

Pennsylvania Library Association

Annual Conference

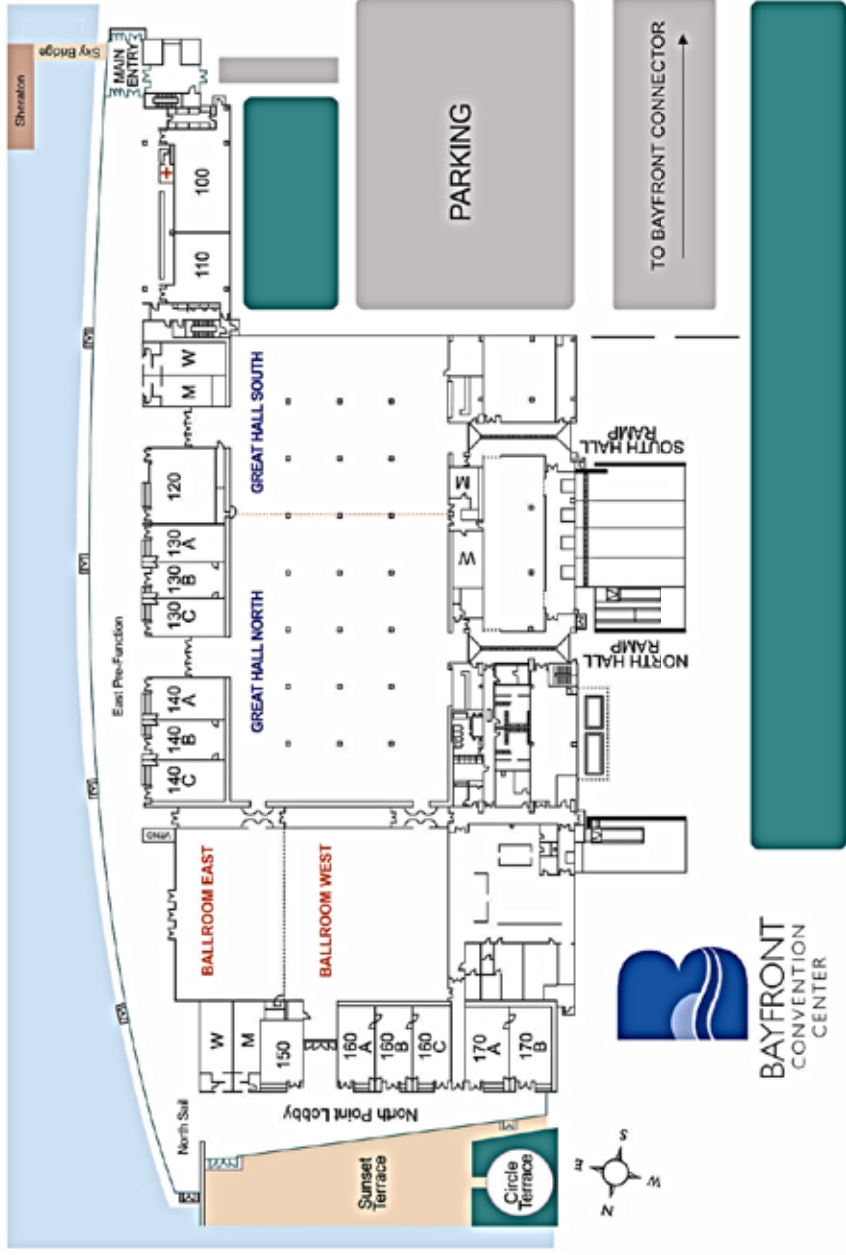
Bayfront Convention Center - Erie, PA

October 19-22, 2025



**Raising Library Spirits
Uplifting the Future**

Bayfront Convention Center Layout





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PaLA Registration Desk

Entry Hall, Bayfront Convention Center

Sunday, Oct. 19.....9:00AM – 5:00PM

Monday, Oct. 20.....8:00AM – 5:00PM

Tuesday, Oct. 21.....8:00AM – 5:00PM

Wednesday, Oct. 22.....8:00AM – 12:00PM

Exhibits

Great Hall North

Sunday, Oct. 19.....Set-up

Monday, Oct. 20.....12:30PM – 5:30PM

Tuesday, Oct. 21.....9:30AM – 2:30PM

Wednesday, Oct. 22.....Closed

Exhibitor Registration

Entrance, Great Hall North

Sunday, Oct. 19.....5:00PM – 7:00PM

Monday, Oct. 20.....8:00AM – 12:00PM

**The desk will also be staffed during exhibit hours to assist with exhibitor needs.*

PaLA Store

Exhibit Hall, Great Hall North

Sunday, Oct. 19.....Set-up

Monday, Oct. 20.....12:30PM – 5:30PM

Tuesday, Oct. 21.....9:30AM – 2:30PM

Wednesday, Oct. 22.....Closed

Local Information Table (Self-service)

