

Program Descriptions for 2022 Tri-Conference

Please note: schedules are subject to change

Montana State Library Continuing Education Credit Categories:

Red: Library Administration

Green: Library Services to the Public

Blue: Collection Management and Technical Services

Purple: Technology

Wednesday August 3rd, 2022

Pre-Conference Sessions

9:00-10:00AM - **Bridging gaps and barriers: a reintroduction to MSL's Digital Services** - Bobbi deMontigny

This workshop introduces the digital services we offer to libraries and incorporates breakout groups to further discuss and learn about each of them. We will talk about what works and doesn't work in your library, why some staff/patrons do or do not use certain services, what technical training could help libraries take full advantage of these services, and what sorts of service gaps exist that could potentially be bridged by additional services and support.

Bobbi deMontigny lives north of Helena Montana where she enjoys many active and artistic hobbies in the summer and curling up with her dog and a good book in the winter. Bobbi was most recently employed as the librarian at the Montana Department of Transportation where she provided specialized solo and embedded library services before returning to the Montana State Library to provide technical services and support for statewide projects. With an MLIS and over a decade of experience in the field she is thankful for the opportunities she has had to serve just about every kind of library across the state of Montana as well as academic and transportation libraries across the nation.

9:00AM-4:00PM – **Understanding the Politics of Library Funding** – John Chrastka, EveryLibrary, Inc.

Hone your political literacy skills and learn actionable, effective ways to secure and extend taxpayer and donor support for any type of library across four workshop topics: Building A Library Coalition, How to Really Talk with People in Power, Values-Aligned Budgeting, and Telling Our Stories to the Statistically Minded.

John Chrastka is a founder and executive director of EveryLibrary, the first Super PAC for libraries, and the EveryLibrary Institute, a public policy and tax policy think tank for libraries. Since 2012, EveryLibrary

has provided pro-bono support to 121 library communities with ballot measures and tax referendum, helping win over \$392 million (US) in stable tax funding. Their SaveSchoolLibrarians.org digital campaign initiatives help safeguard school librarian jobs and budgets. He was recognized by Library Journal in 2014 as a Mover & Shaker.

10:30AM-12:00PM - **iB4 Research** – Chani Craig

iB4 Research are the necessary, and often overlooked, steps individuals need B4 starting research in an academic or school library. Combining mindfulness, SEL, and tech skills, iB4 prepares adolescents for the research process with an understanding of how emotions and biases (conscious and unconscious) affect their consumption of information.

Chani Craig is currently a school librarian in Whitefish, Montana, with over 25 years of experience in education as a teacher, coach, librarian, and (most importantly) a student. Studying and teaching in Italy, Japan, and Australia, as well as on both coasts of the US, has given Ms. Craig a unique perspective on education and practice identifying instructional methods that transcend areas and cultures. After graduating with a masters in Library and Information Sciences from Simmons College in Boston, Ms. Craig took a position with the Whitefish School District in 2017 and brings her love of the outdoors, contemplative practices, and storytelling to school libraries in the region.

9:30AM-12:00PM – **Montana State Library Commission August Meeting**

1:00-4:00PM – **How Public Libraries Can Help Reduce Human Trafficking** – Jenny Jo Allen, Aspen Network

Human Trafficking does happen in Montana, but many people have misconceptions about what a human trafficking offender looks like and/or how people become exploited. This workshop will teach you an overview of human trafficking in Montana, how to teach youth at any age safety planning, and the important role we all play in ending modern day slavery.

Jenny Jo Allen is the Education and Outreach Coordinator at ASPEN (Abuse Support & Prevention Education Network), which serves communities within the 7,000 square mile radius of Park, Sweetgrass and Meagher counties. Jenny Jo has a BS in Applied Psychology with an emphasis on health and human development from Montana State University in Bozeman. She has over two decades of work experience in social and mental health services and continues to focus on improving community health through her primary prevention efforts at ASPEN. In November 2019, Jenny Jo co-founded the Park County Human Trafficking Task Force and is their current Prevention Committee chairperson.

1:00-4:00PM – **MSL Commission August Meeting**

4:00-5:30PM – **MPLA Executive Board Meeting**

5:00-7:00PM – **Tri-Conference Opening Reception**, Missoula Public Library

6:30-7:30PM - **Montana Book Awards Ceremony**, Elizabeth Jonkel, Host

Montana Book Awards author event with award winners Abe Streep, Caroline Patterson, Mara Panich, and Michael Punke.

Thursday August 4th, 2022

Session A 8:30-9:30AM

Montana Library Certification Program: Past, Present, Future - Colet Bartow

Please join this session for an update on the MSL Continuing Education and Certification Program. Bring your ideas for improvement and innovation in continuing education!

Colet Bartow joined MSL as the Continuing Education and Certification Specialist in March 2022 after 27 years in public education service. Ms. Bartow spent 13 years in Manhattan Public Schools as a teacher-librarian before joining the OPI in 2007 as the School Library Specialist. Colet completed her M. Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction at Montana State University, and B.A. in English with endorsements in secondary English, School Library Media, and English as a Second Language at the University of Montana. Her first computer was a Radio Shack TRS-80. Her first job in a library was as a third-grade student.

Drafting a Diversity Plan for your Library – Julie Edwards

Many libraries are committed to DEI initiatives, but may be trying to implement them in ways that lack strategy or specificity. The ALA states that diversity plans are important for demonstrating that diversity is integral to our libraries, but many libraries may not know where, or how, to start. In this session, we'll cover why your library should have a diversity plan and how you can take steps to draft one. We will focus on concepts, like why it is important to make the language in your plan explicit, as well as practices, like how to craft action items that will guide the direction of your library. Participants will leave with practical information they can use in their libraries. Suitable for all types of librarians.

Julie Edwards is a librarian with a background in public and academic libraries. She chaired the committee that drafted and administered the first diversity plan at the University of Montana Mansfield Library, and has researched and written on diversity plans for academic and public libraries. She taught Library and Information Studies at the University of Botswana as a Fulbright Scholar from 2017-2019 and currently works as an instructional designer with Niche Academy.

Connected Library: Getting Creative with Mobile Devices - Meghan Flynn

Grand County Public Library offers mobile device access using a patron-centered service model, community partnerships, and a cargo bike library. Find out how our experiences with device lending have taught us (sometimes the hard way) how to simplify processes, expand offerings, experiment with new ideas, and adapt to shifting environments.

Meg Flynn has worked for the Grand County Public Library in Moab, Utah for 12 years and has been the Assistant Director since 2019. She has a Masters in Library Science degree from the University of North Texas and was part of the 2015-2017 Nevada-Utah Cohort. Her favorite parts of librarianship include outreach, tinkering with computers, and helping people access resources that make their days easier, better, or more interesting. When she's not in the library Meg can usually be found on a Colorado Plateau river or in an archive researching river history.

Are we ready? What the "Science of Reading" movement means for public libraries – Lu Benke and Jim Erekson

Many states have mandated schools teach reading using Science of Reading (SOR). SOR specifies all children should learn to read through one approach that emphasizes phonics and drills. Participants will learn about both sides of this issue and understand the possible effects on public library services for children and parents.

