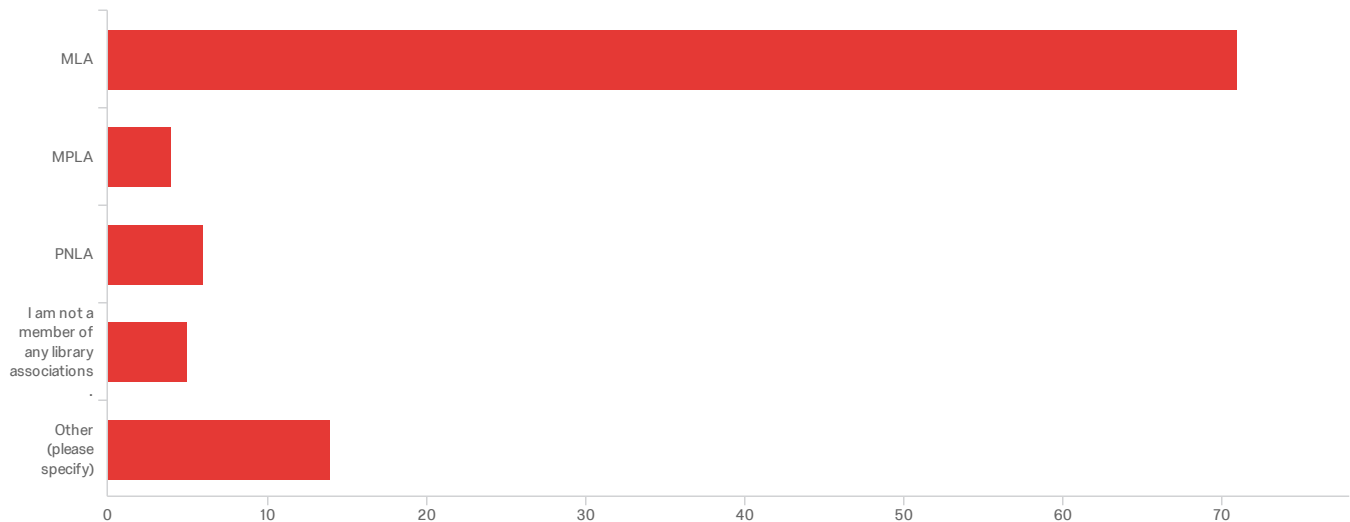


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MLA Conference Planning Input from Members

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Q1 - What library associations are you a member of? Check all that apply.



#	Field	Choice Count
1	MLA	71.00% 71
2	MPLA	4.00% 4
3	PNLA	6.00% 6
4	I am not a member of any library associations.	5.00% 5
5	Other (please specify)	14.00% 14
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Q1_125_TEXT - Other (please specify)

Other (please specify)

Off and on again member of MPLA and PNLA

ACRL, PNC/MLA (medical)

I am a member of all 3, however, I only have the option to select one.

ALA, PLA

Other (please specify)

MLA and MPLA

ALA

Was all 3, now retired

PNLA--it wouldn't let me check 2

MLA and PNLA. It won't let me choose both.

