2020 Keynote Speakers

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Karen Munro is president of the Association of College and Research Libraries in 2019-2020. She is associate dean of libraries, learning, and research services at Simon Fraser University, in British Columbia, Canada. Karen has also served as the Head of the University of Oregon Portland Library and Learning Commons, and as E-Learning Librarian at the University of California, Berkeley, as well as Literature Librarian at the University of Oregon. Karen holds an MLIS from the University of British Columbia and an MFA from the University of Iowa. She’s interested in the changing roles of public services in academic and research libraries, as well as in the junctures of libraries, communities, and cities.

Author Brunch Speaker

Debra Magpie Earling is a Native American novelist and short story writer. She is a member of the Bitterroot Salish tribe. She is the author of Perma Red and The Lost Journals of Sacajewea, which was on display at the Missoula Museum of Art in late 2011. Her work has also appeared in Ploughshares, the Northeast Indian Quarterly, and many anthologies. She is a graduate of the University of Washington and holds both an MA in English and an MFA in Fiction Writing from Cornell University. Earling is currently a faculty member in the English Department at the University of Montana. In 2016, she became the first Native American director of the UM’s creative writing program. She teaches Fiction and Native American Studies.