Entry Hall, Bayfront Convention Center

Poster Sessions

East Pre-Function

Monday, Oct. 20.....2:15PM – 3:15PM

Tuesday, Oct. 21.....10:00AM – 11:00AM
1:00PM – 2:00PM

PaLA Headquarters Offices/AV Room

Room 150

Badge Emblems

A blue ribbon on a badge indicates a new PaLA member. **Please welcome them!**

Monitoring of Events

Meeting and social events will be monitored. **Please wear your registration badge at all times.** A registration badge or “exhibits only” pass is required for entrance to the Exhibit Hall.

Anti-Harassment Policy

PaLA is dedicated to providing a harassment-free conference experience for everyone, regardless of gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race or religion. We do not tolerate harassment of or by conference participants in any form. Conference participants violating these rules may be sanctioned or expelled from the conference without compensation or refund of registration fees, at the discretion of the conference management.

Smoking

Smoking is not permitted.

Conference Evaluation Forms

General conference evaluations will be solicited online through Survey Monkey. The form will be available online after the conference via a link that will be emailed to all conference attendees.

Individual session evaluation forms will be collected electronically via Google forms. Look for the link on the conference mobile app. In addition, the URL and QR code will be posted at the entrance to the session rooms. We look forward to your input! The deadline for evaluations is **October 31, 2025.**



President's Welcome

Welcome to the 2025 Pennsylvania Library Association Conference in beautiful Erie!

This year's theme, *"Raising Library Spirits – Uplifting the Future,"* celebrates the energy and resilience that define our profession. As we gather on the shores of Lake Erie, we're reminded of the power of libraries to lift lives, spark ideas, and build stronger communities.

Whether you're here to learn, connect, or simply recharge, I hope this conference fills you with inspiration and pride. Thank you for all you do—and for being part of this vibrant library family.

I invite you to join me for the **President's Opening Keynote** with the inspiring Shamichael Hallman, whose message will set the tone for an uplifting week. Don't forget to wear your favorite costume or conference T-shirt and join me Tuesday evening for the fun and festive **Meet & Treat**. And be sure to stay through the **Closing Breakfast Keynote**, where Nick Tanzi will remind us why the library's value only grows in the age of AI.

Let's raise our spirits and uplift the future—together.

Karla Trout
2025 President • Pennsylvania Library Association

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Under the direction of 2nd Vice-President/2025 Conference Chair, Robyn Vittek, the 2025 Conference Committee is comprised of a group of dedicated library professionals who have worked to provide quality educational programming, engaging interaction and a successful conference experience for all.

PaLA 2nd VP/2025 Conference Chair: Robyn Vittek, Mt. Lebanon Public Library	PaLA Store: <i>Chair:</i> Evonne Loomis, Northampton Community College <i>Committee Member:</i> Rachel Stevenson, Erie County Public Library
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Exhibits: <i>Co-Chairs:</i> Ed Wolf, Hosting Solutions & Library Consulting (HSLC) and Jennifer Knisely, Altoona Area Public Library <i>Committee Members:</i> Alice Conyers Jones, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh; Molly Haines, Bibliotheca; Mary Monaghan, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh; David Payne, Avon Grove Library	Publicity: <i>Co-Chairs:</i> Alyssa Loney, Scranton Public Library and Rachel Stevenson, Erie County Public Library
	Registration: <i>Chair:</i> Heather Weleski, Avalon Public Library <i>Committee Members:</i> Catherine Assenti, Clairton Public Library; Melissa Schultz, Slippery Rock Community Library; Molly Wolf, Widener University
Fundraising/Sponsorship: <i>Co-Chairs:</i> Adam Haigh, Lower Merion Library System, Anny Laepple, Delaware County Library System and Denise Sticha, Centre County Museum & Historical Society	Signage: <i>Chair:</i> Claire Williams, Huntingdon County Library <i>Committee Members:</i> Maria Lagasca, Dauphin County Library System; Jennifer Woolstrum, Baden Memorial Library
Local Authors: <i>Co-Chairs:</i> Karl Rebon, Reynoldsville Public Library and Lisa Schmittle, York County Libraries <i>Committee Members:</i> Kati Coleman, Northland Public Library; Eric Meisberger, Mt. Lebanon Public Library	Technical Arrangements: <i>Co-Chairs:</i> Jessica Miller, Cleve J Fredricksen Library and Becky Wanamaker, Reading Library District <i>Committee Members:</i> Chris Gmitter, Township of Upper St. Clair; Chad Gump, Citizens Library & District Center; Mary Porter, Indian Valley Public Library; Claire Williams, Huntingdon County Library; Leigh-Anne Yacovelli, The Franklin Institute
Local Information & Special Events: <i>Co-Chairs:</i> Jessica Church and Jessica Spitulski, Erie County Public Library <i>Committee Members:</i> Melissa Froah, Corry Public Library; Russel Hall, Penn State Erie; Sarah McCall, Penn West University	Volunteer Coordinators: <i>Co-Chairs:</i> Roane Lytle, Williamsburg Public Library and Wendy McClure, Human Resources Specialist