ALA

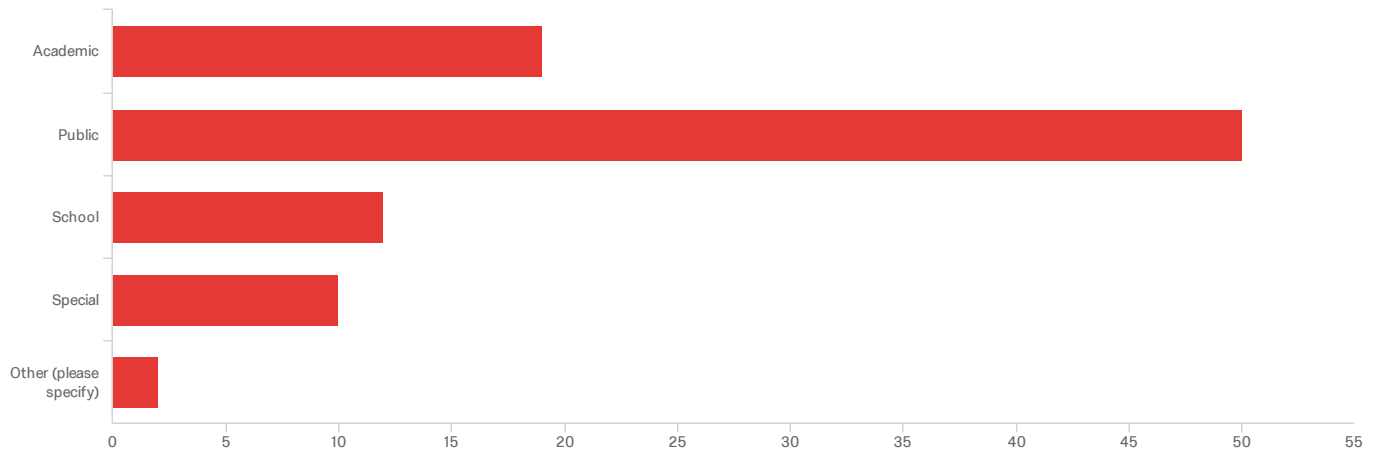
PNLA

MLA & MPLA (wouldn't let me select both)

ILA

MLA & PNLA. Won't let me choose 2

Q6 - What type of library do you work in?



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	What type of library do you work in? - Selected Choice	1.00	5.00	2.20	0.96	0.92	93

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Academic	20.43% 19
2	Public	53.76% 50
3	School	12.90% 12
4	Special	10.75% 10
5	Other (please specify)	2.15% 2
		93

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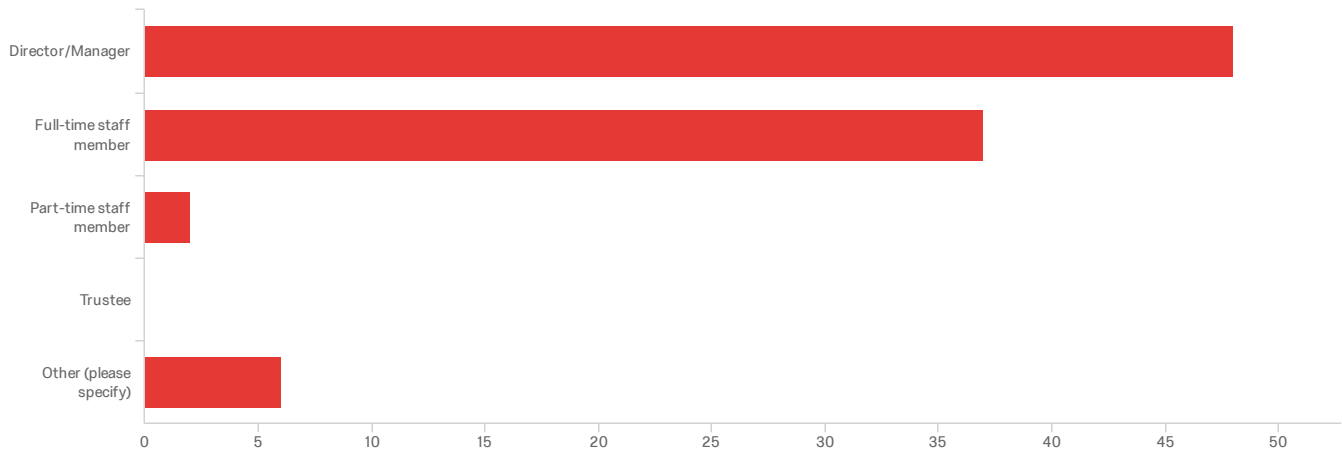
Q6_5_TEXT - Other (please specify)

Other (please specify)

School and community

retired

Q7 - What is your role at your library?