Lu Benke brings to her presentations experiences from over 35 years as a children's librarian as well as the best of recent research from her Master's in Reading and PhD in Educational Psychology from the University of Northern Colorado. She is passionate about identifying and strengthening the connections between what libraries do and what research indicates creates lifelong readers. She currently consults through Linking Libraries and Literacy and presents nationally on topics such as current trends in the teaching of reading, the practice of leveling books, identifying authentic rural picture books, and the history of children's librarianship.

Jim Erekson has been teaching language and literacy at the college level since 1989. His PhD in learning and development (Michigan State, 2000) focused on language and literacy development. He has a wide K-12 background in both elementary and secondary schools, including research, teaching, and consultation. His professional work and publications focus on helping readers who don't have a clear path forward and interpreting children's literature. He is currently Associate Professor of Reading at University of Northern Colorado.

Preparing for an Intellectual Freedom Challenge: Building Bridges in a Shifting Landscape – Leah Schlachter and Valerie Nye

Intellectual freedom, a core value in librarianship, is under attack in all types of libraries across the country. Learn what protective intersectional tools libraries can put into place before a challenge. Learn how one library used a canceled author event to develop creative programming to lead community discussions about #MeToo.

Leah Shlachter is the Adult Program Coordinator at Teton County Library. She is a Kundiman Fellow and holds an MFA from Pacific University. She currently serves on the Equity Diversity Inclusion Committee for Wyoming Library Association. She lives in Jackson, Wyoming.

Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia – Melanie Williams, The Alzheimer's Association

Alzheimer's disease is not a normal part of aging. This program covers information about the impact of Alzheimer's, the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, stages and risk factors, current research and treatments available for some symptoms, and Alzheimer's Association resources.

The Alzheimer's Association leads the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support. The Montana Chapter is active in providing services and support within our communities by bringing education, resources, and support.

Session B – 9:45-10:45AM

Naked People & Poop: Dealing with those situations you didn't learn about in school – Kate Mutch

Let's talk about those difficult and sometimes dangerous situations. Confrontational and/or embarrassing conversations are much easier to handle when prepared. Tips & tricks from our library and a chance for you to share your tips along with an opportunity to brainstorm solutions for current or future encounters.

Kate Mutch has been the assistant director for the Natrona County (WY) Public library for almost 20 years. Before that she worked in libraries in Kansas and Colorado. She has her MLS from Emporia State University and is a 2018 MPLA Leadership Alum. She is a past president of both the Wyoming Library Association and Wyoming's WYLD ILS consortia. Staff safety and well-being (physical and mental) is a priority for her. In her free time she listens to True Crime podcasts. She strongly advocates for a sense of humor when dealing with people.

10 Things Library Boards Do That Hurt the Library – Maribeth Shafer

Library boards are people with plans and passion for their library. Despite good intentions, sometimes the actions of a board could actually hurt the library. This session will show common pitfalls to avoid and how to work together for the betterment of their library, and the benefit for their community.

Maribeth started her career working for the rural library where she grew up. At Central Kansas Library System, she has worked with small and rural libraries in central Kansas for over 12 years, from IT to Library Law to Online Catalogs to Trustee Training and more. Maribeth Shafer is a public library consultant providing training on librarianship, Kansas library law, responsibilities and roles of a trustee,

continuing education, best practices and library skills. As a library consultant, she understands the dedication and energy it takes to make a library great.

Better Service Through Self-Service? It's Possible! - Elena Rosenfeld and Anna Szczepanski

The first automat provided self-service food vending in Berlin, Germany in 1895. The first self-serve gas station was opened in Los Angeles in 1947. The first ATM? In London in 1967. The first self-check at a grocery store? South Florida in 1984. The Gwinnet Library District in Georgia enabled self-service hours in 2016. So, what stops us from providing these options at our libraries?

We will discuss some the concerns about self-service, consider the assumed technology needed, and identify the low-stakes non-tech alternatives that give you and your patrons the option of possibly better, but definitely different -- service via self-service!

Elena Rosenfeld's work at the High Plains Library District has allowed her to see success with self-check machines, failure with a 24-hour holds system, and the ongoing interest in providing extended (unstaffed) hours for people whose available time doesn't match regular library hours. She still has hopes for using [holodeck](#) technologies as a library service model.

Addressing Health Misinformation in Your Community - Michele Spatz and George Strawley

The COVID-19 pandemic has been described as a "perfect storm" for misinformation to take hold, and where health information is concerned, misinformation may cost people their lives. We will discuss the current understanding of misinformation and disinformation then share strategies and resources for addressing health misinformation in your community.

Michele Spatz, M.S.L.S., serves as the Outreach and Engagement Coordinator for the Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM) Region 5 at the University of Washington, located in Seattle, WA. Michele addresses the challenges of health literacy through collaboration with community partners to provide understandable and trusted health information programs and resources to support diverse and under-resourced populations. She is deeply committed to fostering health literacy to achieve health equity. Michele's library career has centered on outreach and partnerships to advance the public's access to meaningful health information along with teaching, writing and publishing to add to the pool of professional knowledge.

George Strawley, M.L.I.S., works on providing access to health information and programs through libraries as well as on the planning and implementation of funding aimed at addressing health disparities. A former librarian in both the public and community college settings, he is based at the University of Utah, where he serves as Library Engagement Specialist for Region 4 of the Network of the National Library of Medicine.

Create, Collaborate, and Grow Under One Roof - Hannah Zuraff, Jessie Herbert-Meeny, Pam Carlton, and Joel Baird

The All Under One Roof program at Missoula Public Library provides the participants with experiences beyond STEAM. Four organizations working with the City and NIH SEPA collaborate to offer educational and leisure activities for all who enter the doors of Missoula Public Libraries new facility in Downtown Missoula.

Participants will hear how four vibrant organizations working with NIH SEPA can co-create experiences with the nearby reservation to expand sensory experiences for users. How do you take four organizations who have similar but diverse missions and create an experience that seems seamless and is housed under one roof? How can organizations who once were supported by entry fees join a library and become free to the public so all can enjoy the STEAM experiences that are provided?

Hannah Zuraff - Families First Learning Lab (MT)

Jessie Herbert-Meeny, spectrUM Discovery Area, University of Montana

Pam Carlton, Children's Librarian, Missoula Public Library

Joel Baird, General Manager, MCAT (MT)

Session C – 11:15AM-12:15PM

Shoring up the Connection: Documentary Film, Libraries and Community Outreach - Angela Archuleta, Amy Conrey Andreas, Tahj Kjelland

How do librarians connect their students (patrons) with local and state communities? One way is project-based learning that engages students in creating documentaries that connect them with their community and tell a story from the student's point of view. Come watch Browning Voices Rising and the Spirit of the Horse and learn what resources and who to contact to make these projects come alive in your community.

Angela F. Archuleta will be in her ninth year as a school librarian this fall. She has worked as a K-6 Librarian at Kincaid Elementary in Anchorage, Alaska, Grades 5-8 Librarian in Lewistown, Montana, the Audiovisual Library at Flathead High School in Kalispell, Montana, the Junior High and High School Librarian in Lame Deer, Montana on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation and currently serving as a the KW Vina Elementary Librarian in Browning, Montana on the Blackfeet Reservation.

