New Members Roundtable Report, July 2012
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NMRT has several projects underway. The first is the planning of an ongoing mentoring program—currently being spearheaded by Jake Munford and Nina Malyshev. They will share their plan with the NMRT membership for comment and suggestions, and we will come up with a timeline for implementation.

Second, we have built a page for our roundtable on the AkLA site: http://akla.org/about/roundtables/nmrt/. It will probably undergo several changes, over the next few months. Send suggestions to Coral (coral@sheldon-hess.org), or to nmrt-l@akla.org.

Third, Stacy Glaser is leading a group focusing on the “Membership” portion of the three initiatives identified for the AkLA Strategic Plan. NMRT had already decided, at our February meeting, that we need to 1) work (both within NMRT and in collaboration with the rest of the Association) on making AkLA easier to navigate for new members and 2) work with the State Library to welcome new librarians to the state; these goals and NMRT’s mission are very much in line with the Membership initiative, so Coral has joined as a representative of NMRT.

For our near future:

NMRT would like to put together conference tips to share before the beginning of conference. If you’re interested in contributing suggestions, let us know! Or just send your suggestions along.

We plan to put on another social at conference this year. We would really like for it to be at a different time than the E-Council dinner (both so that we’re represented at that meeting and so that the leaders of the organization are available to meet with people who are new).