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Library Friends Group Contributors

The Pennsylvania Library Association would like to thank the following groups who have provided support for coffee and refreshment breaks during the conference. The informal networking opportunities provided by these breaks are excellent vehicles for idea-sharing and relationship-building among librarians and are an important element of a successful conference experience.

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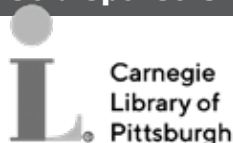
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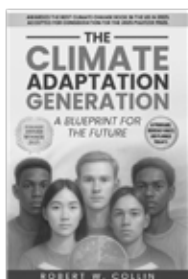
Additionally, the Office of Commonwealth Libraries has identified thirty-eight (38) sessions that meet the requirements for ACT 48 credit. These sessions are identified with an ACT 48 icon. ACT 48 credits must be earned by those desiring to maintain their teaching certification.

Continuing Education and ACT 48 vouchers will be distributed at the conclusion of each session and should be turned in at the Registration Desk at the conclusion of your conference attendance. CE certificates, noting the number of credit hours, will be sent to attendees after the conference.

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Award-Winning Climate Books by Robert W. Collin



The Climate Adaptation Generation: A Blueprint for the Future

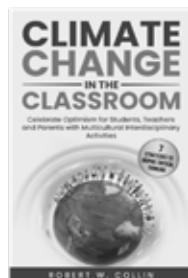
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Pre-Conference Activities

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Off-site

Sierra Club Partnership Hike at Presque Isle State Park

Fawn Contreras, Head of Youth Services, Valley Community Library
Dean Eichen, Lake Erie Sierra Club Volunteer, PA Sierra Club Outing Leader,

Join members from the local Sierra Club on a casual hike at Presque Isle State Park to network and discover more program ideas centered in nature while enjoying the beauty of one of our State Parks. Enjoy the shores of Lake Erie on this easy mile-long walk. Participants will learn how similar outings and partnering with the Sierra Club in their area could work.

**Participants should meet at the Local Information table for carpooling to Presque Isle.*

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Room 100

Governor's Advisory Council (GAC) Meeting

The Governor's Advisory Council on Library Development, established by the Library Code, offers advice and recommendations to the Governor, the Secretary of Education and the State Librarian in areas relating to general policies and operations of the State Library and the Commonwealth's library program. Council members represent library trustees, librarians and lay advocates.

Annual Conference Sessions & Events

12:30 PM - 4:30 PM

*East Pre-Function***Refreshment Break**

Welcome to Erie! Enjoy a complimentary beverage as sessions begin!

**Sponsored by Visit Erie & Erie Insurance Giving Network*

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

*Room 100***Governor's Advisory Council on Library Development Open Forum**

Mary Garm, Chair of the Governor's Advisory Council on Library Development

Dale Hamby, Vice Chair of the GAC

Allison Mackley, Executive Committee of the GAC

Susan Banks, Deputy Secretary, Commissioner for Libraries & State Librarian

The Governor's Advisory Council (GAC) Open Forum is a chance for the twelve-member appointed group to communicate with the library field. Attendees can use this opportunity to ask questions and engage with the GAC about the work of the Council and its Committees.

*Room 120***Facilitating Successful Visual Arts Programs for Adults at Your Library**

Tisa Ott, Adult Services Librarian, Penn Hills Library

Attendees will learn how they can effectively develop, plan, and execute visual arts programs for adults. Obtain practical models, strategies, and project ideas to inspire your library's art initiatives.

*Room 170***Intro to Teen Volunteers****Jennifer Farmerie**, Head of Children's Services, Sewickley Public Library**Casey Heckman**, Teen Services Librarian, Sewickley Public Library

Gain skills to engage with Teen Volunteers within their communities. Learn how to utilize Forms to streamline registration, management, and communication. Explore strategies for executing teen volunteer training sessions. Use CANVA to create volunteer schedules and track hours. Discover best practices for recognizing and celebrating the achievements of teen volunteers.

*Room 140BC***Making Cents Of Games: Using Games To Fundraise****Kati Coleman**, Adult Services Program Librarian, Northland Public Library

Learn about fun game and trivia events you can hold as fundraisers, along with examples of ways to ask for donations during existing programs and events.

