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NYLA 2025

CONFERENCE AND TRADESHOW

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY | NOVEMBER 5-8



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WELCOME!

Thank you for coming to Saratoga and this year's annual conference. The theme this year is "Actionable Advocacy!" We want to encourage everyone to take action in advocating for libraries whether you are a director of the library, work at a circulation desk, friend or trustee, or in a back room cataloging books. We need everyone to take action and let our stakeholders know about all the important work libraries are doing.

There are many ways to advocate and one of the most effective ways is to tell stories of how your library has helped people. I'm excited to hear Micaela Blei, our keynote speaker. She is an award-winning storyteller and educator. Micaela was also the founding director of education at the Moth. There are many amazing sessions to attend throughout the conference. There is a program from the past president, Lisa Kropp, on advocacy as well as programs on a variety of topics for public libraries, school libraries, and academic libraries. The conference also has many great networking events to talk to your colleagues from across the state.

There is also an opportunity to advocate for libraries at the conference. NYLA is staffing an Actionable Advocacy booth at the Tradeshow. Attendees have an opportunity to fill out postcards to be sent to the Governor advocating for library funding. The postcards will already be stamped and addressed.

I would like to thank the NYLA Continuing Education Committee and the Conference Ambassadors who do a great job to make sure we have a successful conference. The NYLA staff (Lauren Hoyt, Becky Czornobil, Max Prime, and Misha Bader) under AnnaLee's leadership deserve thanks for making the conference successful. Without their dedicated service, the conference would not be possible.

Sincerely,
Tim



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Kerstin Cruger, CE Committee Chair**

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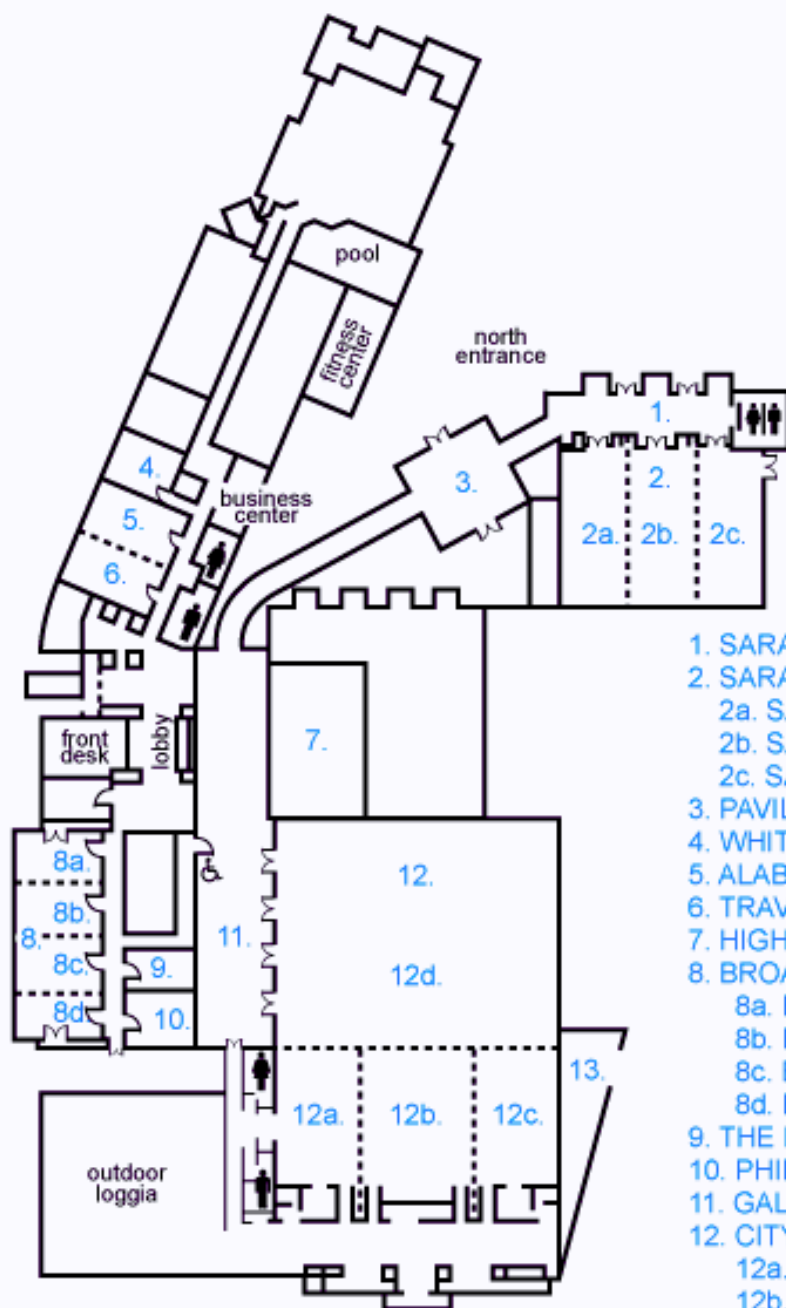
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VENUE MAP SARATOGA HILTON

