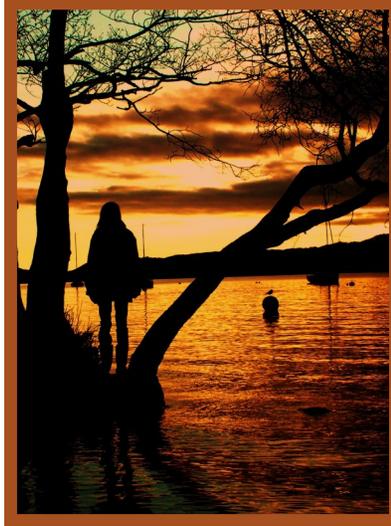


Join us for a unique retreat experience that you will not soon forget on the shores of beautiful Lake Shetek at the Lutheran Ministries Retreat Center. You will have the opportunity to come together with other colleagues from both schools and public libraries to share experiences, recharge yourself, and be inspired by the array of fine speakers.



### About the Retreat Center:

Sessions, dining and lodging will be held in the Lakota Retreat Center. The bedrooms are beautifully decorated and offer assorted bed combinations, each room has it's own bathroom/shower. Two rooms are handicapped accessible. Enjoy a cozy fire, delicious meals and thoughtful and fun conversation.

A wrap-around deck provides a gorgeous overlook of Lake Shetek in several directions, generating numerous opportunities to spot deer and other wildlife.

Registration available at:

[www.sammie.org](http://www.sammie.org)  
[www.plumcreeklibrary.org](http://www.plumcreeklibrary.org)  
[www.pioneerland.lib.mn.us](http://www.pioneerland.lib.mn.us)

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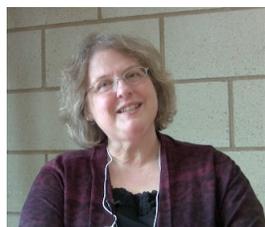
**Friday 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

**Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.**



“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success”

Henry Ford



### Valerie Horton

Valerie has been director of Minitex since December 2012. She is also the co-general editor for "Collaborative Librarianship", and co-wrote "Library Consortia: Models of Sustainability and Collaboration" and "Moving Materials" both published by ALA Editions. Prior to working at Minitex, she was the first director of the Colorado Library Consortium (CLiC), a statewide library service organization. Before CLiC, Valerie was Director of the Library at Mesa State College in Grand Junction for seven years. She came to Mesa State after ten years at New Mexico State University where she was Head of Systems, and for a time, Library Budget Director/Associate Director. During her tenure in New Mexico, Valerie received an ALA International Fellowship and spent a year in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, where she consulted on how to automate the country's public, school and government libraries. She started her professional career as a systems librarian at Brown University in Providence, RI, after graduated and working in Systems at the University of Hawaii.

### Michele Leininger

Dr. Michele Leininger, a 2014 graduate of the PhD program at the University of Pittsburgh's Information School, has been working in libraries since 1990. With a BA in History from Carleton College and an MLS from the University of Pittsburgh, she has worked in libraries in North Dakota, Pennsylvania, New York, Iowa, and in Washington State. Prior to becoming the Director of the Marshall-Lyon County (MN) Library in January 2016, she completed a part-time post-doc at the University of Pittsburgh, teaching and working on recruitment for Pitt's Library and Information Science Program, while also consulting with the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh to create a new service model and develop a plan for the subsequent organizational change.



### Sammi Jo Papas Coryell

Sammie Jo coordinates the History Day library programs like Hullahaloos and research field trips. She also works with college-aged mentors working in History Day schools and with schools in the southwestern, southeastern and south central part of the state, as well as coordinating the Southwest, Southeast, South Central and Metro Junior Central Regional events.

### Angie Beckel

JCC High School Integrationist, Angela Beckel - Looking back I can't believe I've been working with History Day for thirteen years. My experience with this program started in college and has grown into continued success through the past few years when we've taken students to the National competition five of the last six years, but we've seen a lot of growth in our student's abilities and maturity. The opportunities the History Day model provides has changed our lives. Yes, I say "our" lives. The amazing people we've met, the historical experiences we've had, and personal growth is unprecedented we've had, and personal growth is unprecedented.

### Meredith Vaselaar

Meredith has been a librarian for over 30 years, and is the branch librarian at the Adrian Public Library in southwest Minnesota. She has served as a Director of organizations in the arts, history, and humanities fields. Vaselaar has twenty-five years of experience with fundraising, grant writing, and project coordination. She has also served as a member on grant panels on the local, regional, and state levels. Over the years she has found that asking for donations and funding has been a lot less painful than she thought it would be, so why not share that experience and knowledge with others?



### OCTOBER 20, 2017

8:00-9:00 Breakfast  
9:00-10:30 Valerie Horton:  
*"Skating on the Bleeding Edge:  
Risk and Experimentation in Libraries"*  
10:30-10:45 Break  
10:45-11:45 Meredith Vaselaar:  
*"Creative Fundraising"*  
12:00 -1:00 Lunch  
1:00-1:45 Valerie Horton:  
*E-Books MN/ELM*  
1:45-2:00 Break  
2:00-3:00 Michele Leininger:  
*"Leadership and Dealing with Difficult People"*  
3:00-3:30 Wrap up/sharing time

### OCTOBER 21, 2017

9:30-10:30 Brunch  
10:30-11:30 Shelly Grace  
**SAMMIE**  
11:30-11:45 Break  
11:45-12:45 Michele Leininger  
*Advocacy for Your Library*  
12:45-1:00 Break  
1:00-2:00 Sammi Jo Papas & Angie Beckel  
*"History Day: Implementing and Recruiting"*  
2:00-2:15 Wrap up/sharing time

### REGISTRATION:

Friday only: (breakfast & lunch) \$15.00  
Saturday only: (brunch) \$9.00  
Friday/Saturday: \$70.00  
(Includes all meals and lodging)

### CEU Credits Available:

Friday: 7  
Saturday: 5  
Friday/Saturday: 12

SAMMIE is providing funds for this retreat in addition to offering individual continuing education scholarships.

SAMMIE scholarship application:  
[www.sammie.org/scholarships](http://www.sammie.org/scholarships)