*Room 160***Research & Write with Generative AI****Denise A. Wetzel**, Science & Engineering Librarian, PSU Libraries

Explore methods to leverage generative artificial intelligence (AI) tools that can enhance your research and writing. Beginning with effective prompt writing, the session moves into a review and comparison of multiple tools that support literature searching and literature reviewing. It concludes with tools that support efficient writing workflows.

*Room 130***Sensory Rich Environment for Early Childhood Programs****Julene Diaz**, Director, Alexander Hamilton Memorial Free Library**Beth Steinman**, M.Ed., Program Coordinator, Alexander Hamilton Memorial Free Library

Story exploration, a fun way to share literacy and learning by partnering pictures books with thematic sensory play.

1:00 PM - 3:15 PM (DOUBLE SESSION)

Room 140A

Horrors of the Pen: How Authors Write Stories that Scare!

Clare Beams, author

Jessica Warman, author

Leslie J. Anderson, author

Join us for a haunting afternoon with three authors who write with the scary in mind. Jessica Warman, who is the author of an ALA Best Book for Young Adult's *Breathless*, *Where the Truth Lies*, and the bestselling *Repeat After Me*; Clare Beams, the author of the short story collection *We Show What We Have Learned*, *The Illness Lesson*, and *The Garden*; and Leslie J. Anderson, author of the poetry collection of *Take This to Space* and the novel *The Unmothers*.

**Books may be purchased and autographed during the final 30 minutes of the session.*

2:15 PM - 3:15 PM

Room 130

The Art of Small Talk and Other Networking Skills

Amy C. Resh, Chief Executive Officer & Director, James V. Brown Library

Robbin Degeratu, Assistant Director, James V. Brown Library

If the idea of making small talk with an elected official, heading to a conference alone, or actually delivering your elevator pitch gives you anxiety, you're not alone. Join us to build a foundation of basic networking skills that will give you confidence and project professionalism in any setting. Come to the session prepared to interact with other attendees (we know, we know – but there's no time like the present to start practicing).



Room 120

Future Focused: Designing a ChatGPT Workshop for First Year University Students

Beth Transue, Information Literacy Librarian, Messiah University

This session will provide a case study about designing an interactive workshop about generative artificial intelligence, focusing on ChatGPT, for first year university students. Participants will engage in several of the interactive activities to determine how well the workshop might work in their specific settings.

**Sponsored by University Library System, University of Pittsburgh*

Room 170

Leveraging Public Media to Spark Engagement

Gina Masciola, Program Director, WQED

Liz Kostandinu, Learning and Education Manager, Fred Rogers Productions

This session helps librarians explore connections with local PBS stations, highlighting national documentaries, community stories, multimedia experiences, and engagement opportunities through partnerships with local stations.

Room 140BC

Make New Friends - But Keep the Old.

Retention and Recruitment to Keep Friends Strong

Denise Sticha, President, Pennsylvania Citizens for Better Libraries (PCBL); Executive Director, Centre County Library and Historical Museum

Susan Tracy, Vice-President, Pennsylvania Citizens for Better Libraries (PCBL); President, Friends of the Mt. Lebanon Library Friends.

Sponsored by Pennsylvania Citizens for Better Libraries, this facilitated panel discussion featuring several Board members, Friends and Library Directors will share best practices for retaining and recruiting Library Friends.

Room 110

Mother Goose on the Loose: More than Just a Storytime**Carrie Sturgill**, Head of Youth Services, Radnor Memorial Library

Mother Goose on the Loose is an engaging infant and toddler storytime method focused on brain development and early literacy. It uses nursery rhymes, music, puppets, and play to promote learning. The session will include an overview, demonstration, and tips on incorporating literacy and developmental skills for caregivers.



Room 160

Tough Interactions:**Preserving Access Rights in Public Service Behavior Response**

Dan Hensley, Coordinator - Staff Training and Development,
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

Wesley Roberts, Manager, Coordinator, Information and Research Services,
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

Library workers must balance patrons' rights to access library services with the reality of dealing with challenging words and behavior. This session discusses the right to access, how to assess behavior, and techniques for preserving order in the library in the face of tough behavior.

3:30 PM - 4:45 PM

Ballroom East

**Opening Keynote Session: Libraries and the Communities
We Build Together: Celebrating Impact and Inspiring Action**

Shamichael Hallman, Director of Civic Health and Economic Opportunity,
Urban Libraries Council



In this keynote, Shamichael Hallman, author of *Meet Me at the Library*, will celebrate the profound impact librarians have on their communities while inspiring action toward a brighter future. Attendees will leave with a renewed appreciation of their essential role and the inspiration to continue building vibrant, connected communities.