THE SARATOGA HILTON - MAIN LEVEL

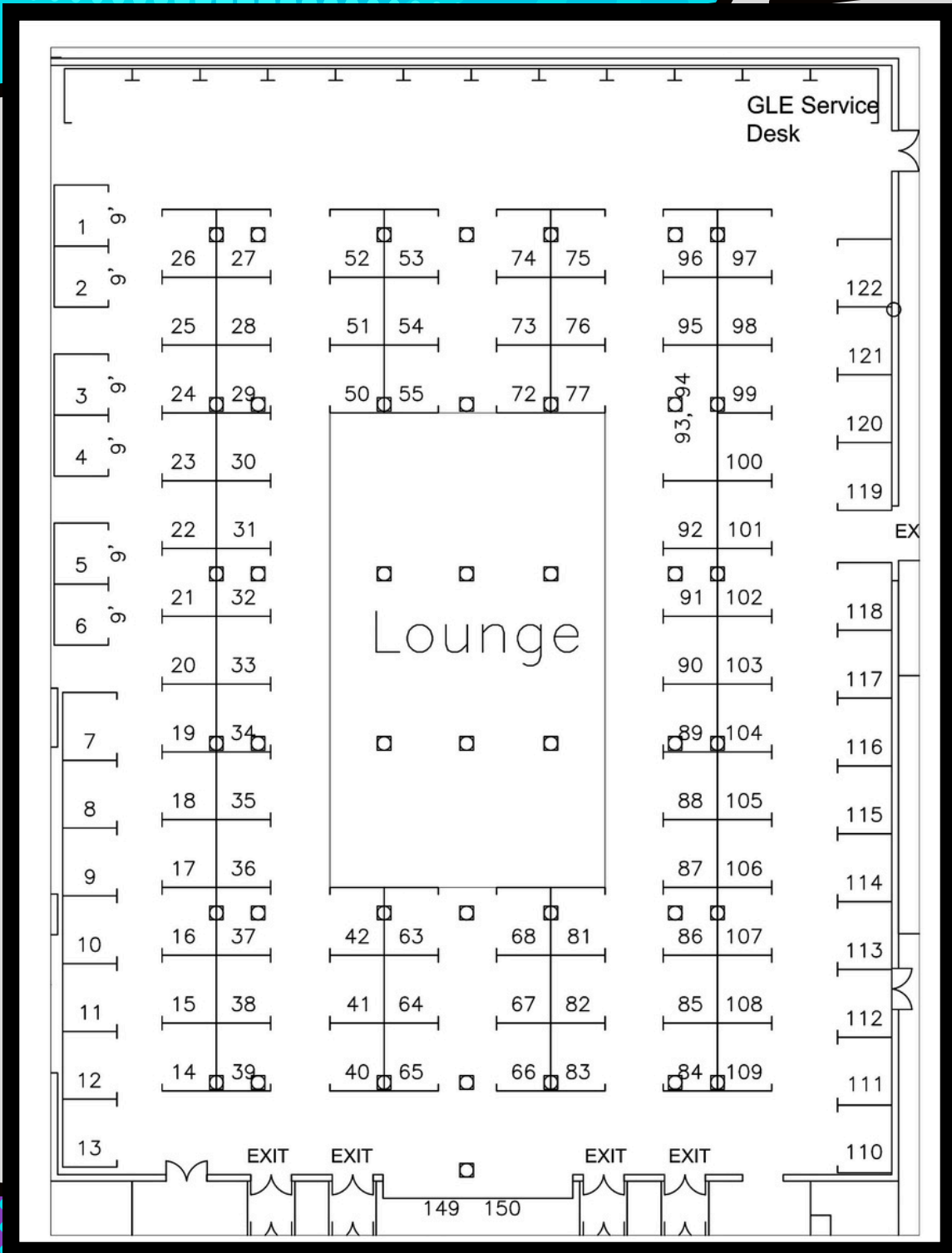


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 - 2a. SARATOGA ONE
 - 2b. SARATOGA TWO
 - 2c. SARATOGA THREE
3. PAVILION
4. WHITNEY
5. ALABAMA
6. TRAVERS
7. HIGHROCK
8. BROADWAY BALLROOM
 - 8a. BROADWAY ONE
 - 8b. BROADWAY TWO
 - 8c. BROADWAY THREE
 - 8d. BROADWAY FOUR
9. THE BOARDROOM
10. PHILA
11. GALLERY
12. CITY CENTER
 - 12a. CITY CENTER A
 - 12b. CITY CENTER B
 - 12c. CITY CENTER C
 - 12d. CITY CENTER D
13. WEDGE ROOM

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TRADESHOW MAP

SARATOGA CITY CENTER



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2025 NYLA CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

**WEDNESDAY
11.5.25**

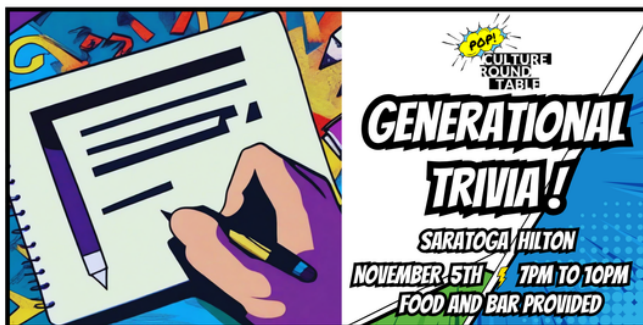
TIME

PROGRAM/SESSION

LOCATION

7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	REGISTRATION	HILTON LOBBY
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM	MORNING PRECONFERENCE PROGRAMS	
	From Anxiety to Action	ALABAMA
	Building Project Boot Camp: Part 1	BROADWAY 1
	Trauma-Informed Human Safety Training for Librarians	BROADWAY 2
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM	NYLA COUNCIL MEETING	TRAVERS
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	NYLA COUNCIL LUNCH	WHITNEY
12:00 PM - 5:00 PM	EXHIBITOR MOVE IN	SARATOGA CITY CENTER
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM	AFTERNOON PRECONFERENCE PROGRAMS	
	Building Project Boot Camp: Part 2	BROADWAY 1
	The Annual Report for Advocacy?!	BROADWAY 2
	Self Advocating in the Library	BROADWAY 3
	Writing Winning Grant Proposals for Library Programming	BROADWAY 4
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	PULISDO MEETING	ALABAMA
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	ESLN MEETING	HIGH ROCK
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	SLSA MEETING	PHILA
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	NYALS MEETING	ALABAMA
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	OUTREACH COORDINATORS MEETING	TRAVERS
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM	SMART MEETING	HIGH ROCK
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	ASLS MEET & GREET	WHITMAN BREWING Co.
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	LAMS MEETING	ALABAMA
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	PCRT GENERATIONAL TRIVIA	SARATOGA BALLROOM 1

**MEETING
TIME!**



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**THURSDAY
11.6.25**

2025 NYLA CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

MORNING

TIME

PROGRAM/SESSION

LOCATION

7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	REGISTRATION	HILTON LOBBY
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	TRADESHOW	CITY CENTER
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	NYLA NETWORKING & MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST	SARATOGA BALLROOM
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM	KEYNOTE ADDRESS - MICAELA BLEI	CITY CENTER
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	DESIGNATED TRADESHOW TIME	CITY CENTER
12:30 PM	TRADESHOW BOXED LUNCH	CITY CENTER
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM	ESLN LUNCHEON	SARATOGA BALLROOM
1:45 PM - 3:00 PM	AFTERNOON PROGRAMS	

**AFTERNOON
SESSIONS**

Celebrating The Fabric Arts Through Community	ALABAMA
Collect, Connect, Engage: Library Trading Cards	BROADWAY 1
Many Hands: HR in Small Libraries	BROADWAY 2
Essential Skills for Library Trustees in 2025	BROADWAY 3
TeleStory - Closing the Distance for Families	BROADWAY 4
The "Stop Being Afraid of Advocacy" Tutorial for Staff!	HIGHROCK
Not Business as Usual	TRAVERS
Academic and Public Library Partnership	WHITNEY
Making Libraries Intersex-Inclusive	PHILA
Bridging Digital Divides with Tech Help	CITY CENTER 1M
Aging at Work: Strategies for Embracing Becoming a "Work Elder"	CITY CENTER M2A
Sustainable Programming: Repair Cafe, DIY Crafts and Eco Friendly Swaps	CITY CENTER M2B

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	DESIGNATED TRADESHOW TIME	CITY CENTER
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4:00 PM - 5:15 PM	LATE AFTERNOON PROGRAMS	
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Yonkers Remembers Veterans History Project and Digital Archiving	ALABAMA
Preparing for Difficult Patron Interactions	BROADWAY 1
Libraries Supporting Non-Profits: Strengthening Communities Together	BROADWAY 2
Integrating Makerspace Technology for Library Business	BROADWAY 3
Inclusive Storytimes: Accessibility is Frontline Advocacy	BROADWAY 4
Recruiting and Interviewing for the Library of Today and Tomorrow	HIGHROCK