Amy Conrey Andreas has worked for Browning Public Schools since 2001. She currently serves as the Librarian for Browning High School. Ms. Conrey Andreas loves working hard to develop and support unique library led educational initiatives that provide impactful opportunities for her students and the community of the Blackfeet Nation.

Conversations with the Commission – Jennie Stapp, Montana State Librarian. Montana State Librarian Commissioners - Kenning Arlitsch, Elsie Artzen, Dalton Johnson, Kristin Kerr, Robyn Scribner, and Peggy Taylor

Conversations with the Commission is an important annual event in the work of the Montana State Library Commission. The session gives the Commission a chance to share information about the priorities of the Commission and provides an open forum to discuss the trends and issues impacting the Montana library community.

Jennie Stapp is a Montana native. She holds a BA in International Studies from Rocky Mountain College. She earned her MLS from the University of Arizona in 2002. While in library school Jennie was a Cates Scholar. Jennie worked previously for the Montana Historical Society Research Center and joined the staff of the State Library in 2005. She has been State Librarian since January, 2012.

Going Beyond Information Literacy – Elizabeth Ramsey

While information literacy skills are more necessary than ever, they are insufficient in addressing the entirety of our inability to deal with disinformation. This workshop looks at the underlying issues behind our acceptance of false and misleading information online, and suggests ways in which we can help our communities address those issues.

Elizabeth Ramsey is an associate professor and librarian at Boise State University's Albertsons Library. She is the liaison to programs in the School of Public Service, as well as the Center for Global Education. Among her research interests are critical information literacy, libraries and civic engagement, and outreach to underrepresented students in higher education. You can find her work at http://works.bepress.com/elizabeth_ramsey/.

Reaching Out: Expanding OER and Technology Integration in the School Library – Julie Erickson

The IMLS Grant, Reaching Out: Meeting the Needs of Rural School Librarians, focused on building capacity of stakeholders to create, access, use, adapt and redistribute OER. This session will focus on the lessons learned and the role librarians play in K-12 OER integration.

Julie Erickson is a Learning Specialist at Technology and Innovation in Education (TIE). She currently works with school districts to implement technology along with coordinating an IMLS professional development grant for librarians. She is a Google Certified Trainer, a Microsoft Innovative Educator Expert and an MIE Trainer. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and a Master of Information Resources and Library Science from the University of Arizona.

SCREAM as often as you can: Strategic evaluation in community-based organizations – Dr. Kristen L. Becker

Strategic planning is a daunting task for many libraries. This program uses the SCREAM framework to evaluate programs and services by measuring strengths, respecting culture, understanding resources, considering ethical behaviors, and analyzing agreements across multiple stakeholder groups.

Dr. Kristen L. Becker is an Asst. Professor of Library and Information Studies at Texas Woman's University. As an alum of the MPLA Ghost Ranch Leadership Institute (2003), Dr. Becker has worked as a library director in public and academic libraries. She now focuses her research on leadership and policy strategies beneficial to libraries.

Supporting Your Communities Small Businesses – Matthew West

Local small businesses need your help more than ever. Learn how your library can support the economic recovery in your area through research and participating in the business ecosystem.

Matthew West has a passion for schools, libraries, and small businesses after years of experience as a public school teacher, international education consultant, and librarian which has brought forth community programming and partnerships based on clarity, simplicity, and purpose.

Session D – 2:15-3:15PM

How Will We Begin / How Will We Live Now? - Sarah Fathima Mohammed

Library coordinators will learn about organizing communal discussions and field trips for Muslim youth in their communities. In light of the 20th anniversary of 9/11, the presentation explores poetry as a way to root Muslim youth in where they come from, push back against the boxes the world fits them into, and envision the future of their lineage.

Sarah Fathima Mohammed, daughter of Indian Muslim immigrants, is the National Student Poet of the West, the nation's highest honor for youth poets. Poetry has become a world where she can speak freely, holding her voice in her hands while excavating the histories of the women in her family. She writes poetry sourced in grief, faith, and longing because, for her people, these emotions are inherited. When she travels back to her hometown - a small fishing village in Kumbakonam, India - Sarah Fathima sits in circles with girls at the mosque, introducing them to poetry. Together, they read and reread Safia Elhillo and Fatimah Asghar's lovely anthology of Muslim voices, *Halal If You Hear Me*. She hopes to share with fellow immigrant women from conservative cultures how storytelling can be activism and how poetry can turn otherness into power. When she is not writing, Sarah Fathima loves long morning walks with her family and listening to music by Yuna.

Library Services for Incarcerated People in the Western United States – Denis Shannon

A discussion of the current state of correctional libraries in the Western United States with suggestions on how to improve library services.

Denis Shannon is an Electronic Resources Librarian at the University of Wyoming Libraries. His background is in correctional, public, and academic libraries. He is also a member of the MPLA Communications Committee.

Building bridges together by sharing - Jennifer Birnel and Dave Colamaria

Learn how the MMP works with Libraries and Museums to consolidate history content online. We encourage the creation of collections, make them publicly accessible, and find new ways to make this content relevant to end users.

Jennifer Birnel has a Masters of Education degree, a BS in Middle Grades Education, and BA in Organizational Communications. She taught middle school language arts and social studies for 12 years. She was hired by the State Library in 2011 as a technology trainer. In 2013 she became the Montana Memory Project Director for the Montana State Library. The Montana Memory Project is a digital library of items related to Montana history and culture. In this role she oversees the ongoing implementation of this project including the addition of new collections, website design, and communication with the MMP membership. She recruits contributors and provides training.

Dave Colamaria has a wealth of experience in both the history and data fields. He spent over a decade working for and partnered with the U.S. Navy's official history command, as a Photo Archivist and Digital Historian. He has experience working with physical collections, as well as building and maintaining online content management systems and websites for history organizations. He has a Master's Degree in History from George Mason University, as well as certification through the Western Archives Institute. The other focus of Dave's career has been data analysis, including work for the Montana Highway Patrol, Montana Department of Transportation, and a number of private sector companies. He is thrilled to join the Montana Memory Project in a position which will allow him to continue his dual focus on both history and data management.

Examining Representations of Girlhood In the 2022 Printz and Newbery Award Winners and Honor Books - Elisa M. Schroeder

Inspired by the continued impact of the #MeToo movement and an increase in the publication of diverse stories, authors, and perspectives in young adult literature, this workshop presents current research exploring the concept of girlhood and how girls are represented in new, award-winning middle grade and young adult literature.

Elisa M. Schroeder is a doctoral student and graduate teaching assistant with The Phyllis J. Washington College of Education at The University of Montana, currently working toward a Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Curriculum and Instruction. Her research interests include children's and young adult Literature, literacy, and representations of adolescents in literature. She currently teaches EDU 331: Literacy and Literature for Children at The University of Montana. A former teacher-librarian in Montana schools, her heart belongs to school libraries. A colleague of hers once described librarians as "a motorcycle gang, armed with books instead of bikes!" Elisa believes that libraries and librarians are some of the truest advocates for diverse learners, and that we can change the world.

One Book, One Community: Bringing communities together through collaboration - Judy Moore, Jessie Lampreau, Melissa Svendsen

Thompson-Nicola Region's first One Book One Community is built on the Canadian novel Five Little Indians that follows Indigenous youth in 1960s Vancouver after years in Residential School. This initiative bridges town (public) and gown (academic) libraries to deliver challenging content, and promote community conversation.

