

The Progressive Librarians Guild (PLG) is pleased to announce that **Sarah Kortemeier** from the University of Arizona is the 2016 winner of the Miriam Braverman Memorial Prize for her essay “I’ll Drown My Book: Visibility, Gender, and Classification in The University of Arizona Poetry Center Library.” Kortemeier earned a Bachelor of Arts in English/Creative Writing from the University of Houston, a MFA in Creative Writing from the University of Arizona and will graduate from the University of Arizona with her MLS in December 2016. Since 2010, Kortemeier has been the [Library Specialist](#) at the [University of Arizona Poetry Center](#).

Kortemeier’s essay concerns the persistent gender imbalance in literary publishing. As she writes, she “seek[s] to highlight and amplify the voices of female poets in the holdings of a single library by enhancing subject analysis in cataloging practices and creating a shelf marking system for anthologies that focus on women's writing.”

The Braverman Memorial Prize is awarded annually to a student in Library and Information Science or Archival Studies for an essay submitted on the theme of progressive or activist librarianship. As winner of the prize, Kortemeier receives a \$500 stipend toward expenses at ALA Annual, and her essay will be published in an upcoming issue of *Progressive Librarian*, the PLG journal. Additionally, she will be given the opportunity to apply her perspective in writing about the conference for the PLG bulletin.

The award honors Miriam Ruth Gutman Braverman (1920-2002), who was a socialist, writer, activist librarian and longstanding member of the Progressive Librarians Guild, a founder of the ALA's [Social Responsibilities Round Table](#) and a proponent of the social responsibilities perspective. The award is intended to celebrate Miriam's spirit of activism and faith in the power of people's collective social justice efforts and inspire future generations of librarians. The award has been given annually since 2003. Past prize-winning essays can be found on [PLG's Web site](#).

The Progressive Librarians Guild is committed to providing a forum for the open exchange of radical views on library issues, as well as taking stands on issues confronting library workers and the world around them. Its members reject the sterile notion of the neutrality of librarianship, and strongly oppose the commodification of information which turns the “information commons” into privatized, commercialized zones. For more information or to join PLG, visit the [PLG Web site](#). If you are at ALA Annual in Orlando, plan to join members of PLG at their meeting on Sunday June 26th from 4:30 – 5:30 at the Orange County Convention Center, Room W207A where the Braverman Prize winner will present her work.

For information about the Braverman Prize, contact 2016 Braverman Prize Committee chairs Madeline Madeline Veitch at veitchm@newpaltz.edu or Julene Jones at julene.jones@uky.edu.