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PROGRAM/SESSION

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4:00 PM - 5:15 PM

LATE AFTERNOON PROGRAMS

No, I'm Not Scared: An Inside Look at the Inside

SARATOGA 1

Avoiding Burnout in the Library

SARATOGA 2

Library Worker Support Network: Live Demo

SARATOGA 3

Beyond Cultural Competence: Actionable Advocacy for Inclusive Library Services

TRAVERS

The Learning Curve: Year One in Leadership

WHITNEY

Program with Rizz: Engaging with Teens

PHILA

Fighting Censorship: Friends as Allies

CITY CENTER 1M

Let's Use Library Life Stories to Promote Ourselves

CITY CENTER M2A

Unintentional Library Barriers In Library Service

CITY CENTER M2B

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

UNIT MEETINGS

**MEETING
TIME!**

CLWCRT Meeting

BROADWAY 1

START Meeting

BROADWAY 2

LTAS Meeting

BROADWAY 3

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

UNIT MEETINGS

ESRT Meeting

OFF SITE

EVENING EVENTS



**FRIDAY
11.7.25**

2025 NYLA CONFERENCE **SCHEDULE**

MORNING

TIME

PROGRAM/SESSION

LOCATION

7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

REGISTRATION

HILTON LOBBY

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

TRADESHOW

CITY CENTER

8:30 AM - 9:45 AM

MORNING PROGRAMS

Hidden Algorithms: Unveiling Computer Science in Unexpected Places

ALABAMA

Affordable Homebound Delivery

BROADWAY 1

Compassionate Crisis Intervention: Libraries and Re-Imagined Security

BROADWAY 2

All Abilities Programming: Fun For All

BROADWAY 3

Legal Reference on the Spot: Guiding NY Patrons with Confidence

BROADWAY 4

Second Chance High School

HIGHROCK

A Critical Time for Creating Critical Thinkers: Galvanizing Future Library Advocates

SARATOGA 1

Amplifying the Impact: Effective Marketing Strategies for Your NOVELny Resources

SARATOGA 2

Trustee Advocacy: A Strategy Sharing Session

SARATOGA 3

From Team Member to Team Leader

TRAVERS

Library of Things: Budget Friendly to Big Time

WHITNEY

Libraries Disrupting Youth Incarceration

PHILA

Becoming a Learning Leader - The Learning Leader Show (Malcom Hill)

CITY CENTER 1M

Creating Sensory Spaces at Any Size

CITY CENTER M2A

Increase Religious Equity by Reclassifying Dewey 200s

CITY CENTER M2B

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM

DESIGNATED TRADESHOW TIME

CITY CENTER

11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

MID-MORNING PROGRAMS

Advocating for Silent Needs

ALABAMA

Navigating the Future: Embracing Emerging Technologies

BROADWAY 1

Seeds of Collaboration: Growing a Partnership

BROADWAY 2

Books2Business: Libraries as an Economic Catalyst for Growth

BROADWAY 3

Building Access for All

BROADWAY 4

Experiences of Jewish Library Personnel in Professional Spaces

HIGHROCK

Amazing Animators: Bringing the art of animation to your library

SARATOGA 3

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11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

MID-MORNING PROGRAMS

The Impact of Library Social Work

TRAVERS

Road-mapping Your Success: Building a Professional Development Plan

WHITNEY

StoryTeen: Engaging Teens to Offer Storytime and Support Early Literacy

PHILA

Gone Clubbing: Pop-Culture Clubs at the Library

CITY CENTER 1M

Fostering DEI Initiatives in Rural Communities

CITY CENTER M2A

The Show Must Go On: Finding a Path Forward After a Failed Funding Vote

CITY CENTER M2B

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

LUNCH TIME

AFTERNOON

YSS Empire State Award Lunch (Meeting at 12:00)

SARATOGA 1

Author! Author! PLS Luncheon Lunch

SARATOGA 2

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

EXHIBITOR MOVE OUT

CITY CENTER

2:15 PM - 3:30 PM

AFTERNOON PROGRAMS

Collaborative Health Advocacy: Transforming Communities Together

ALABAMA

Small Spaces, Big Opportunities - Reorganizing to Increase Circulation

BROADWAY 1

A Good Librarian's Guide to Teens

BROADWAY 2

J'accuse! Imposteur! Directing with Imposter Syndrome

BROADWAY 3

Protecting our communities through legal self-empowerment

BROADWAY 4

Trustee Handbook Book Club for Directors

HIGHROCK

Let's Talk Intelligence, Artificially!

SARATOGA 3

The State of Our Libraries: A Conversation with the State Librarian

TRAVERS

The Great Give Back: Libraries Supporting Communities

WHITNEY

The Care and Keeping of College Students

PHILA

Building Community Through Library Drumming Programs

CITY CENTER 1M

Your Budget is an Advocacy Tool

CITY CENTER M2A

Closing the Digital Literacy Divide - Technology Services for Seniors

CITY CENTER M2B

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LATE AFTERNOON PROGRAMS

Building Communities of Learning and Practice for Inclusive Culture

Surviving Year One: New Director Edition

A Crafty Way to Support Sustainability

Popular Culture and Your School Library

Building Community Through Shared Stories

Ultimate Library Outreach Playbook! Community & Schools

Public Library Standards = Advocacy Tool

Difficult Topics, Difficult Times, Creative Programming

Enhance Library Programming Using Community Members

Do Digital Readers Make a Sound?

Cardholder Signup Policies: Access in Practice

Libraries as Allies: Strengthening LGBTQIA+ Connections

Neurodivergent Library Experiences: Promoting Inclusivity

Creative Tech Solutions for Tight Budgets

ALABAMA

BROADWAY 1

BROADWAY 2

BROADWAY 3

BROADWAY 4

HIGHROCK

SARATOGA 1

SARATOGA 3

TRAVERS

WHITNEY

PHILA

CITY CENTER 1M

CITY CENTER M2A

CITY CENTER M2B

PARTY TIME!

EVENING



GET YOUR KARAOKE ON!

NY4BL Karaoke night @ The Parting Glass

11/7 9:30pm-12:30am

Standard Tickets \$20 in advance (\$25 at the door).

VIP Tickets are \$100 and include event admission, two drink tickets, and NY4BL swag!



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**SATURDAY
11.8.25**

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MORNING

TIME

PROGRAM/SESSION

LOCATION

7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

REGISTRATION

HILTON LOBBY

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

BREAKFAST TIME

**NYBLC 55th Anniversary Breakfast
Intellectual Freedom Breakfast**

**SARATOGA 1
SARATOGA 2 - 3**

9:15 AM - 10:45 AM

MORNING PROGRAMS

**How You Can Empower Teens Through Internships
Centering Teens in the Fight Against Censorship
Celebrating Diversity Through Children's Multilingual Story-Time
Judged by the Covers: Organize, Advocate, and Overcome
Outreach and Marketing: The Student Perspective
Resources and Strategies for Supporting Deaf Patrons
FLS Showcase: Spotlight on Friends!
Transforming Library Spaces by Exhibiting Art**

**ALABAMA
BROADWAY 1
BROADWAY 2
BROADWAY 3
PHILA
HIGHROCK
TRAVERS
WHITNEY**

11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

MID-MORNING PROGRAMS

**Intellectual Freedom Bootcamp for School Librarians
Storytelling & Literacy in ASL for Librarians
Creating Community Connections with a Prom Pop-Up
Strengthening Community Connections: Friends Groups in Library Advocacy
Classification Systems & the Valorization of Information
Collaborative Social Media Marketing for the Friends
Tabletop Games to Try Before You Buy!
Level up! Public Library + High School Connection = Teen Readers
STREAM Storytime: Tips and Experiments To Get Started
Beyond Checkboxes: Intersectional Diversity Audits
Freedom to Read Storytimes**