Judy Moore is the Chief Librarian of the Thompson Nicola Regional Library in Kamloops, British Columbia

Jessie Lampreau is the Indigenous Engagement Coordinator at the Thompson Nicola Regional Library and a member of Simpcw First Nation.

Melissa Svendsen is the Campus Librarian for Thompson Rivers University in Williams Lake, British Columbia

The Mighty 3: Community, Libraries and Social Work - Morgan McQuillan

Whether it involves crisis management or community referrals, libraries and social work are intertwined now more than ever. This program will introduce the basic concepts of social work and how those concepts can be applied to the library world so that patrons can be helped safely, effectively and compassionately.

Morgan McQuillan is the Director for the Joliet Public Library in Joliet, Montana. She has a Bachelor of Human Service degree and is also currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Social Work. She is a firm believer in serving the community and helping others.

Session E – 3:30-5:00PM

Montana Book Awards – Elizabeth Jonkel

The Montana Book Award is an annual award that recognizes literary and/or artistic excellence in a book published during the award year. Eligible titles are either set in Montana, deal with Montana themes/issues, or are written, edited or illustrated by a Montana author or artist. Books for all ages are considered for the award. Attend to learn about the 2021 Montana Book Award winners and the titles that were eligible this year.

Elizabeth Jonkel received her MLIS from the University of Western Ontario in 2000. She has worked for Canadian governments as a consultant, analyst and librarian, specializing in health services. Since 2009, she has served as the Assistant Director at Missoula Public Library in Missoula, Montana. Elizabeth also holds a M.A. in History from Carleton University and B.A. in English from the University of Montana.

Crash Course in Helping Your Patrons with Social Media – Melody Karle

This session will look at the most helpful features and settings for the most popular social media networks. This isn't a class on managing library social media--instead we'll talk about how to help patrons review privacy settings, save & share, close their accounts, and generally make the most of their social media use.

Melody Karle holds an MLS from the University of North Texas and currently works as a System Administrator for the Montana Shared Catalog. She previously worked at the University of Houston Libraries and Lincoln County Public Libraries in Montana. She is the author of "A Social Media Survival Guide" and "Managing the Digital You: Where and How to Keep and Organize Your Digital Life."

MARC for ARC...hival Collections - Laura Tretter and Rich Aarstad

Have you ever wondered what to do with those pesky archives collections hiding in the dark recess of your library? Laura and Rich will share how the MHS hammered out a MARC accord, and in doing so, provided wider access to archival collections, while managing to avoid everlasting enmity between archivists and librarians.

Laura Tretter is the Library Manager for the Montana Historical Society Research Center. Rich Aarstad is the State Archivist for Montana and manages the archives for the Montana Historical Society Research Center. Both are long-time employees of the historical society, having worked their way through the ranks to their present lofty positions of prestige and power.

"Guide on the Side" Facilitation Strategies and Resources to Help Engage Your Patrons during Library Programs - Brooks W. Mitchell and Claire Ratcliffe-Adams

You don't need to be a subject matter expert to facilitate engaging programs! In this session, we will showcase a "Guide on the Side" approach to facilitation and learn how it complements the library setting. Participants will explore resources and strategies that can enhance how they facilitate library programs.

Brooks W. Mitchell is an Education Associate with the Space Science Institute, where he has helped lead Professional Development efforts for NASA, NSF, and IMLS-funded projects since 2017. Brooks empowers library staff and other informal educators to better engage their patrons in STEM content through workshops, presentations, papers, and more. He also combines his professional training in geoscience and developed communication and engagement skills to create patron-facing resources, such as exhibit pieces, interactive activities, online resources, and videos.

Claire Ratcliffe-Adams received her B.A. in Environmental Studies with minors in Anthropology and Business from the University of Utah in 2010. After graduating, Claire fell in love with education and taught in various informal education settings, including teaching a science camp in Kodiak, Alaska, working as a Marine Naturalist in Maui, and directing a teen program for the Boys & Girls Club in Utah. These experiences inspired Claire to pursue her Master's degree in Natural Science Education at Teton Science Schools and the University of Wyoming, where she graduated in 2017.

What Bridge have you built? An MPLA/PNLA Membership Committee Lightning talk - Jake Rundle and Ilana Kingsley

A Lightning talk style presentation of the benefits of membership of MPLA and PNLA. Hear about professional development grants, building your network, leadership training, interest group listservs and programs, and semiformal lunchtime conversation opportunities.

YALSA Transforming Teen Services - Youth Development - Amelea Kim and Dustina Deans

The YALSA Transforming Teen Services program is a professional development opportunity that focuses on providing front-line library staff with the skills and knowledge to provide robust, creative, and innovative programming for tweens and teens in their communities. The Youth Development session will focus on important milestones in tween and teen development, and how librarians can best serve youth during this time. This session will focus on the fundamentals of teen behavior and development and is broad in its scope - it is NOT a list of specific program ideas for teens and tweens.

Dustina Deans is the public services librarian at the Libby Branch of the Lincoln County Library system and the current chair of Montana Library Associations Children's and Youth Services Special Interest Group. She has received her Montana State Library Certification and is a two-time Montana Library Association Presenter. She is passionate about library outreach and engaging with families both in and outside of the library. In her free time Dusty enjoys true crime, volunteering, gentle yoga, and any restaurant with outdoor seating.

Amelea Kim has worked as the Lifelong Learning Librarian at the Montana State Library since June 2018. Her library interests include children's services, particularly services for ages 0 - 5, health literacy, community outreach/support, economic development, and supporting Montana librarians in the amazing work that they do! In her free time, Amelea enjoys hiking, baking cakes and consuming said cakes, and making forays into various crafting hobbies.

6:00-7:30PM – Tri-Conference Reception, University of Montana Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library

Offering hors d'oeuvres, beverages (including beer and wine), musical entertainment, and a library tour, Mansfield Library employees welcome you to a social event in the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library's Library Commons. Get to know Mansfield Library employees and other library colleagues as you explore the library and the University of Montana campus. The library is only a 20-minute walk from the conference hotel, but options to ride the bus or drive yourself are also available. Parking on campus is free at this time.

6:00-7:00PM - TEA-nanigans Party and Tea Swap – Amelea Kim

Come to a fun and cozy TEA SWAP social hour! We will have teas available to try, delicious snacks to accompany the teas, and casual conversation with your conference peers. Anyone and everyone is

welcome to come - you can stay for the whole time, or just pop in for a bit! If you'd like to bring tea to share/swap, please feel free. While we will have some mugs for people to use, please do consider bringing your own!

Friday August 5th, 2022

Session F 8:30-9:30AM

Special Collections Online: Teaching and Research using Remote Access - Allee Monheim & Kat Lewis

Since September 2021, University of Washington Special Collections has been providing remote access to our materials - both for one-on-one research and for classroom instruction. This presentation will share how we launched our remote reference service and how we've used this technology to facilitate primary source instruction in a remote environment.

Allee Monheim (she/her) is the Public Service Librarian for Special Collections. She is responsible for managing outreach, social media, and forward-facing reference functions for the department - including the launch of the Virtual Reading Room. Allee has been working in libraries and archives for the past 15 years, and received her MLIS in Information Organization from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee in 2016.