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	What is your role at your library? - Selected Choice	24.00	28.00	24.70	1.01	1.03	93

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Director/Manager	51.61% 48
2	Full-time staff member	39.78% 37
3	Part-time staff member	2.15% 2
4	Trustee	0.00% 0
5	Other (please specify)	6.45% 6
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Q7_28_TEXT - Other (please specify)

Other (please specify)

Assistant Director

retired

Dept. Manager

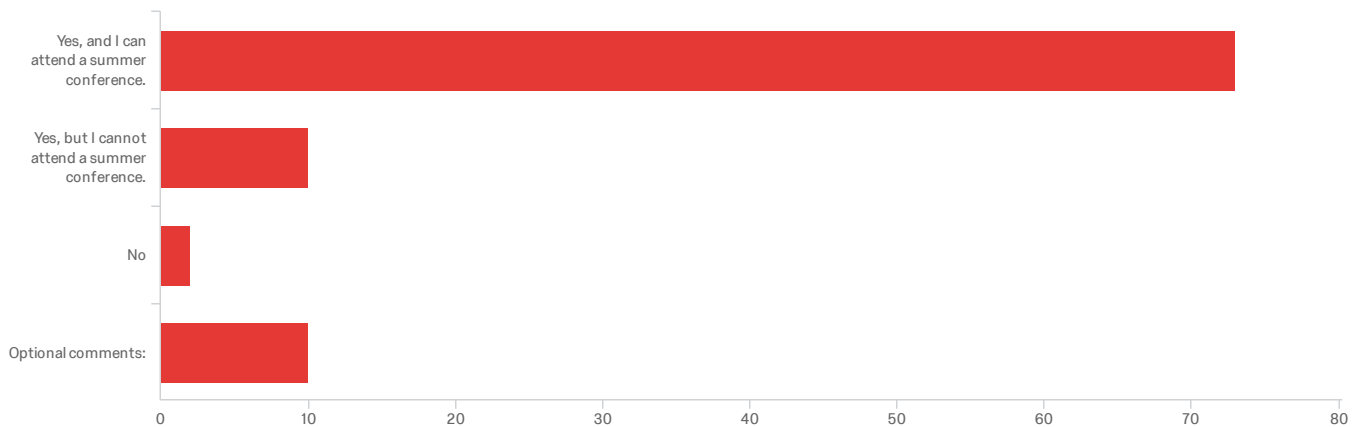
Other (please specify)

Was full time, now retired

Teacher-librarian

assistant librarian

Q8 - Are you interested in attending an MLA/MPLA/PNLA joint conference?



#	Field	Choice Count
1	Yes, and I can attend a summer conference.	76.84% 73
2	Yes, but I cannot attend a summer conference.	10.53% 10
3	No	2.11% 2
4	Optional comments:	10.53% 10
		95

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Q8_19_TEXT - Optional comments:

Optional comments:

I like the idea of a joint conference, but I also like holding it in the spring

just depends on what else I have going on - lots of family visits in the summer!

not in July but can in Aug

Yes, and summer is very busy but I would try to make it work for a worthwhile conference.

YES...but it would depend on the timing as I also run a conference in July of each summer.

"cannot" is kind of strong - more like "would be more difficult to work around".

it absolutely depends on the agenda

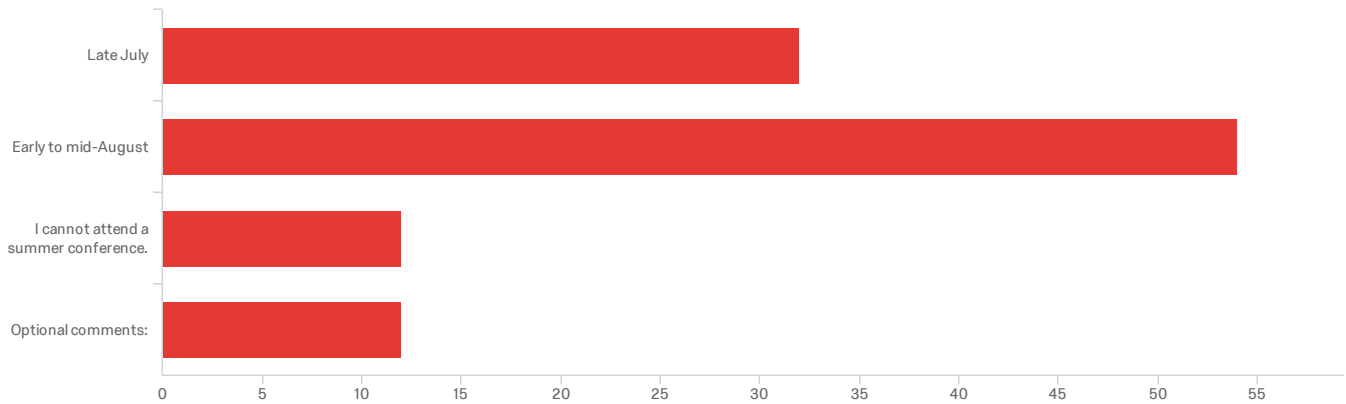
Yes, but it would be difficult to attend a summer conference.