**Sponsored by Association of Pennsylvania Public Library Systems (APPLS)*

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

*North Sail & Sunset Terrace/North Point Lobby***Welcome Reception**

All conference participants are invited to enjoy light hors d'oeuvres during this informal "getting to know you" event. Network and learn more about association activities and look for your chapter's table to connect with colleagues from your region.

*A bar will be available for alcoholic beverages. (debit/credit card purchases only)

* *Sponsored by Pennsylvania Integrated Library System (PaILS)*

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

*Off-site, Area Restaurants***Chapter Dine Outs**

Join your fellow chapter members for some informal networking and fun as you share a meal at a local restaurant.

**Pre-registration required via individual chapter sign-ups.*

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Erie County Public Library - Hirt Auditorium
**Sneak Peek of "The American Revolution" the Landmark Documentary
by Ken Burns**

Gina Masciola, Program Director, WQED

Dr. Benjhamin Scharff, Associate Professor of History, Mercyhurst University

Join us for a free preview of *The American Revolution*, a landmark documentary to premier on PBS on November 16. This 12-Hour series will offer an expansive, even-handed look at the virtues and the contradictions in the fight for independence and the birth of the United States. Dr. Benjhamin Scharff, past president of the Pennsylvania Historical Association and Associate Professor of History, Mercyhurst University will lead a Q&A session after the film. Dr. Scharff is a historian whose research interests and expertise are in colonial America and the Revolutionary War.

**Sponsored by WQED*

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

Registration Desk, Entry Hall, Bayfront Convention Center.....	8:00AM – 5:00PM
Local Information Table, Entry Hall, Bayfront Convention Center.....	Self-service
Exhibit Hall, Great Hall North.....	12:30PM – 5:30PM
PaLA Store, Located in the exhibit hall, Great Hall North.....	12:30PM – 5:30PM
Poster Sessions, East Pre-Function.....	2:15PM – 3:15PM

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM

Ballroom West

Coffee & Un-Conference Discussions

Start your day with a light breakfast and conversation with fellow attendees about the previous day's sessions.

**Sponsored by Friends Groups from around the state. See page 7 for a list of contributing groups.*

Room 160

Technical Services Round Table (TSRT) Business Meeting

Bethann Rea, Chair, TSRT

Updates on TSRT activities.

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Room 170

Championing Freedom: Libraries as Guardians of Intellectual Freedom and Social Justice

Heather Lindsfold, Information & Community Education Librarian,
Altoona Area Public Library

Kate Cummings, Research and Instruction Librarian, University of Scranton



This session will examine the intersection of intellectual freedom and social justice, as well as provide some of the historical context of libraries as advocates for social justice. We will discuss current challenges and present strategies for raising spirits and prevailing in the face of injustice.

*Room 140A***Growing Communities with Seed Libraries****Syd Krawiec**, Program and Outreach Coordinator,
Peters Township Public Library

Seed libraries exist to help distribute and save seeds in a public arena. What is a seed library? How do you use it for statistics? Where do you find seeds? Learn the basics, regulations, and resources available to help you evaluate and establish a seed library in your community.

*Room 160***Voracious Readers' Advisory: How to Satisfy (Hopefully!)
the Insatiable Reader****Mary Ann Lewis**, Library Director, Barrett Paradise Friendly Library
Lynn Vroman, Adult Services Coordinator, Barrett Paradise Friendly Library

This session explores how a collaborative staff effort and creative thinking can keep an avid reader engaged when they've read all your "go-to" recommendations. It offers strategies, resources, and tips for meeting the needs of insatiable readers, whether tech-savvy or traditional, with an opportunity to share library practices.

*Room 120***You Can Do It!: A Roadmap to Earning Your PA Forward® Gold Star in One Year****Rob Leshner**, PA Forward® Program Manager, PaLA
Megan Marks, Director, Margaret R. Grundy Memorial Library
Stacie Klemm, Library Assistant, Cambridge Springs Public Library

You've heard about PA Forward®, but maybe it seems like a lot of extra work. Perhaps you work in a small library and think it's not possible to achieve Gold Star status with your staffing and budget. But it doesn't have to be that way! In this session, we will discuss how to use PA Forward® branding to promote what you already do. This way, you can better communicate the value of your library to stakeholders and earn your Gold Star without breaking a sweat.

9:00 AM - 11:15 AM (DOUBLE SESSIONS)

*Room 140BC***2025 Carolyn L. Smith Best Practices Awards Presentations**

Rachel Fecho, Children's Librarian, William Jeanes Memorial Library;
Chair, 2025 Best Practices Committee

Sabrina Llewellyn, Programs Coordinator, Pike County Public Library;
Vice-Chair, 2025 Best Practices Committee

Jennifer Woolstrum, Director, Baden Memorial Library; Member,
2025 Best Practices Committee

Karl Rebon, Director, Reynoldsville Public Library; Member,
2025 Best Practices Committee

Join us to honor the 2024 winners of the Best Practices Awards. Be inspired as we highlight and recognize the impactful programming libraries provide to youth of all ages throughout Pennsylvania each year. The David J. Roberts EXCEL Award will also be presented.