Kat Lewis (she/her) is the Assistant Book Arts and Rare Books Curator at the University of Washington Libraries Special Collections. She is responsible for collection management and care of premodern, early printed, and rare materials as well as modern book arts. Kat received her CILIP certified MSc. in Book History and Material Culture from the University of Edinburgh in 2019.

Embedding Your Library in Your Community - April Hernandez

Learn five ways to get more involved in your community. Outreach is becoming increasingly important. Getting out of the Library and into the community is crucial.

April Hernandez was born and raised in SE Kansas where she spent many days in the library. She has been a Library Director for 6 years for two different libraries in Kansas. Both libraries were in dire need of updating their programs and services. Both are now very involved in their communities and growing entities.

Talking Circles: Targeted Outreach to Student Veterans to Better Understand and Meet their Library and Information Needs - Mary Anne Hansen, Star Bradley

Two Montana State University Librarians received funds to provide four focus groups of student veterans in order to gauge their experiences with MSU Library resources and services, as well as learn about desired library services and resources. This program will report on findings and share recommendations gleaned from the student veterans.

Mary Anne Hansen and Star Bradley are research and instruction librarians at the Montana State University Library. They offer library instruction to classes across campus, as well as individual and group research consultations. Additionally, they both staff the MSU Library's Chat and Email reference service. Mary Anne is a daughter of a WWII veteran, and Star is married to a veteran.

Library Challenges: Be Prepared, Be Aware - Dodie Ownes, Miranda Doran-Myers

The Intellectual Freedom Committee of the Colorado Association of Libraries (CAL-IFC) has become increasingly aware of library challenges not only in our state, but throughout the region and nation. Stories of organized efforts to pull books from library shelves and clashes between library boards, administration, and staff have dominated recent headlines. How can you prepare for when these issues come up at your institution? This presentation will provide background information about the recent rise in challenges and provide a processing framework for library staff, board members and trustees to use when challenges come to your library.

Dodie Ownes is an adult services librarian at Denver Public Library, and current co-chair of the CO Association of Libraries Intellectual Freedom Committee. Miranda Doran-Myers is the technical services coordinator at the Colorado State Library, and current co-chair of the CO Association of Libraries Intellectual Freedom Committee.

Weeding, Digitizing, Archiving, O My! An association-level approach to decluttering and making sense of our past to serve the future - Annie Epperson, Eileen Wright, Mary Ann Thompson, Stephen Boss, Roy Degler

Since 1948, the members of MPLA have generated copious documents, conference artifacts, and photographs representing librarianship across the unique 12-state region. Attendees of this interactive session will learn how presenters navigated the process of reclaiming, weeding and digitizing physical items and the complexities of creating a comprehensive, accessible online archive.

Stephen Boss holds degrees in Library Science & History Archives from the University of Denver. He is the Information Technology, Innovation & Entrepreneurship Librarian at the University of Wyoming (20 years). Stephen also worked as the Librarian/Archivist at Coors Brewing Company in Golden, CO (11 years) and with Wright Water Engineers Inc. (5 years) in Denver, CO. He has been a part of MPLA for a number of years serving in various capacities.

Roy Degler recently retired as digital services librarian after a long career with the Oklahoma State University. He earned his BS in Special Education/Physical Education from New Mexico State University and his MLIS from the University of Oklahoma. He continues to work part time as a web developer/designer for the Oklahoma State University Libraries, Mountain Plains Library Association, and the MODX community. In addition to his library and computer knowledge, he is an avid foosball player.

Annie Epperson completed the MLIS in 2003, and has been at the University of Northern Colorado's University Libraries since 2004, serving as an instruction librarian, reference department manager, and

now in the teaching & outreach department. She has held a variety of roles with MPLA, including serving as president in 2014/15 and 2017/18.

Mary Ann Thompson received the library degree (including courses from the Institute of Archival Studies) from the University of Denver in 1984 and managed the Special Collection at the Hays Public Library (Hays, KS) for 28 years. A member of MPLA since 1984, she has served on several committees, including chairing the archive/special collection section; currently, she is chair of the Awards Committee.

Eileen Wright has served as Librarian/Archivist for Montana State University Billings Library for the past 20 years. Her MPLA work has included involvement on many different committees including President in 2009-2010. For MLA, she served as MPLA state representative, member of the awards committee, co-chair for conference, and ASLD chair-elect. Eileen serves the statewide Montana Memory Project, and as committee member of the governor's State Historical Records Advisory Board since 2018.

Session G 9:45-10:45AM

Hitting your limit: Secondary trauma and Library workers - Mark Reinelt

A social worker said Librarians are "social workers but with a bigger client list and none of the training to deal with some issues they are faced with." Emotional fatigue is at an all-time high - how are Library workers going to be able to help others if we don't help ourselves?

Mark Reinelt(he/him) is honored to live and work on the ancestral, traditional, and unceded territory of the Syilx Nation. He has worked in an urban library environment for over 30 years and is currently the System Circulation Coordinator for the Okanagan Regional Library in British Columbia. He is passionate about what Libraries do and loves watching new team members become "true believers" in the role of Libraries.

Lateral Reading Mindset: Contextualizing Information Resources - Anders Tobiason

Lateral Reading is the process by which we read around an information resource to determine its validity, bias, inaccuracy, and hidden assumptions. This presentation covers the concept of lateral reading, and then discusses how using lateral reading creates a divergent set of ways of knowing from traditional information resource evaluation techniques.

Anders Tobiason is the Multimedia Development and User Experience Librarian / Assistant Professor at Boise State University. He holds both a Ph.D. in Music Theory and an M.A. in Library and Information Science from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Anders was previously a Research and Instruction librarian at Portland State University. His research interests include anti-racist library instruction, multimedia development, critical discourse analysis of library instructional standards and materials, performing arts librarianship, dis/misinformation studies, and social media use in library instruction.

Collaborating Visually: Facilitating an Art History Curation Space – Rose Sliger Krause

Art exhibitions are a popular engagement strategy for libraries of all types. This session describes how an academic librarian created a learning laboratory for art history students to practice curation activities that resulted in visually-appealing student-created scholarly work.

Rose Sliger Krause is Associate Professor and Metadata Librarian at Eastern Washington University, where she is the library liaison to the Art Department.

The Rise of Social-Emotional Learning in Kids Books - Jessica Speer

Books with a social-emotional learning (SEL) focus have soared as this generation of kids and teens navigate how to interact and cope in a changing and sometimes frightening world. Explore recent fiction and nonfiction SEL titles and writing techniques used to engage readers. Participants will leave the session with an annotated bibliography of social-emotional books for kids and teens, as well as activities to implement into classrooms or libraries.