**ALABAMA
BROADWAY 1
BROADWAY 2
BROADWAY 3
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SARATOGA 3
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**KEYNOTE
SPEAKER**

MICAELA BLEI



MICAELA BLEI, PH.D., is an award-winning storyteller, educator and story editor based in Portland, Maine. A two-time Moth GrandSLAM winner and the former founding Director of Education at The Moth, Micaela helps creative people tell better stories through workshops, coaching, and her podcast "The Story Letter." Her stories have been featured on This American Life, The Moth Radio Hour, and more. Her Audible Original memoir "You Will Not Recognize Your Life" was released in 2024. With 25 years of teaching experience and a doctorate in narrative education from NYU, Micaela brings joy, caring, and rigor to storytelling in every context.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

ESLN LUNCHEON

Join us for the 8th annual ESLN luncheon, featuring a comedy hour with three talented comics. Our host is Mark Brier, founder of "Laughs at the Library" and is Comedian In Residence and runs an open mic at the East Meadow Library. The featured performer is Phyllis Gordon, a Stand Up Comic and Actor based in NYC, who has brought her impressions to senior centers and libraries in Long Island and New Jersey. The headliner for the show is Daryn Stephanie Passarello, the booker / director of Laughing Buddha Comedy. Daryn was named a comic to watch in 2025, was featured in the NY Comedy Festival, and performs regularly in clubs around New York City.

PLS AUTHOR! AUTHOR!

Colleen Oakley is the USA Today bestselling author of six novels. Her book *The Mostly True Story of Tanner & Louise* was a Good Morning America Buzz Pick, a Reader's Digest Book Club pick, a Marie Claire Book Club pick, and named a most anticipated read for 2023 by the Today Show. Colleen's novels have been translated into 21 languages, optioned for film and have received numerous accolades including the French Reader's Prize, LibraryReads Hall of Fame, and Georgia Author of the Year.

YSS LUNCHEON

CHRIS GRABENSTEIN is the multiple award-winning, #1 New York Times bestselling author of the *LEMONCELLO*, *WONDERLAND*, *HAUNTED MYSTERY*, *SMARTEST KID*, and *DOG SQUAD* series. He co-authored the acclaimed *SHINE!* and the super silly *STINKY'S STORIES* with his wife J.J. Grabenstein as well as nearly three dozen fast-paced and funny page turners with James Patterson including the *I FUNNY*, *JACKY HA-HA*, *TREASURE HUNTERS*, and *MAX EINSTEIN* series.

SPECIAL EVENTS

AWARDS RECEPTION

Come join us for a night of food and drink while we celebrate your esteemed colleagues in style!

The reception includes time to mingle with peers, hors d'oeuvres and the awards ceremony. Attendees should use their event ticket for one comped drink at the bar.

NYBLC BREAKFAST

Join the New York Black Librarians Caucus (NYBLC) for a celebratory breakfast marking 55 years of advocacy, excellence, and community. This milestone event will spotlight the newly released third edition of *The Handbook of Black Librarianship*—a powerful collection of over 70 new essays addressing critical issues shaping the future of librarianship. Attendees will hear directly from the editors and contributors, including Andrew “Sekou” Jackson and Sandra Echols.

IF BREAKFAST

Teen Literacy is the Solution to Everything

A.S. King has been called “One of the best Y.A. writers working today” by *The New York Times Book Review* and is the only two-time winner of the American Library Association's Michael L. Printz Award (2020 for *Dig* & 2024 for *The Collectors*). She is the author of more than 15 novels for young people and has won the LA Times Book Prize for *Ask the Passengers*, a Printz Honor for *Please Ignore Vera Dietz*, as well as many others.

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NOV 7TH 10-5 PM
NOV 8TH 7:30-9:30 AM

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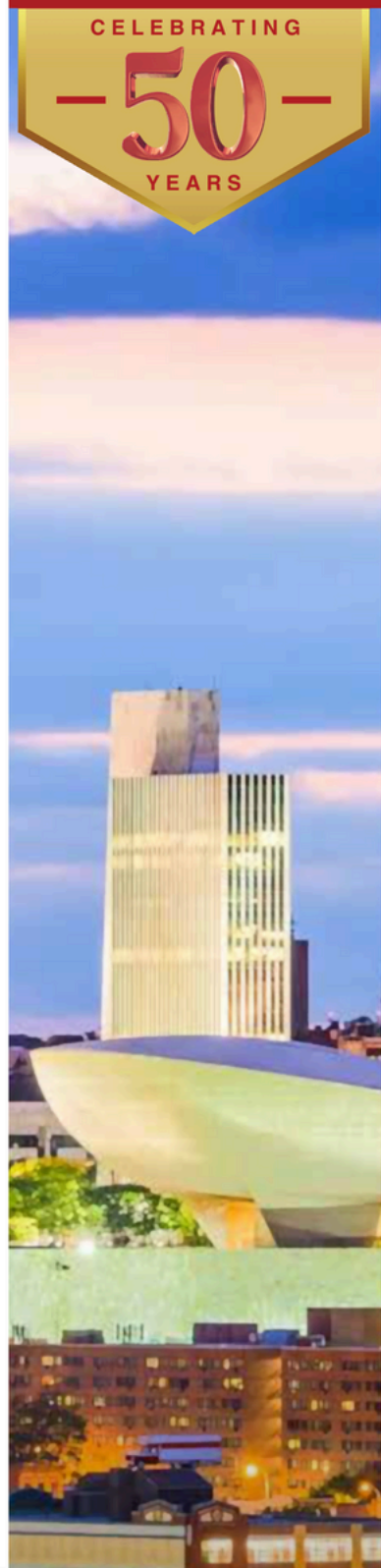
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PROGRAMMING CATALOG

Academic and Public Library Partnerships

Speaker(s): Mechele Romanchock, Nick Cousino

Academic and public libraries may not always seem like obvious community partners. But as academic libraries serve their campus and student populations, public libraries strive to reach all segments of their communities, including students, a partnership between academic and public libraries can maximize services, outreach, and resources.

Making Libraries Intersex-Inclusive

Speaker(s): Misha Bader

Learn the history of intersex discrimination in libraries, and how your library can make this group feel welcomed and represented. This presentation follows a case study, and was made with guidance from interACT (Advocates for Intersex Youth).

Feeling Old At Work: Embracing Becoming a "Work Elder"

Speaker(s): Mary Fellows, Christine McGinty

It's a shift that surprises us all in a long career: becoming a work elder. Yet navigating this change in status can challenge our self-confidence and perspective, leaving us uncertain about where and how we can now best contribute.

Bridging Digital Divides with Tech Help

Speaker(s): Kenneth Roman

Whether you're new to tech instruction or looking to refine your current offerings, this session will provide actionable insights and real-world examples to help you develop impactful tech help services that bridge the digital divide for all generations.

Celebrating The Fabric Arts Through Community

Speaker(s): Renee Joseph

This is a program series designed to reach various populations within our community in order to encourage outreach and intergenerational participation as well as community collaboration. The series was made up of seven knitting programs.

Collect, Connect, Engage: Library Trading Cards

Speaker(s): Adam Saunders

In today's challenging marketing era, libraries must find innovative ways to engage patrons while effectively promoting their services. By tapping into the nostalgia and excitement of trading cards, this initiative enhances patron engagement, increases library visibility, and fosters a stronger connection with the community.