*Room 130***Communication, Compliance and Compassion - the Cornerstones of HR Best Practices**

Grace Bradley Kelly, MBA, SPHR, AWI-CH, HR Consultant,
RC Kelly Law Associates

Matt Jandrisavitz, Esq., Attorney, RC Kelly Law Associates

This engaging and informative workshop will delve into the key pillars of effective HR management—Communication, Compliance, and Compassion—and how they collectively contribute to building a strong organizational culture and effective workplace practices.

10:15 AM - 11:15 AM

*Room 170***Dare to be Different: Crafting Exciting Adult Programs at the Library****Jennifer M. Koch**, Director, North Wales Area Library

Join us for a dynamic session on crafting innovative adult programs that break the mold! Discover creative offsite book clubs, BYOB events, and community collaborations. Engage in lively discussions and hands-on activities that inspire fresh ideas, making your library a fun and inviting space for all!

*Room 120***Health Programming at Your Library: Project Ideas, Resources, and Opportunities****Michael Balkenhol**, Engagement Coordinator, University of Pittsburgh Health Sciences Library System

Join this session to learn about how libraries have responded to various community health needs through health outreach and programming. Project ideas explored will include nutrition, telehealth, mental health, and more. Attendees will leave this session with examples of practical project ideas, partnership strategies, and funding opportunities.

*Room 160***Reanimate Your Teaching: Raising Student Spirits By Utilizing the Backward Design Process****Emily Reed**, Reference and Instruction Librarian, Penn State University Libraries

This session will focus on the three steps of the Backward Design process developed by Wiggins and McTighe. Participants will practice designing goals, assessments, and learning experiences for common library instruction requests. Benefits and challenges of using the Backward Design process for different formats of library instruction will be discussed.



Room 140A

You Don't Need a Title to be a Leader**Matthew Ciszek**, Library Director, Penn State Behrend

Common myths about leadership will be debunked and attendees will learn how to develop their leadership potential, discover new resources and tools for leadership development, and build a foundation for continued leadership development.

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Room 130

A Library of Great Big Feelings**Activities with Children's Author Hallee Adelman****Hallee Adelman**, Children's Book Author

In a world of book banning, librarians deserve support from authors and community. Join children's book author, Hallee Adelman, for programming ideas and empowering tools like "Power Pose" posters and the "Librarian's Guide to Feelings, Fun, and FREADom," that help readers experience the library as a fun and restorative space.

**The authors books can be purchased and autographed at the PaLA Store in the exhibit hall after the Carolyn W. Field Award Luncheon.*



Room 120

Accessible Reading for All:**Supporting Your Library Youth with LAMP**

Laura Hughes, Youth Services Librarian, LAMP/Library of Accessible Media for Pennsylvanians

LAMP/Library of Accessible Media for Pennsylvanians staff will share information on how to connect your youth patrons with accessible library services.





Room 170

**Information Literacy for Real Life:
Debunking TikTok Videos with Library Resources**

Sheli Pratt-McHugh, R&I Librarian for Technology & Outreach,
University of Scranton

This session will examine social media and confirmation bias and highlight an activity that was integrated into information literacy sessions to help students critically evaluate the messaging on sites like TikTok and Instagram.

Room 140A

Rural Library Forum: Pennsylvania Rural Population Revitalization Commission

Representative, County Commissioner Association of Pennsylvania

Rural Libraries and supporters will have the opportunity to learn about the work of the Pennsylvania Rural Population Revitalization Commission and have an opportunity to comment on the work and impact the findings.

Room 140BC

Safety by Design

Richard Ortmeier, Partner, Bostwick Design Partnership
Meagan Dutczak, Associate, Bostwick Design Partnership
Brian Scullion, Safety & Security Manager, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh
Matt Ciszek, Library Director, John M Lilley Library, Penn State Behrend

Your library wants to be inviting, beautiful, and a safe haven for your visitors. Learn how 'welcoming' and 'safe' go hand in hand, with effective security solutions working seamlessly with your vision for inviting and inclusive spaces.

Room 160

Thrive in 25: Best Practices in Board Governance

Debra Thompson, President, Strategy Solutions
Jacqui Catrabone, Director, Nonprofit & Community Services, Strategy Solutions

Today, as the pace of change in the world continues to accelerate, our communities need the positive impact of our libraries more than ever. To maximize impact, it is important to be mindful of good leadership practices. Here are some tips to help your

board be more engaged and effective. Doing all 25 things may feel a bit daunting, but adding a few to your board development list can help your board Thrive in '25!

12:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Great Hall North

Library Products & Services Expo

Join us for the ribbon-cutting to officially open the 2025 Library Products & Services Expo. Find out what's new in library design, furnishings, services, equipment and technology all under one roof! Gather raffle tickets from our exhibitors for the prize drawings to begin at 5:00 p.m.

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Great Hall North

Exhibits Grand Opening Lunch

A complimentary walk-around-lunch will kick off the opening of the exhibit hall and offers time to visit the exhibits while enjoying tasty lunch treats.

**Sponsored by Pennsylvania Citizens for Better Libraries*

12:45 PM - 2:15 PM (DOUBLE SESSIONS)

Ballroom East

Carolyn W. Field Award Luncheon

Shaunta Grimes, author

Join the Youth Services Division as we recognize the 2025 Carolyn W. Field award winner - *Here I Am*, by Shaunta Grimes. An honest and uplifting story about learning to live in the body you're born with and the journey to finding oneself. Pennsylvania is setting the bar high for exceptional children's literature and services for our youth - let's celebrate these achievements!

**The book is available for purchase in the PaLA Store after the luncheon, with autographing to take place in the Virco, Inc. booth.*

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Ballroom West

CRD Luncheon: How Neuroinclusive Practices Improve Access for All

Milly Romeijn-Stout, Guest Faculty Member, University of Washington Information School

Informed by current research and the Autism-Ready Libraries project (funded by IMLS), we will identify common barriers faced by autistic patrons and explore how to incorporate key practices of neuroinclusion to improve library access for everyone.

**Sponsored by Penn State University Libraries*

2:15 PM - 3:15 PM

Great Hall North/East Pre-Function

No-Conflict Exhibit Time with Refreshment Break & Poster Presentations

Take a break from formal education settings and enjoy a beverage while strolling among the exhibits to gather information on new library innovations and collect tickets for the exhibit raffle at 5 p.m.

View the posters presented by library colleagues to learn what others are doing that could be replicated in your library! Poster descriptions available on pages 24-26.

**Refreshments sponsored by Clarivate.*

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Let us know how they did!

Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts on the sessions you attended.



Poster Presentation Schedule

AI Usage by Librarians in Western Pennsylvania

Britiny Hommey, Law Librarian at Beaver County Law Library

I collected data to determine if artificial intelligence was being utilized by law librarians and/or their patrons in my local area - and if so, how. This took the format of a poll that was distributed to various types of librarians. The data ranges across the board.

Big Things in Smaller Spaces: The Pollinator Garden at the Williamsburg Public Library

Roane Lytle, Williamsburg Public Library

Using a previously unused area at the side of our library, we installed a pollinator garden featuring native plants.

Hosting a Homeschool Science Fair

Nicole Husbands, Young Adult & Outreach Services Librarian, Indian Valley Public Library

Homeschool science fairs are a low-cost way for libraries to engage homeschooling families. They allow students to demonstrate what they have learned and provide an opportunity for public speaking in a supportive environment. This poster will provide an overview of how to run a science fair for your homeschool community.

Inclusive Summer Reading - Mapped Out

Hope Benson, Head of Children's Services and Outreach for Monroeville Public Library

Alan Rader, Assistant Director, Facilities and Technology for Monroeville Public Library

To make Summer Reading more accessible, we adjusted our strategy to fit our community, creating a way to engage children and caregivers by removing barriers, including limited technological access. We developed an easy-to-follow map that enables children to follow, maintain, and own it with minimal or no adult assistance.

Little Librarians: Library Training Camp for Grade Pre-K to Grade 4

Tiffany Harkleroad, Youth Services Manager, Butler Area Public Library

This children's program series was offered as a weekly program with 5 sessions in April 2025. Each week participants learned some aspect of librarianship as a career option, which also tied into improving their information literacy skills as a library user. Participants earned weekly rewards for doing actual library tasks.

More Than Books: Creating a Culture of Engagement in the Community College Library

Mary Ellen G. Heckman, Dean of Library Services and Learning Resources, Reading Area Community College

Reading Area Community College Library staff wanted to increase engagement with students, staff, and faculty. The college is a smaller, Hispanic-serving institution with a commuter campus and many online students. The engagement efforts have included changes in the physical layout as well as targeting resources, services, and communication methods.

Outreach, Awards and More: Getting to Know the Pennsylvania Center for the Book!

Ellysa Stern Cahoy, Distinguished Librarian and Director, PA CFB, Penn State University Libraries

Casey Sennett, Outreach and Social Media Coordinator, PA CFB

Discover how the Pennsylvania Center for the Book connects with Pennsylvanians through national book awards, educational resources, and literary outreach. Learn how we promote Pennsylvania authors and books, celebrate children's poetry and graphic novels, support family literacy, and help libraries statewide engage communities through reading and cultural programming.