Jessica Speer is the award-winning author of *BFF or NRF (Not Really Friends)? A Girls Guide to Happy Friendships* (2021) and *Middle School Safety Goggles Advised* (Releasing August 2022). Her interactive books engage and entertain readers by combining the stories of preteens and teens with fun activities, like quizzes and fill-in-the-blanks. Blending humor, a dash of science, and practical insights, her writing unpacks the tricky stuff that peaks during adolescence. She has a master's degree in social sciences and explores social-emotional topics in ways that connect with kids. Jessica is regularly featured in and contributes to media outlets on topics related to kids, parenting, and friendship. She lives in Colorado with her husband and two daughters. For more information, visit www.JessicaSpeer.com

Scaling ALA's Libraries Build Business Initiative Across Wyoming's County Libraries: Developing Partnerships & Growing the Economy with Librarians & Entrepreneurs - Rachael Svoboda, Stephen Boss, Cynthia Hughes

Libraries contribute to economic vitality in communities across the country. As trusted institutions, libraries have infrastructure to help bridge economic divides. Laramie County Library in Cheyenne, Wyoming as part of ALA's Libraries Build Business pilot, developed programs and partnerships across the state and scaled the program statewide.

Rachael Svoboda is the Business Services Coordinator & Reference Specialist at Laramie County Library System in Cheyenne, Wyoming. She is also the project manager for ALA's Libraries Build Business effort in Wyoming.

Stephen Boss is the Information Technology, Innovation & Entrepreneurship Librarian at the University of Wyoming in Laramie. Prior to working at the University of Wyoming, Stephen worked as a librarian/archivist at Coors Brewing Company in Golden, Colorado and at Wright Water Engineer's Inc. in Denver, Colorado.

Cynthia Hughes is a Cataloging Librarian at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyoming. Her first job out of library school was working in a community that had just formed a public library. She attended the MPLA Leadership Institute in 2018. Cynthia is a member of ARSL.

Creating a new web-based portal for tribal treaties - Juliana Nykolaiszyn, Roy Degler, Damith Perera

In 2021, the OSU Library released the Tribal Treaties Database, based on Indian Affairs: Laws & Treaties edited by Charles J. Kappler. This session will feature the evolution of this project. Presenters will also discuss technical challenges and innovations employed to present the data, along with future improvements.

Juliana Nykolaiszyn serves as Professor/Head, Digital Resources and Discovery Services at the Oklahoma State University Library. In this role, she oversees the units of Resource Access and Discovery, Metadata, Scanning, and Digital Library Services. Prior to this position, Nykolaiszyn spent over a decade working with the OSU Library's oral history department focusing on preservation and online access to collections.

Roy Degler recently retired as digital services librarian after a long career with the Oklahoma State University. He earned his BS in Special Education/Physical Education from New Mexico State University and his MLIS from the University of Oklahoma. He continues to work part time as a web developer/designer for the Oklahoma State University Libraries, Mountain Plains Library Association, and the MODX community. In addition to his library and computer knowledge, he is an avid foosball player.

Damith Perera is a Research Professional in Digital Resources and Discovery Services at the Oklahoma State University Library. Damith earned his M.Sc. from Oklahoma State University. His interests include software development, AI, data science, and mixed reality.

Session H 11:15AM-12:15PM

Fostering Teen Civic Engagement Through the Democracy Project - Jenny Bevill, Vanessa Justice, Linette Greene, Jeannie Ferris, and teens

Librarians and teens from Missoula, Billings, and Whitehall share teen-led projects, strategies, and outcomes from the Democracy Project, a pilot program which increases civic engagement. Teens addressed food insecurity, air quality in schools, and Holocaust education. Participating libraries receive support from Humanities Montana to build teen audiences and achieve goals.

Jenny Bevill is the Democracy Project Coordinator at Humanities Montana. She is a dynamic educational leader with more than 20 years of experience teaching in public schools, museums, and community centers in New York City and Montana, including the Guggenheim Museum, the Missoula Art Museum, the Montana Office of Public Instruction, the Montana Arts Council, and Flathead Valley Community College. She has been a workshop leader for Humanities Montana since 2016 where she facilitates shared experiences inspired by works of contemporary art for all ages, abilities, and identities. All of

Jenny's work aims to build community, alleviate suffering, and amplify previously silenced voices. She was voted National Arts Education Association Teacher of the Year by her peers in 2022.

Vanessa Justice has worked as the Teen Librarian at Billings Public Library for 2 years and is a strong advocate for the youth she serves. She provides programming for 6th-12th graders and manages the Young Adult collection at the library. She is a former seamstress and costume designer, and is originally from Orlando, Florida. She is currently working on obtaining her MLIS.

Jeannie Ferriss is the Library Director at Whitehall Community Library. Jeannie's interest in Holocaust History began as a young adult during an encounter with a Dutch Holocaust survivor. With over 30 years of experience in public, academic, and school libraries, she created one of the first analyses of children's and young adult Holocaust literature, which was published by the University of Southern Mississippi. Jeannie received the Milstead Award from the Wyoming Library Association for Outstanding Service to Children, as well as the Warren Tracy Award for Professionalism, Scholarship, and Service from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Linette Greene is the Young Adult Librarian at Missoula Public Library. She is the world's oldest teenager, which makes working with teens the greatest job ever. She has been a young adult librarian at Missoula Public Library for 22 years and counting. Linette began her library career as an elementary school librarian, before spending several years running the library in Boulder, Montana, then working in the technical services department at Syracuse University's Barclay Law School Library, where she completed her MLS degree. Linette currently lives in Ronan, MT, with her husband James, two elderly dogs, and a pair of rambunctious Siamese cats. She spends her daily 110 mile commute listening to audiobooks and drinking large commuter mugs of strong coffee. She has only had one close call in all her years of commuting, laughing so hard at a funny book she had to pull over.* When not working, you can find her digging in the dirt in her garden, in her quilting studio cutting perfectly good fabric into bits and sewing it back together again, or points unknown finding mischief with her grandchildren.

*the cause of her near-demise was Swim the Fly by Don Calame.

No More Surprise Library Projects! Welcoming a New Deselection Workflow to the MSU Library - Amy Foster and Rachelle McLain

The Collection Access and Technical Services (CATS) department at the MSU Library is responsible for weeding projects. The move of serials and government documents to off-site storage, and review of 50,000 items for deselection prompted CATS to transform their processes so that ad hoc weeding projects were incorporated into routine workflows.

Amy Foster is the head of the Collection Access and Technical Services at the Montana State University Library. She manages the department responsible for acquisitions, electronic resources, cataloging, and interlibrary loan. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Sociology from Montana State University and an MLS from the University of North Texas.

Rachelle McLain is the Collection Development Librarian at the Montana State University Library. She manages the library's collections budget and oversees the acquisition and deselection of resources to

meet the research and learning needs of the Montana and MSU communities. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Art History from Western Washington University and an MLIS from the University of Washington.

Let's Play Banned Books Week Jeopardy and Charades - Kathy Barco

Plenty of audience participation is involved as banned or challenged books provide the basis for fun and informative games of Jeopardy and Charades. Attendees can easily replicate this event in their own settings, and it could even be planned by and presented to teens. Handout includes sample clues and responses.

A former children's librarian, Kathy Barco retired from the position of Literacy Coordinator at the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library. She was Youth Services Coordinator at the New Mexico State Library from 2001-2006. Kathy received her MLIS from the University of Southern Mississippi. Kathy realized that her experience as a librarian, author, editor, and workshop presenter prepared her perfectly for her new career: Library Consultant. She has done webinars and workshops on topics relating to early literacy, intellectual freedom, and Banned Books Week. Her book, *Storytime and Beyond: Having Fun with Early Literacy* (co-authored with Melanie Borski-Howard) was published by Libraries Unlimited in 2018. That year she also received the MPLA Distinguished Service Award.

