your Desktop](#) is an annual subscription-based tool you can use to access hundreds of online training courses grouped by subject area. It is an affordable way to develop skills and proficiencies through convenient, self-paced instruction accessible from any computer with Internet access.

You select a subject area, subscribe to it, and have unlimited access for a year to all the courses in that area! Courses include a self-assessment and certificate of completion. Subscriptions are linked to a single user's e-mail address and are non-transferrable.

The subject areas are:

- [Desktop Applications](#)
- [Business Skills](#)
- [Design & Media](#)
- [Programming & Web Development](#)
- Anti-Harrassment for [Employees](#) and [Supervisors](#)



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MALA/KCMLIN website? To post a job, simply go to [Library Job Link](#) page, select the "Click here to create a new job listing" link, input your text, and then follow the instructions at the bottom of the page to submit it.

Current *JobLink* Listings

[Library Director](#)
[Library Associate \(Children's\)](#)
[Technical Services Associate](#)
[Hourly Library Associate](#)
[Young Adult Librarian](#)
[Cataloger/Librarian](#)
[Outreach Manager](#)

Quick Links

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[Continuing Education Calendar](#)

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version 10.2X) to run the e-Learning model.

In order to subscribe to [Self-Paced Learning at Your Desktop](#), you must be a MALA/KCMLIN member. All current members are already eligible to subscribe at launch time.

Any organization or individual is eligible to become an [Educational Affiliate](#), which allows you the opportunity to subscribe to [Self-Paced Learning at Your Desktop](#) and enjoy member pricing for professional development workshops, webinars and conferences.

If you would like more information, please contact:
[Kirsten Myers](#) for [Self-Paced Learning at Your Desktop](#)
[Mary Puhr](#) for [Educational Affiliate membership](#)
[Susan Burton](#) for [Full membership](#) with courier delivery service

Add Value to Your Staff Days!

Are you looking to add more zest, zing and useful content to your staff meetings? Do you need fresh ideas for your next staff training or development day? MALA/KCMLIN has options for you!

Consider logging onto one of our informative, affordable and fun webinars. We offer three webinars that are perfect group discussion topics, as well as excellent individual skill-building and refresher opportunities.

Our webinars are typically scheduled once per month on varying days. They are pre-recorded and are delivered by nationally known speakers. Click on the links below for more information about a topic.

- [How to Break the Rules: Offering Great Customer Service to Everyone](#) (Length: 1 hour)
- [Social Media: Pros and Cons](#) (Length: 1 hour)
 - Group Rate (MALA/KCMLIN member) - \$100
 - Group Rate (non-member) - \$200
 - Individual (MALA/KCMLIN member) - \$10
 - Individual (non-member) - \$20
- **Make Your Workplace Safe from Bad Behavior** *Coming Soon* (Length: 2 Hours)
 - Group Rate (MALA/KCMLIN member) - \$150
 - Group Rate (non-member) - \$300
 - Individual (MALA/KCMLIN member) - \$15
 - Individual (non-member) - \$30

If you would like more information about topics or to schedule one of these webinars specially for your staff day, please contact [Mary Puhr](#).

YALSA Call for MAE Award Applicants: Best Literature Program for Teens

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of

the American Library Association (ALA), seeks members' application for the MAE Award for Best Literature Program for Teens.

Sponsored by the Margaret A. Edwards Trust, the winner receives \$500 and an additional \$500 for their library. The award is open to all personal members of ALA/YALSA who have created an outstanding reading or literature program in the twelve months preceding the December 1 award deadline.

[Application forms](#) can be downloaded and emailed to Nichole Gilbert at ngilbert@ala.org by December 1. Winners will be announced after Midwinter 2012.

For more information about YALSA and recommended books and media, go to www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists.

FREE ARC Books*

With each issue of our newsletter, we are giving away a promotion on a first-come, first-served basis while quantities last to anyone who is a MALA/KCMLIN member on our courier delivery service.

This month, we feature one **Advance Reader Copy** each of these titles:

- *A Vine in the Blood* by Leighton Gage
- *American Desperado* by Jon Roberts and Evan Wright
- *Behind the Beautiful Forevers* by Katherine Boo
- *The Boy in the Suitcase* by Lene Kaaberbol and Agnette Friis
- *Catherine the Great: Portrait of a Woman* by Robert K. Massie
- *The Fat Years* by Chan Koonchung
- *The Fear Index* by Robert Harris
- *The Innocent* by Taylor Stevens
- *The Orphan Master's Son* by Adam Johnson
- *Start Shooting* by Charlie Newton

We can provide one book per member, and your book will be sent to you via your regular courier delivery. To make your request, please contact [Kirsten Myers](#).

**Only MALA/KCMLIN members on the courier delivery service are eligible.*