Essential skills for library trustees in 2025

Speaker(s): Stephanie Cole Adams, Nathan Feist

Attendees will learn how to prepare for law enforcement activity and so-called "first amendment auditors" in their libraries, how to respond to freedom of information requests and appeals, and how to manage public relations and legal compliance when a member of the public challenges, criticizes, or complains of material in library collections or programs organized or hosted by their libraries.

Many Hands: HR in Small Libraries

Moderator: Angela Newman

In a small public library, human resources is often a group project. With a panel comprised of an HR expert, a public library system director, a library director, and a trustee, this session will cover best practices for successfully managing the employee life cycle as a team.

Not business as usual

Speaker(s): Maxine Bleiweis, Jill Dugas Hughes

One of the frustrations of public libraries is being considered nice to have, yet never quite making the 'have-to-have' list by community funders. This program will outline how to transform your status and become essential to your business community.

Sustainable Programming: Repair Cafe, DIY Crafts and Eco Friendly Swaps

Speaker(s): Jacqueline Leone, Z Baird

Repair cafes present community members not only the opportunity to help one another, but also a chance to make choices that will have a reduced impact on their environment.

TeleStory - Closing the Distance for Families

Speaker(s): Michael Carey and Sadie Petraitis

Incarceration can have deep and lasting effects on people's families and communities. TeleStory is a program that allows families to make free, hour-long video calls from their local Brooklyn Public Library (BPL) branch to family members incarcerated in New York state prisons

The "Stop Being Afraid of Advocacy" Tutorial for Staff!

Speaker(s): Lisa Kropp, Danielle Paisley, Kerri Souto, Noah Reed

We get it - advocacy work can be scary sometimes! This presentation will show you how to effectively leverage your patron's voices so they are leading the way to advocacy for your library.

Avoiding Burnout in the Library

Speaker(s): Michael Carey and Sadie Petraitis

Participants will learn about trauma-informed librarianship as it occurs and relates to library staff. Warning signs, causes, proactive and reactive actions that can be taken, and self-care plans will be explored. Acts you as an individual can take, as well as organizational strategies will be addressed.

Beyond Cultural Competence: Actionable Advocacy for Inclusive Library Services

Speaker(s): Rajesh Singh and Rosemary Kiladitis

Through two interconnected discussions, this presentation examines how cultural humility drives actionable advocacy in library services.

Fighting Censorship: Friends as Allies

Speaker(s): Michael Kirby

Want to ensure your library is doing everything in its power to support them? Join Michael Kirby, a Law for Librarians fellow, for an intellectual freedom workshop, geared specifically towards Friends of the Library.

Inclusive Storytimes: Accessibility is Frontline Advocacy

Speaker(s): Kathryn Anderson and Courtney Tsahalisi

This presentation explores inclusive and accessible storytimes as a form of advocacy, highlighting inclusive actions, and demonstrating their application through videos and live examples.

Integrating Makerspace Technology for Library Business

Speaker(s): Chris DeCristofaro, James Hutter, Alison Mirabella, James Hartmann

explore how libraries can leverage makerspace technologies, such as 3D printers, laser cutters, and digital design tools, to create custom items like signage, display materials, and promotional content, significantly reducing costs.

Let's Use Library Life Stories to Promote Ourselves

Speaker(s): Chris DeCristofaro, James Hutter, Alison Mirabella, James Hartmann

Library professionals and supporters have amazing stories to tell that can inspire people to take action and support us. Participants will learn what makes a good story and how storytelling techniques can be used to develop a professional narrative.

Libraries Supporting Non-Profits: Strengthening Communities Together

Speaker(s): Elizabeth Malafi

Discover creative, practical ways no matter your library's size or budget to partner with and support local nonprofits. Develop actionable steps to implement or enhance nonprofit-focused programming and resource-sharing at your own library to strengthen community impact.

Library Worker Support Network: Live Demo

Speaker(s): Elizabeth Portillo, Christiana Parish, Simone Wellington, Leah Dudak, Virginia Wescott

The Library Worker Support Network is one of the first major outcomes of the 2022 Urban Library Trauma Study, which revealed that many library workers felt isolated in their experiences of abuse, harassment, and secondary trauma. The demo will showcase how these sessions create a supportive environment for both general library staff and affinity groups.

No, I'm Not Scared: An Inside Look at the Inside

Speaker(s): Amanda Schiavulli, B. Maggie Foster, Tor Loney

Learn about libraries in a correctional facility. Engage with librarians who work or have worked in correctional facilities. Leave with tools to work with incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals.

Preparing for Difficult Patron Interactions

Speaker(s): Elise Ferer

Attendees will participate in a training session preparing them to work with difficult patrons in order to equip themselves or their direct reports for similar scenarios.

Program with Rizz: Engaging with Teens

Speaker(s): Marianne Ramirez, Jennifer Fowler, Ashley Sabatino

Appealing to young adults and remaining relevant to them are just two of the biggest challenges you will face as a teen librarian. You will leave this session with new ideas for volunteer opportunities, partnering and fostering relationships with your community and schools, budget-friendly, out-of-the-box programming ideas, and more!

Recruiting and interviewing for the library of today and tomorrow

Speaker(s): Maxine Bleiweis

In this program, you will be introduced to new methods to try that will help bring the best candidates to your library by a former public library director who has done them all.

The Learning Curve: Year One in Leadership

Speaker(s): Grace Engelbrecht, Amanda Anderson, Sarah Lehman, Amanda Madigan

Are you interested in pursuing a leadership role and find it intimidating? Are you curious what skills public library leaders need to be successful? This panel discussion is for anyone considering leadership in a public library organization or currently starting in a leadership role.

Unintentional Library Barriers In Library Service

Speaker(s): Victor Caputo, Kelly Harris

This program will focus on factors that inadvertently hinder access to library resources and services. Topics include physical and digital accessibility, cultural, economic, geographical, and language barriers and social stigma.

Yonkers Remembers Veterans History Project and Digital Archiving

Speaker(s): Michael Walsh

This program is about the Yonkers veterans oral history project. After an initial low turn-out, learn how community engagement increased participation and hear about some of the incredible stories told by veterans. Learn about how these interviews were preserved on Yonkers Public Library digital archive.

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A Critical Time for Creating Critical Thinkers: Galvanizing Future Library Advocates' Needs

Speaker(s): Kaitlin Holt, Marissa Vassari, Lindsay Anderberg

Understanding the importance of centering students as stakeholders in the effort to preserve the information field. Attendees will gain insight from The New York Public Library's Center for Educators & Schools about the strategic benefit of focusing students in this work and inspiration from two case studies.

Affordable Homebound Delivery

Speaker(s): Jacquie Owens, Sue Hourihan, Sandy Nelepovitz, Wendy Dickens

Our library has created and maintained a low-cost homebound delivery service. This NYLA program will describe the advantages, pitfalls and safety concerns, creating a blueprint for implementation to consider when starting homebound delivery.

All Abilities Programming: Fun For All

Speaker(s): Christine Alexander

This program aims to inspire you to implement exciting programs that thrive, recognize what isn't working, and partner with local resources and organizations to make the library truly accessible for all.

