

RART at MLA!

Keep an eye out for RART and RART-sponsored sessions this autumn at the MLA annual conference. While the conference schedule is still in the process of being finalized, it currently looks as though most of our sessions will be on Thursday, October 15.

Our sessions this year include:

50 in 75: RART's Second Annual Blast of Booktalks: Can 5 librarians book talk 50 books in 75 minutes? You bet we can. Look for mysteries, romances, horror, memoirs, and so much more.

Scary Monsters and Super Creeps: Taking the Fear out of Horror Readers' Advisory: Horror RA gives many librarians goosebumps, but it doesn't have to. This session will introduce you to the genre and its readers and attendees will come away with booklists, resources, and tactics to use. Consider this a sequel to last year's romance RA session.

Graphic Novels and Multimodal Literacy: Why graphic novels? Why do kids and especially teens read them? And what do they get out of them? Get the answers to these questions and a crash course in the graphic novel format in this session.

Intellectual Freedom in Real-World Situations: How do you do readers' advisory for controversial titles? How do you deal with (and feel about) book challenges? Join our panel as they discuss these questions and more.

One Conference, Once Book: Tales of the Road by Cathy Wurzer is our book discussion title this year. Come meet the author as she joins us for a discussion on her book. Cathy will also be a keynote speaker at the Wednesday luncheon.

We hope to see you at MLA!

—Jennifer Brannen, RART Steering Committee