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Conference Highlights:

- Montana Book Awards author event
- Conference reception at Billings Public Library
- 56 sessions, MLA Awards, Cates Event, networking!
- MLA Annual Membership Meeting, New Member cocktail hour
- Easy walking access to downtown restaurants and shopping
- Conference schedules, updates, happenings via the *Whova* app

Montana Library Association Annual Conference
April 12-15, 2023
Double Tree by Hilton, Billings, Montana
*Programs at a Glance**

SATURDAY APRIL 15	
SESSION J **9:00-10:00**	• Helping Librarians Tame Wild Technology (CR5) • Meet the Law Library! (SB2) • Guerrilla Storytime – Come Share and Learn! (CR1) • Genre-fy Your Library (SB3)
SESSION K **10:15-11:15**	• Lifelong Learning for Everyone (CR5) • How to Run a Successful Family Movie Night (SB2) • Changing Perceptions Through Outreach (CR1) • Everything is Political: Ethics in School Libraries (SB3)
EVENTS	• 8:00-9:00 – Breakfast – 3rd Floor • 11:30-1:00 - Author Lunch with Craig Lancaster (HB)

WEDNESDAY APRIL 12	
9:00-12:00	• Preconference Session - Framing the Future: Strategic Planning for Small and Rural Libraries (CR5) • Preconference Session - Year of Learning: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (CR1) • Montana State Library Commission Meeting (SB1) (meeting begins at 9:30)
12:00-1:00	• Lunch (HB) • Trustee Interest Group Meeting (SB4) • MLA Spring Board Meeting (Boardroom 1)
1:00-4:00	• Preconference Session - Giving Montanans Their Fullest Opportunity: Working with Local Government (CR5) • Preconference Session - Cool Tools and Taming Wild Web Apps: MSL's Digital Services to Libraries (CR1) • Montana State Library Commission Meeting (SB1)
1:00-4:00	• Montana Shared Catalog Spring Members Meeting (SB3) • TRAILS 2023 Spring General Council Meeting (SB2)
EVENTS	• 5:00-7:00 – Opening Reception at Billings Public Library (PM) • 6:30-7:30 – MT Book Awards Ceremony at Billings Public Library (PM)

* A detailed program description is available via the MLA website – www.mtlib.org

SESSION LOCATIONS LEGEND

DOUBLE TREE by HILTON

- Hotel Ballroom **(HB)**
- Conference Room 1 **(CR1)**
- Conference Room 5 **(CR5)**
- Skybridge 1 **(SB1)**
- Skybridge 2 **(SB2)**
- Skybridge 3 **(SB3)**
- Skybridge 4 **(SB4)**
- Skyview (20th floor) **(SV)**

BILLINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY (**BPL**)

- Popular Materials Area **(PM)**

THURSDAY APRIL 13		FRIDAY APRIL 14	
SESSION A **8:30-9:30**	• Tech Tools for Advocacy (SB2) • Montana Library Network Overview (CR5) • What's Art Got To Do With It? (SV) • A Greater State of Continuing Education: Updates and Access to the MSL Certification Program (CR1) • 100 Books Before Graduation and 1000 Books Before Kindergarten (SB3)	**SESSION F** **8:30-9:30**	• Go Wild with Continuing Education! How to Access and Use MSL Learn (CR5) • Copyright & Creativity (CR1) • Montana, Challenged Books and Responses (SV) • Wrangling the Wild West of Hot Spot Cataloging in the MSC (SB2) • Placement to Prompt Access: Our Library's Experiment with Physical and Digital Signage (SB3)
SESSION B **9:45-10:45**	• Grant Writing 101 – What You Need, How to Start, Where to Look (CR5) • Indigenous Perspectives in School Librarianship (SB2) • Bear Books Galore: K through Adulthood (SB1) • Video Games at Your Library: A Presentation on How and Why (SV) • Why Diversity is Essential to the Library Ecosystem (With Bears, Whales, and Others) (CR1) • Putting the FREE In Freedom to Read (SB3) • Ready, Set, Go: Public Librarians and Fire Prevention Awareness (SB4)	**SESSION G** **9:45-10:45**	• Libraries and Telehealth: An Opportunity for Service (CR1) • Grassroots Library Advocacy with the MLA Government Affairs Committee (SV) • Sensory Bins in the Library (CR5) • The Stories We Tell: Rewilding Government Information in Montana (SB3) • Carving a Niche for the School Library Program in Your School (SB2)
10:45-11:15	**VENDOR BREAK**	**10:45-11:15**	**VENDOR BREAK**
SESSION C **11:15-12:15**	• It's Not Just Print: A Primer on the Censorship of Online Databases & Technology (CR5) • Conversations with the Montana State Library Commission (SV) • Adopt-a-Species - a Habitat Education Program for Montana, facilitated by Librarians (CR1) • Indigenous Titles that Assist You in Building a Culturally Responsive and Diverse Collection in Your Library: K through Adulthood (SB1) • Get Out There: Bike Library Outreach in the Wild! (SB3)	**SESSION H** **11:15-12:15**	• Engaging Youth in Poetry (SV) • The 2023 International Indigenous Librarians Forum in Hawai'I (SB2) • Significant Tidings (SB1) • Go Wild with KEVA Planks (SB3) • Expanding Access to New Neighbors (CR5) • Stitching the Harmonious Whole: Using quilts to build information literacy programming (CR1)
12:30-1:45	**KEYNOTE LUNCHEON with Jamie Jonkel - Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks** (HB)	**12:30-2:00**	**DIVISION LUNCHEONS PLD Meeting, SLD Meeting, ASLD Meeting**
SESSION D **2:00-3:15**	• MLA Annual Membership Meeting (HB)	**SESSION I** **2:15-3:45**	• Montana Book Awards (SV) • Risks, Hazards, Danger, Oh My! Your Library's Response to Safety, Incidents, and More (CR1) • MSL Trunk Program Overview (CR5) • What's with the Buttons? - A DEI Initiative (SB2)
SESSION E **3:30-5:00**	• Safety, Not Security: Promoting Library Safety with Compassion and Inclusivity (CR5) • Understanding and Accessing Census Bureau Data (CR1) • iB4 Mindful Library Skills (SB2) • Setting the Bait: How to Land a Whopper of an Audience (SB3) • Fostering Teen Civic Engagement Through the Democracy Project (SV) • Serial and Series Records in the Wild: How to Spot and Catalog Them in the MSC (SB1)	**INTEREST GROUPS** **4:00-5:00**	• Intellectual Freedom Committee (CR1) • Children's and Youth Services Interest Group (CR5) • Directors Interest Group (SB2) • Tech Services Interest Group (SB3) • Local History & Genealogy Interest Group (SB1)
EVENTS	• 7:30-8:30 – Breakfast – 3rd Floor • 5:00-6:00 – Happy Hour sponsored by The Trust for Montana Libraries – 3rd Floor • 6:00-7:00 – Cozy Networking with "Tea-nanigans" Event (CR2) • 7:30-9:00 – Sheila Cates Scholarship Fundraiser Event (HB)	**EVENTS**	• 7:30-8:30 – Breakfast – 3rd Floor • 6:00-7:30 – MLA New Member Cocktails / Music by Counting Coup – 3rd Floor • 7:30-9:00 – MLA Awards Dinner (HB)