Effective Marketing Strategies for Your NOVELny Resources

Speaker(s): Stacey Knibloe

Join us for this enlightening session and discover how a cohesive marketing and outreach plan can transform the way your library promotes and leverages NOVELny resources.

Compassionate Crisis Intervention: Libraries and Re-Imagined Security

Speaker(s): Leah Topek-Walker, DSWc, LCSW-R

Safety and security have become increasingly important in public libraries. Library security staff and librarians require training to respond compassionately and appropriately to these patrons when they experience a crisis. Future practice and implementation will be explored in this workshop.

Creating Sensory Spaces at Any Size

Speaker(s): Charlie Loftus, Diana Mignault

In this program we will demonstrate different ways to create sensory spaces at your library- no matter the size. Additional topics will include researching sensory spaces, reaching out to community experts, and setting up the space. Tips on successful programming will include information on marketing and outreach to the community.

From Team Member to Team Leader

Speaker(s): Dania Soud

Youth service librarians have a unique skill set that is optimal and necessary for a successful supervisor. The overall goal of this program is to provide insight and advice to youth service librarians interested in transitioning to a supervisory role.

Hidden Algorithms: Unveiling Computer Science in Unexpected Places

Speaker(s): Laurie Guyon

In this interactive session, we will explore computer science integration into literacy and learn innovative ways to engage young learners

Increase Religious Equity by Reclassifying Dewey 200s

Speaker(s): Elizabeth McKinstry, Matthew Jaquith

OCLC created an official but little-known alternate arrangement for the Dewey Decimal System's religion section (200's), which organizes subjects more equitably by chronology and geography, rather than centering on Christianity. We'll talk about our implementation, and provide all the tools you need..

Legal Reference on the Spot: Guiding NY Patrons with Confidence

Speaker(s): Michele Coolbeth, Laura Hankin, Chris Lund

Public access law libraries their staff provide legal reference services to all users, attorneys and non-attorneys alike. At this session, attendees will learn about these libraries' free legal resources and assistance (available in person, by telephone, and via email and live chat) that can help patrons navigate their legal issues.

Libraries Disrupting Youth Incarceration

Speaker(s): Carrie Banks, Jill Anderson

Authors of The Library's Guide to Understanding and Interrupting the School-to-Prison present programs and services to support youth impacted the criminal justice system. Learn about the school-to-prison pipeline, how to support youth to keep them from being incarcerated, how to work with youth while they are incarcerated, and how to facilitate their reentry.

Library of Things: Budget Friendly to Big Time

Speaker(s): Michelle Samuel, Rebecca Albert

Whether you have a small or large Library of Things, or none at all, participants will leave with ideas on how to make the most of existing resources, a list of great starter items, and inspiration for dream items.

Malcolm Hill Lecture: Becoming a Learning Leader

Speaker(s): Ryan Hawk

Ryan Hawk, author of The Score That Matters, The Pursuit of Excellence, and Welcome to Management, distills the commonalities of sustained excellence from the 650+ leaders he's interviewed on his podcast, The Learning Leader Show.

Second Chance High School

Speaker(s): Richard Morbeth, Laura Wolven

Our second chance high school program for people in our district who either lack a diploma or have one that is not accepted in the United States due to the country of origin. This program will describe how to begin such a program at your library, including where to go for funding, recommended partners, and our library's successes and failures.

Trustee Advocacy: A Strategy Sharing Session

Speaker(s): Meghan Huppuch

During this session trustees and their collaborators will engage in small group conversations to learn from one another's efforts to promote their libraries and build relationships in their communities.

Advocating for Silent Needs

Speaker(s): Sine Rofofsky

Those who cannot advocate for themselves are often the community members most in need. Drawing on experience as an educator and librarian for almost 30 years, this interactive session will explore options, tools, and simple and complex changes that can be implemented.

Amazing Animators: Bringing the art of animation to your library

Speaker(s): Brittany Georgalas

Provide programming ideas that will help you develop a monthly animation workshop for children, teens and adults in a library setting.

Books2Business: Libraries as an Economic Catalyst for Growth

Speaker(s): Peter Riffel, Terry Kirchner

Westchester Library System has applied actionable advocacy principles to understand Westchester County-wide and local community small business needs, market the library as an important economic partner to the business community and make investment decisions to complement (not duplicate) existing community-based economic services.

Building Access for All

Speaker(s): Tina Dalton, Cherilyn Wise, Shauna Comes

Whether you're planning a renovation, expansion, or future construction project, this session will equip you with tools and strategies to succeed even with no prior experience.

Experiences of Jewish Library Personnel in Professional Spaces

Speaker(s): Sally Stieglitz, Laurel Scheinfeld

The presenters will share quantitative and qualitative data on microaggressions and antisemitism in library spaces to illustrate where improvements are needed. We will also touch on related issues in building collections, communications with patrons, cataloging, programs, and outreach.

Fostering DEI Initiatives in Rural Communities

Speaker(s): Brian Hildreth, Kelly Povero, Sally Jacoby-Murphy, Erika Jenns, Alex Andrasik

Practicing DEI in rural communities can be challenging where residents may not understand its value. This workshop will highlight collaborative efforts of rural libraries and the library system to foster DEI through meaningful and impactful ways.

Gone Clubbing: Pop-Culture Clubs at the Library

Speaker(s): Barron Angell, Clarisa Rosario-DeGroat, Rosemary Kiladitis

Have you ever wished for a place where you could share your favorite fandoms and games with a group of like-minded people? So have many of your patrons! Join three seasoned library staff as they share their experiences starting and maintaining various types of pop-culture clubs.

Navigating the Future: Embracing Emerging Technologies

Speaker(s): Anthony Giansante, Steve Alcalde, Sara Fade

This program is designed to help library professionals teach emerging technologies and promote digital literacy. The session will cover practical strategies like hands-on workshops, makerspaces, and digital literacy programs, along with the tools and partnerships needed to support them.

Road-mapping Your Success: Building a Professional Development Plan

Speaker(s): S. Michele Echols

This workshop will equip attendees with the tools and knowledge to create a robust professional development plan tailored to their career aspirations. Attendees will receive a digital workbook/journal to guide their brainstorming and facilitate the development of their personalized professional development plan.

Seeds of Collaboration: Growing a Partnership

Speaker(s): Amanda Primiano, Catherine Gardner

Learn how four public libraries and one school district partnered to rolled out a district wide public library card distribution project expanding access to resources and promoting lifelong learning.

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StoryTeen: Engaging Teens to Offer Storytime and Support Early Literacy

Speaker(s): Karen Keys, Rachel G. Payne, Jessica Ralli

Discover StoryTeen, Brooklyn Public Library's unique teen internship program, where young adults explore early literacy practices, the art of creating storytime, and careers in early childhood education and librarianship.

The Impact of Library Social Work

Speaker(s): Antonia Bruno, MSW, Leah Topek-Walker, DSWc, LCSW-R

Stony Brook University School of Social Welfare current working across Long Island with thirty partner libraries. The rapid growth of the program is a demonstration of the unique ways in which library social work meets critical needs of communities and library staff.

The Show Must Go On: Finding a Path Forward After a Failed Funding Vote

Speaker(s): Krista Briggs

In this session we will explore an example of what life looks like for a municipal public library after the battle for sustainable funding has been lost.