Optional comments:

I'm not saying I cannot, but most likely would not. Spring seems to be easier to work with for scheduling.

In June/July summer reading is going on, so those months won't work.

Q3 - Which month works best for you if you CAN attend a summer joint conference?



#	Field	Choice Count
1	Late July	29.09% 32
2	Early to mid-August	49.09% 54
3	I cannot attend a summer conference.	10.91% 12
4	Optional comments:	10.91% 12

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Q3_18_TEXT - Optional comments:

Optional comments:

Doesn't make a lot of difference to me.

That is so far away and unsure of activities my kids might be in. I would definitely make the conference a priority, though, so I'm sure any time would.

just depends on what's going on with family!

Mid to late Aug

Our summer program schedule is busiest from the end of June through the beginning of August. My preference would be earlier in the summer.

early July

second week in august

middle to end of June would be better here if that happened to work for others also.

During the week in summer is better than weekends

Optional comments:

Any

any time works

whenever

Q10 - Please share any other comments you might have:

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I would like to know more about the reasons for considering a joint summer conference. There are lots of competing events during summer in Montana.

Because there exists a chronic, statewide substitute teacher shortage, many school librarians struggle to take part in professional conferences since they cannot get coverage for their libraries. Having this in the summer, and as a joint conference with the School Library Division could attend and learn from an even larger professional community would be an incredible boon and, I think, would encourage higher participation rates in MLA from school librarians.

Many schools start in mid-August as long as you had the conference before that I think more school librarians would be able to attend.

I am interested in hearing what other's think. Of course I would try to attend whenever it is. I wouldn't want to hold others back the opportunity for change, but I like the springtime schedule, and I often have other obligations in the summer. (am I in a groove...or a rut?!!)Good luck with this endeavor!

The first 6 months of our fiscal year is far too tight financially to do a fall conference. If Tamarack funds, or tax funds are late which has happened in the last 3 years, I am faced with how to keep my doors open.

I loved my latest PNLA conference experience and think it could really add to the MLA conference!

Love the idea of a tri-conference, but I'd prefer to keep ours in the spring as usual. Summer is too hard to plan around.

This is really exciting! I am glad to see these 3 organizations working together to bring a combined conference to Montana! I look forward to attending and possibly presenting!

It would be great to find out what the other associations are all about!

I would need to wait until summer reading was over. For our library it is normal mid to late Aug when we are free.

For those in Youth Services, it's critical that a summer conference be scheduled in August after SRPs have ended.

How would this impact school librarians? If the conference was located in a place families wanted to visit, I could see this being successful.

I love the idea of combining for one conference!!

Summer will be hard due to SRP. Ours ends the last week of July, and the First week of August is our County Fair.

Let's have it at MLA time!

The weather will be good and summer is a fun time to travel.

Any summer will lose most school librarians, but not sure how many attended this year.

What a great idea. They are doing the same thing in Alaska summer 2020.

SRP means Youth staff cannot attend. Fiscal year ends June 30 and new budget and new fiscal year means busy. I am most busy June-Sep so most likely would not go and not send youth services. In addition staff want vacation time so coverage is an issue.

Anything prior to August wouldn't work for our library due to the Summer Reading Program.

Please share any other comments you might have:

MLA in April has always been difficult because of other conferences and ALA promotions. I welcome a late summer conference.

The first question only allows you to choose one option. Otherwise, a summer conference may interfere with summer reading programs - just something to keep in mind.

Looking forward to it!

End of Report