Slow Librarianship: It's for everyone -- but what is it? - Katherine Weadley and Linda Lewis

Slow Librarianship isn't lazy or unproductive - it is the opposite. Being busy doesn't always mean you are productive, meeting your goals, or learning from your experiences. Collaboratively explore how to be mindful and attentive in the workplace (and beyond!) regardless of your type of library or job description!

Katherine Weadley has worked in a variety of academic and public library roles including a cataloger, Director, and Children and Teens. Currently she is Supervisor of Programs and Outreach for the Estes Valley Library District near Colorado's beautiful Rocky Mountain National Park. Linda Lewis has worked in correctional libraries, as a Director in Gladstone, Oregon, and is currently a Branch Manager in the southern Colorado city of Pueblo.

Establishing a GIS-Mapping Exchange for Public Libraries - Nancee Hunter and Lauren McKinney-Wise

Geospatial data is prevalent in our everyday lives and provides powerful information. Learn about the systems behind map creation (i.e., Geographic Information Systems or GIS), develop your own web map and skills, and hear about new resources and funding opportunities for your library to better incorporate and use GIS technology.

Nancee Hunter is the Director of the Center for Geography Education in Oregon (C-GEO) and an Assistant Professor with the Portland State University Geography Department. Lauren McKinney-Wise is a Portland State University Geography/GIS graduate student. Both are working together on an IMLS National Leadership grant entitled "Establishing a GIS-Mapping Exchange for Public Libraries."

Connecting and Collaborating with Tribal Libraries - Cassandra E. Osterloh, Mary Villegas, Cristina Reyes

This program will be a 3-4 person panel discussion with time for Q & A on the tribal libraries and the current work the consultants are doing. The panel will discuss how some tribal library consultants are actively working to “build bridges” and support tribal libraries.

Cassandra E. Osterloh (Cherokee Nation) is the Tribal Libraries Program Coordinator for the state of New Mexico. She has worked in libraries (special, school, and academic) for over 25 years. Cassandra appreciates working for an organization that values a culture of continuous learning, creativity, and ingenuity. She feels she is able to experience this on all sides while working with the tribal librarians of New Mexico. She especially loves the librarian’s enthusiasm and commitment to their communities.

Mary Villegas (San Carlos Apache) has been with the State Library for over 15 years and she currently manages the State Library’s databases and provides outreach and support for tribal libraries. Prior to working with the Arizona State Library she was involved in the telecommunications industry for over 9 years and worked for several tribal telecommunications companies in eastern Arizona. Mary has a Bachelor of Science in Finance (Arizona State University), and a Juris Doctor (Arizona State University).

Cristina Reyes is the Rural Services & Bookmobile Program Specialist and Tribal Libraries Consultant at the Utah State Library Division. Additionally, she currently serves as Chair of the Diversity Services Roundtable for the Utah Library Association. A first generation American of Afro-Caribbean heritage, Cristina has learned and continues to learn how her background and perspective can be used as a powerful tool for advocating and promoting equity, diversity, and inclusion efforts in libraries and throughout her community.

Session I 2:15-3:45PM

Community Partnerships: Making Connections to Enhance Library Programming - Karen Yother, Denise Neujahr, Kelsey Mack, Lauren Hayes

Learn about our most successful community partnerships, how we developed connections and lessons we learned along the way. Attendees will brainstorm connections in their own communities, get hands-on time to explore the tools we use and leave with a vision for creating partnerships and programs that meet diverse community needs.

The Community Library Network Youth Services team serves patrons from birth to eighteen in 7 locations across Kootenai and western Shoshone counties in Northern Idaho. We provide a wide range of programs, services, and materials to meet the diverse needs of our community and accomplish our mission - *We empower discovery*. Youth Services Coordinator, Karen Yother fearlessly leads the team with the assistance of Early Learning Specialist Lauren Hayes, Teen Specialist Denise Neujahr and Outreach Specialist Kelsey Mack.

Collection Diversity Audits - Methods and Implementation - Molly Hudson & James Parrott

This conference session will explore the process Lewis & Clark Library staff used to conduct a collection diversity audit, focusing on methodology and implementation, in addition to practical application for libraries of various sizes and with differing resources.

Molly Hudson is the Children Services Librarian at the Lewis & Clark Library. Other than her family, she loves nothing more than providing opportunities for children and their families to learn, play and create with the library. Parachute storytimes have a special place in her heart, and she has a tendency to leave a trail of glitter wherever she goes. She owes the maintenance crew at Lewis & Clark Library more cookies than she can bake in a lifetime.

James Parrott is the Collection Management Librarian for Lewis & Clark Library. He moved to Montana in 2017. His professional interests include data-based collection development, statistics, and underserved populations. He holds an MLIS from Valdosta State University in his home state of Georgia and an MA in Experimental Psychology from Radford University in Virginia.

Reimagining School Readiness Toolkit Training – Amelea Kim, Bayley Gibson

The Reimagining School Readiness Toolkit is a valuable resource that librarians can use to integrate school readiness knowledge and preparation into the early childhood work they are already doing. This training will focus on the fundamental concepts of school readiness, how that relates to early childhood work already happening in libraries, and how librarians can combine the toolkit with their current programming.

Amelea Kim has worked as the Lifelong Learning Librarian at the Montana State Library since June 2018. Her library interests include children's services, particularly services for ages 0 - 5, health literacy, community outreach/support, economic development, and supporting Montana librarians in the amazing work that they do! In her free time, Amelea enjoys hiking, baking cakes and consuming said cakes, and making forays into various crafting hobbies.

Bayley Gibson is a Public Services Librarian at the Madison Valley Public Library in Ennis MT where she coordinates children's programming. She loves bringing messy crafts, singing, and games into any library program, and when she is not leading Story Time or Books & Babies, she can be found piling books on top of her teetering 'to-read' stack. She is an avid knitter and aspires to be the best dog cuddler.

Radicle Information Literacy - Xavier Kneeder-Shorten, Chloe Runs Behind, Megan Stark

This interactive workshop will explore possibilities for empowering learners by reimagining instruction through the abundance and diversity of the natural world. Together, we will invite ways of relating with information for the purpose of sowing authentic connections, tending to relationships, and sharing traditional, dynamic community knowledge.

Xavier Kneeder-Shorten (he/him) is a recent graduate of the iSchool at University of Washington where he received his MLIS. He works as the Assistant to the Dean of Libraries at University of Montana where

has worked for over 4 years. His passion is for public libraries and how they interact with their communities in a variety of ways.

Chloe Runs Behind (they/them) is growing up and growing food in Missoula, MT. They recently completed their BA in Environmental Studies while working at the University of Montana's Mansfield Library, finding their role in community organizing, and becoming curious about environmental education and information literacy.

Megan Stark (she/her) is a librarian at the University of Montana Mansfield Library with a keen commitment to growing and sharing community and engaging and being shaped by place. She is excited about the possibilities of new futures for libraries and information literacy.