A Good Librarian's Guide to Teens

Speaker(s): Katie Smith

Join us to learn tips and tricks for attracting teens to your programs with easy outreach initiatives, ways to freshen up teen spaces in your library, and programming ideas tested and tweaked by teens at Wood Library.

Building Community Through Library Drumming Programs

Speaker(s): Kali Nagler, Chelsie Henderson

Touching on the concept of "Library of Things" collections, this workshop will provide insight into the acquisition of 12 djembe drums, the process that has evolved for circulating the drums and the various ways the drums are used in library programs and loaned out to organizations for other events and activities.

Closing the Digital Literacy Divide - Technology Services for Seniors

Speaker(s): Melanie Davidoff, Meaghan Barbari

In this talk, we'll discuss our model of closing this digital literacy divide, which includes a mix of one-on-one assistance, group instruction, and homebound visits. We'll cover resources you can use to assist in creating your own digital literacy programs.

Collaborative Health Advocacy: Transforming Communities Together

Speaker(s): Sharon Palmer, Louisa Lebwohl, Joanne Kelly

Through collaborations with healthcare providers, clinics, and medical professionals, communities gain access to essential care and services that might otherwise be out of reach. By working together, stakeholders can address the root causes of health disparities, ensuring that everyone has an opportunity to achieve optimal health that is accessible and inclusive for all.

J'accuse! Imposteur! Directing with Imposter Syndrome

Speaker(s): Jessica Pacciotti

Imposter Syndrome, what it is and how to continue to do your job while dealing with it? Practical advice will be provided from a person who has also dealt with these challenges. This program will focus on how to work as a library director while dealing with Imposter Syndrome from a layman's perspective.

Let's Talk Intelligence, Artificially!

Speaker(s): Melissa Desir

Join your fellow library workers at this table talk to share and discuss how AI can be used as a tool to better serve our communities. Let's share insights, ask questions and learn how public libraries are navigating AI.

Protecting Our Communities Through Legal Self-Empowerment

Speaker(s): Pat Malone, M. Lettie Dickerson, Laura A. Dwyer, Claudia Carrera

The panel features legal experts who focus on outreach and services to people who are immigrants, LGBTQ+, victims of crime, and more.

Small Spaces, Big Opportunities - Reorganizing to Increase Circulation

Speaker(s): David Vinjamuri, Sarah Murphy

Join New York University professor and author of Library Space Planning: A PLA Guide, David Vinjamuri, and Greenwich Free Public Library Director Sarah Murphy for a lively discussion of space organization and merchandising in small spaces. Advice and examples from small libraries around the country on how to declutter, reorganize, and improve circulation will be offered.

The Care and Keeping of College Students

Speaker(s): Ally True

The needs of college students vary drastically from student to student. While the academic library can provide educational support with books, reference assistance, and databases, it can also be a hub for emotional support.

The Great Give Back: Libraries Supporting Communities

Speaker(s): Derek Ivie, Joanna Goldfarb, Kerstin Cruger, Erica Freudenberger

Find out how to get involved in the next iteration when the New York State Library partners with The Great Give Back to celebrate the America 250's America Gives initiative.

The State of Our Libraries: A Conversation with the State Librarian

Speaker(s): Lauren Moore

Join the State Librarian for a candid discussion on the state of the State Library. We will address funding, policies, and other key issues impacting libraries and their communities. Bring your questions, comments, and ideas as we work together to shape the future of our libraries.

Trustee Handbook Book Club for Directors

Speaker(s): Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Brian Hildreth

Join the Trustee Handbook Book Club team for a "Directors Only" version of the Book Club. This is your chance to ask all the gnarly questions about working with and managing your board that you were afraid to ask during the statewide sessions.

Your Budget is an Advocacy Tool

Speaker(s): Rob Caluori, Jr.

Explore how to utilize the budget process as an advocacy tool to showcase the positive impacts library programs have on the community. The session will promote an open dialogue about presenting programming expenses as community investments while highlighting existing tools and frameworks that have demonstrated effectiveness.

A Crafty Way to Support Sustainability

Speaker(s): Wilma Jozwiak, Diane Madrigal

Learn how Friends, the library's strongest advocacy arm, can provide volunteer engagement and community buy-in as groups assist their libraries working toward achieving certification in the Sustainable Libraries Certification Program.

Building Communities of Learning and Practice for Inclusive Culture

Speaker(s): Adam Mizelle

Come to this session for perspective on how interested staff can build Communities of Learning and Practice at work through workshops, monthly discussion groups, and other formats to reflect on the state of inclusion in your organization and support efforts for anti-racist organizational development.

Building Community Through Shared Stories

Speaker(s): Margaux DelGuidice-Calemmo

Discover how schools and public libraries can foster literacy, engagement, and connection through a community read program. This session will provide practical strategies for selecting impactful books, organizing engaging events, and encouraging meaningful discussions among readers of all ages.

Cardholder Signup Policies: Access in Practice

Speaker(s): Amy Mikel, Stephanie Cole Adams

This session will review key recommendations and strategies for updating cardholder registration through a new policy framework developed by a national working group and guidance specific to New York State laws and regulations.

Creative Tech Solutions for Tight Budgets

Speaker(s): Steve Alcalde, Anthony Giansante, Dave Jones

Engage with real-world examples and case studies from libraries that have successfully implemented low-cost tech programs. Leave equipped with actionable ideas to enhance your library's tech offerings and make a lasting impact in your community.

Difficult Topics, Difficult Times, Creative Programming

Speaker(s): Anthony Giansante, Steve Alcalde, Sara Fade

"Messages From Survivors" is a poignant storytelling exhibit about one Jewish family's experiences from the Holocaust into the 21st century. We will discuss how SALS made the exhibit available to libraries in its region, the challenges the library addressed and the partnerships that brought a community together and generated respectful conversations across generations.

Do Digital Readers Make a Sound?

Speaker(s): S. Michele Echols

The Nassau Library System gave their OverDrive users a voice via a targeted survey, the results of which shed light on how they perceive and interact with digital and physical library environments, it also generated valuable budgetary, user experience, and marketing insights. Discover how the team at NLS put it together and what they learned from the process.

Enhance Library Programming Using Community Members

Speaker(s): Tony Iovino

Develop informative and entertaining programming, at little to no cost, using members of your community as presenters. Learn how to successfully partner with businesses, non-profits, health care providers, hobbyists, colleges, and others to create innovative, cost-effective programming.

Libraries as Allies: Strengthening LGBTQIA+ Connections

Speaker(s): Alex Giresi, Katie Brand, James Grzybowski, Kaye Spurrell

Discover how libraries can cultivate strong, lasting partnerships with local LGBTQIA+ organizations, advocacy groups, and schools to create meaningful connections within the community.

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Neurodivergent Library Experiences: Promoting Inclusivity

Speaker(s): Sine Rofofsky, Lauren Lestremou Allen

In this session, we will explore neurodivergence and how one's neurodivergence may alter their experiences within and with libraries. Using real-life examples and experiences, participants will gain a first-person view of some of these roadblocks to library accessibility, equity, and inclusion.

Popular Culture & Your School Library: Infusing Lessons With Media Students Know and Love

Speaker(s): Arianna Grassia

Workshop attendees will be given ideas for how to bring popular media into their school library lessons. The lessons will be focused around media literacy and encouraging reading.

Public Library Standards = Advocacy Tool

Speaker(s): Terry Kirchner

When trustees complete the NYS annual report and verify that their public library does or does not meet minimum library standards, the foundation for community advocacy has been laid. This program will demonstrate ways to take each of the standards and use it as a framework to showcase your libraries funding needs and to build community support.

Surviving Year One: New Director Edition

Speaker(s): Kelsey Hall, Timothy Furgal

Two new library directors will discuss their paths to leadership, how to navigate change and politics when you're new in town, personnel management, building relationships with your Board and community members, how to get up to speed on construction projects you didn't start, and stress management for mortals.

Ultimate Library Outreach Playbook! Community & Schools

Speaker(s): Melanie Davidoff, Meaghan Barbari

Listen to the incredible story of Sachem Public Library's partnerships and collaborations beyond the library's walls. Community engagement focuses on collaborating with school districts, school librarians, and community organizations to enhance our visibility, increase library cardholders, and boost library usage.

Celebrating Diversity Through Children's Multilingual Story-Time

Speaker(s): Eba Klindt, Elizabeth Rosales Cordova

With attacks on DEI nationally, it is more important than ever for rural libraries to identify ways they can support the diverse families within their communities. In this presentation, we unravel how our library responded to the limited spaces and activities that recognize and celebrate the cultural and language diversity in our rural community.

Centering Teens in the Fight Against Censorship: Books Unbanned Teen Advocacy Toolkit

Speaker(s): Emma Karin Eriksson, Karen Keys

Hear directly from teen interns about their experience developing civic engagement skills and becoming strong library advocates. Attendees will have an opportunity to share their experiences with library censorship and engaging teens in the fight for intellectual freedom. They will also receive printed activities pulled from the toolkit and information on where to download the full kit.

Empowering Library Staff: Resources and Strategies for Supporting Deaf Patrons

Speaker(s): Julie Zimmermann, Celeste Curry

Aimed at library professionals, this session will cover effective communication tools, accessibility best practices, and community engagement techniques to ensure an inclusive library environment. Attendees will learn about innovative technologies, useful partnerships, and hands-on approaches to better support Deaf individuals.

FLS Showcase: Spotlight on Friends!

Speaker(s): Lisa Wemett, Rebecca Verhayden, Elaine Dunne, Lori Farrell, Ellen Burns

If you are shopping around for successful Friends initiatives, you'll pick up some great finds here! In these poster sessions, hear a 15-minute presentation by each of three participating Friends groups focusing on the volunteer support and projects at their libraries, followed by a question and answer session.

How You Can Empower Teens Through Internships

Speaker(s): Yosenex Orenge, Jackson Gomes

Attendees will hear from former interns who now have careers at our library system and learn how to create or adapt similar internships at their libraries, develop training curriculum for interns, and tips on how to turn library staff into teen mentors.

Judged by the Covers: Organize, Advocate, and Overcome

Speaker(s): Steve Alcalde, Casey Golda, Erin Kanelos

A panel of public librarians representing Adult, Teen, and Children's Departments, will explore strategies to counteract book challenges, bans, and board infiltrations in libraries. Participants will gain access to a comprehensive online toolkit, providing digital resources for effectively addressing these challenges and engaging with advocacy groups

Outreach and Marketing: The Student Perspective

Speaker(s): Melody Palmer, Sophie Bartlett

Involving students in library marketing can provide a lot of new fresh ideas to the library space. This presentation will cover how social media can be used to better promote library resources with an emphasis on short-form video content.

Transforming Library Spaces by Exhibiting Art

Speaker(s): Haifa Bint-Kadi, Aliya Moudud

Our program will describe how exhibiting art in the library can enhance its cultural role in the community and create an environment that is uplifting, inviting, and inspirational for library visitors and employees.

Building Character Through Stories: Empowering Young Minds to Grow, Learn

Speaker(s): Kit Elstad, Jamie Erickson

In this session participants will see and experience how we pair storytelling with self-reflection and group activities to create opportunities for children to internalize lessons and apply them in real-world situations, strengthening their character and social skills.

Collaborative Social Media Marketing for the Friends

Speaker(s): Lisa Totaro, Amanda Menneto

Marketing initiatives involving social media and local media outlets can greatly increase awareness of both the Friends and the libraries they support. Learn what is most effective in reinvigorating your organization's membership, keeping your volunteers engaged, maintaining financial support from donors, and bringing new patrons to the library.

Creating Community Connections with a Prom Pop-Up

Speaker(s): Jenna Wright, Debora Millson

Create your own formal wear attire give-away at your Library. Learn what worked and didn't work for us and how we used our Prom Pop-Ups to foster relationships with community organizations and our local high schools.

Freedom to Read Storytimes: Banned Books in Story Times for Young Children

Speaker(s): Rachel G. Payne, Jessica Ralli

Participants will leave with resources like: Banned Book Story Time plans, tips for handling pushback, strategies for addressing challenges to content, and plans for family anti-censorship activities. Participants will learn through active participation, story time demos, and will leave with tools, including a "Family Toolkit to Fight Book Bans."

Intellectual Freedom Bootcamp for School Librarians

Speaker(s): Ginger Tebo

Learn to confidently defend the rights of students and educators and champion intellectual freedom in your school. This workshop will provide you with the tools and knowledge needed to effectively advocate for intellectual freedom.

Level up! Public Library + High School Connection = Teen Readers

Speaker(s): Noreen Devine, Z Baird

Public libraries and local high schools can build strong, collaborative relationships to engage students within their peer groups and build a foundation for a lifelong love of reading. Explore possibilities from informal partnerships to fully-integrated services, and walk away with ideas to make the most of your partnership.

Storytelling & Literacy in ASL for Librarians

Speaker(s): Jessica Berrins

Storytelling & Literacy in ASL is an engaging and hands-on workshop tailored for children's librarians who want to enrich their storytime experiences with American Sign Language (ASL). This program explores the powerful connection between visual language and literacy development, offering practical strategies for incorporating ASL into everyday storytimes.

STREAM Storytime: Full STREAM Ahead - Tips and Experiments to Get Started

Speaker(s): Nancy Wissman

This program will focus on providing ready-to-use themes and projects for librarians to get started in developing their own STREAM storytimes. Simple projects will be demonstrated and related booklists and useful websites will be distributed.

Strengthening Community Connections: Friends Groups in Library Advocacy

Speaker(s): Alicia Pritchard, Nicole Bryan, Sharon Palmer, LaMeane Isaac

Friends of the Library groups are invaluable advocates, providing essential support, fundraising efforts, and community engagement that enhance library services. Attendees will obtain practical tools to empower their Friends groups, amplify their impact, and create lasting change by supporting libraries and the communities they serve.

Classification Systems & the Valorization of Information

Speaker(s): Aubrey Aubrey Slaterpryce

How can tabletop gaming enhance your library programming? Join us to find out! We'll discuss gaming in our libraries, price, accessibility and age appropriateness... and then you'll get to play a variety of games we'll have available to you. Card games, board games, we'll have something for everyone.

Tabletop Games to Try Before You Buy!

Speaker(s): Rosemary Kiladitis, Barron Angell, Arielle Hessler, Melissa Tidd

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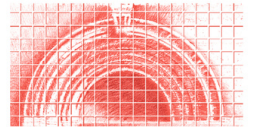
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