Checkout Telescopes for Libraries - Best Practices - Nicholos Wethington

Do you have interest in establishing a telescope for checkout to your patrons but don't know where to start? Learn some tips and best practices about how to go about this from successful implementations of telescopes for checkout in libraries around Montana.

Nick Wethington is the Associate Director of the spectrUM Discovery Area, a hands-on science museum that is part of the University of Montana and located within the Missoula Public Library. As part of his professional career and personal passion, he's been helping libraries establish checkout telescopes since 2013. Nick is also the Vice President of the Western Montana Astronomical association and operates and manages the Blue Mountain Observatory, UM's astronomical observatory open to the public.

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Session J 9:00-10:00AM

Not Necessarily Random: Assessing Large Post-It User Comments for Understanding and Decision-Making - Kris Johnson

Large post-it notes are used as fun, quick ways to publicly gather user comments. But should those casual comments be used to inform decision-making? Learn how to systematically take Post-it feedback to the next level using an easy to implement second tier of assessment. Data gained using tier two can definitely be used to better understand users and make decisions for your library.

Kris Johnson is the head of the Learning & Research Services Department and the Montana State University Library. Kris loves all things design as well as learning new ways to assess user needs in order to improve service and spaces. Kris has previously presented on Design Thinking at MPLA and PNLA conferences.

The Good, The Bad & The Ugly - and Funny - Sides of Genrefication - Angela Claver & Abbi Dooley

The staff of the North Lake County Public Library District took on the monumental task of genrefying the adult fiction section. We will share why and how, and discuss the good, the bad and the ugly parts of this process as well as share some funny patron stories.

Angela attended her first library MLA/MPLA conference in Billings in 1989 while working at Parnly Billings Library in the circulation & youth services areas. After teaching public school music for many years, she returned to the library environment in 2008, working in technical services at the Great Falls Public Library before coming to North Lake County Public Library in 2015. She loves to play piano, dabble her toes in Flathead Lake, and genrefy.

Abbi came to the North Lake County Public Library in 2016 from the business and banking arena. She became director of the library district in 2018 where she puts her accounting and marketing business degree to great use. She is mom to a beautiful 1-year old and two spoiled dogs and loves quilting, kayaking on Flathead Lake and tormenting Angela with genre stickers.

You got this: Public speaking without fear – Melissa Beavers

Learn why public speaking is more important than ever for library workers. You will learn basic skills for preparing and delivering speeches as well as ways to manage your nervousness while connecting with your audience. You will leave with practical techniques to deliver clear, persuasive, and engaging presentations.

Melissa Beavers is the manager of Lincoln Park Library (soon to be LINC Library Innovation Center) in Greeley, Colorado and is the Excellence Coordinator for Programming at High Plains Library District. She specializes in services and programs for underrepresented populations. When not at the library, Melissa can be spotted at the yoga studio.

How School Libraries can host a successful Family Movie Night - Ann Gentry

This program will cover what legal documents you may need, how to advertise, what audience you should aim for, and areas you can host the event. Learn how easy it is to host a successful community event.

Ann Gentry grew up in Greeley, Colorado and lived in Oklahoma and Alaska before moving to Montana. She has been working at the Frenchtown Library since 2008 - and it has become her passion. She is very proud of how their little library has become an important part of the community.

Using TikTok to teach academic honesty - Jessica Rardin

Many students face struggles around academic dishonesty. To combat this, the University of Wyoming Libraries developed an instruction session about TikTok and its relationship to academic honesty. The lesson makes students creators of scholarly social media posts. This session will detail the activity and discuss how to implement it yourself.

Jessica Rardin is the Learning and Engagement Librarian at the University of Wyoming. She received her MLIS from the University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee and Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and Education Youth Studies from Beloit College in Beloit, Wisconsin. Her research and work focus on first-year student engagement, teaching, and learning.

Session K 10:15-11:15AM

It Takes All Kinds: the ins & outs, pros & cons of working for different kinds of libraries (public, academic, school & special) - Melody Karle

This session is for library workers at all levels who are thinking about their current and future careers in libraries. We will talk about the main differences between work and structure at each kind of library, as well as the different challenges, pros and cons of each. Resources for each will be provided and time for discussion will be offered at the end of the session.

Melody Karle has worked at the Lincoln County Public Libraries in Montana, the University of Houston Libraries in Texas, and the Montana State Library. She has also trained and volunteered in many school libraries - including Libby, Montana and Yaak, Montana school libraries. She holds an MLS from the University of North Texas and currently works as a System Administrator for the Montana Shared Catalog. Beyond her own experiences, Melody will draw on feedback from other librarians who have shared their experiences working in multiple libraries.

Building Assessment Dashboards for your Library - Scott W. H. Young and David Swedman

A library assessment dashboard is a curated set of charts and graphs that highlight the work of the library. Dashboards can be used for internal assessment and to demonstrate the library's value to external audiences. This session will discuss the process of creating and presenting library dashboards.

Scott W. H. Young is an associate professor and User Experience & Assessment Librarian at Montana State University in Bozeman, the traditional hunting grounds of the Apsáalooke (Crow), Niitsá-tapi (Blackfeet), and many other Indigenous nations. His work focuses on the co-design and assessment of information services, with related interests in professional ethics. He holds an MA in Archives and Public History from New York University and an MS in Library and Information Science from the Palmer School at Long Island University, and he's an editor of *Weave: Journal of Library User Experience*.

Ready, Set, Go... Public Library Programming and Wildfire Preparedness - Kellian Clink

A distillation of tips from the state/provincial fire preparedness agencies will be presented. Recommendations for programming for public libraries to build bridges with fire educators are offered, along with ideas on how to display materials that might describe what important papers should be in go-bags, how to drive out of a wildfire, and how to have a game plan for home, work, daycare, kids, and

critters. Provincial and state specific resources will be included in a pathfinder, along with a selection of titles of books, articles, and websites about fire awareness.

Kellian Clink is a librarian in Minnesota but is from Wyoming and always enjoys mixing with her fellow westerners and librarians at PNLA.

Mobile Montana Healthcare Training Laptop Lab - trials and tribulations - Heidi Sue Adams

All libraries in Montana are eligible to become members of the National Networks of Libraries of Medicine. Come hear how you can become a member, have access to funding opportunities, and obtain no-cost reputable resources relating to healthcare. This presentation will also describe an experience with receiving a funding award.

Heidi Sue Adams is a medical librarian located in Kalispell. She has experience with providing knowledge-based clinical resources primarily to healthcare professionals. Upon request, she also provides support to public and school librarians handling consumer health reference questions. With recent funding from the NNLM, she is providing updated content to be used when teaching access to reputable health care resources for all ages.

Affordable and Accessible Preservation Actions - Tips for Practical Collections Care - Tara Puyat

This session is for library workers at all levels who are thinking about their current and future careers in libraries. We will talk about the main differences between work and structure at each kind of library, as well as the different challenges, pros and cons of each. Resources for each will be provided and time for discussion will be offered at the end of the session.

Tara Puyat is a Preservation Specialist for NEDCC. She provides consultations, training programs, and assessments to cultural heritage organizations, with a focus on the Western United States. Tara previously served as Collections Manager at Lane County History Museum (Eugene, OR) and holds an MA in Preventive Conservation from Northumbria University.

11:30-1:00PM – Author Lunch