Preservation PopUp!

Joy and Authenticity in a Community Conservation Program

Charles Stuart Kline, Librarian, J. Lewis Crozer Library

True collaboration between libraries and communities requires mutual respect, active listening, and an openness to new perspectives. This poster presentation

explores how a museum and a public library partnered to create Preservation Pop-Up!, a community conservation program that empowers library patrons to steward their own cultural heritage.

Senior Series: Service Information for Seniors and their Caregivers

Meaghann CampBell-Beard, Assistant Director, Spalding Memorial Library

The Spalding Memorial Library Senior Series brings community partners into our Library over a series of weeks to share information specific to the needs of Seniors and their caregivers. Including services, programs, and volunteer opportunities within their community. Attendees receive information from current & past sessions, and more!

Software Selection Made Easy: A Free Toolkit for Libraries

Victoria Freeny, Public Services Coordinator Librarian,
Adams County Library System

Mary Jordan, Head of Technical Services, Hazleton Area Public Library

Discover a free Software Analysis Toolkit developed by one of the 2024 PaLA Leadership Academy groups to simplify software selection. Learn a step-by-step approach, key evaluation criteria, and how to customize comparison tools for your library's needs, making software decisions easier and more confident.

Summer Reading is for Everyone!:

Running a Virtual Summer Reading Program at an Academic Library

Rebecca J. Thompson, Coordinator of Instruction & Reference Services,
Instruction & Reference Librarian, Corgan Library, King's College

How does an academic library engage students during the summer? Host a virtual summer reading challenge! See planning considerations and key takeaways from five years of successful programs that attracted students, faculty, staff, alumni, and outside participants and find inspiration to create your own fun and low-cost summer reading program.

Exhibitor Showcases (20-Minute Sessions)**2:25 PM - 2:45 PM***Room 160***Hale Manufacturing - Library Furniture Since 1907****Erika Romeo**, Vice President, Hale Manufacturing

Hale is a fourth generation family business that has been making library furniture since 1907. This presentation will showcase various library furniture products. Erika and her team are a wealth of knowledge for all things furniture-related and invite you to use them as a resource.

*Room 140A***Containing Costs for Streaming Video and Maximizing Your Electronic Resources Budget****Kimberly Blazek**, National Account Manager, Public Libraries for Infobase

Discover how Infobase's streaming video solutions support your library and community with unlimited, simultaneous access for ONE FLAT FEE! Join us for a quick look at Access Video On Demand and Just for Kids, two streaming platforms from Infobase designed to meet the diverse needs of public libraries. Infobase is proud to help libraries build strong, informed communities by supporting digital learning and information literacy for all ages.

2:50 PM - 3:10 PM*Room 140BC***Aspen Discovery for Evergreen Libraries!****Katie Greenleaf Martin**, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Integrated Library System (PaILS)

Come see what Aspen Discovery can do for your libraries - we'll be showcasing the first two SPARK libraries using Aspen Discovery to showcase all their libraries have to offer - from physical collections to events to electronic books, databases and more!

*Room 130***A Better Way to Manage Library Finances****Luke Schaeffer**, MBA, President, Lumos Accounting

Struggling to keep your library's finances organized and audit-ready? This session will walk through key components of a modern financial system for libraries - from efficient bookkeeping tools to streamlined bill pay and payroll processes. Learn how the right tech stack and workflows can reduce administrative stress, improve reporting and make audits a breeze!

*Room 140A***Insignia Software****Adam Nedergaard**, Business Development, Insignia Software**3:30 PM - 4:30 PM***Room 140A***eResource Lending and Service Changes: Decision-Making and Communication Strategies****Sarah Beasley**, Collection Development, Collection Services,
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh**Norah Guignon**, Digital Marketing Manager, Communications & Creative Services,
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh**Mary Phillips**, Librarian- eResources, Collection Services,
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh**Hilary Lewis**, Coordinator - eResources, Collection Services,
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

Nearly every library will come to a point when the cost of maintaining their current digital collection surpasses their available budget. Libraries of any size can create a well-considered approach to making changes to their e-lending policies while supporting staff and potentially even generating patron goodwill.

*Room 130***In-Reach to Boost Morale and Realize Our Full Potential****Dorothy Stoltz**, Author, Consultant, Trainer

Does your library need a morale boost to unlock its full potential? Sometimes, all that's needed in organizational planning is a new approach to learning, thinking, and doing! Try the in-reach role – the ability to develop our inner best and bring that energy to the table.

*Room 170***New Horizons: Navigating the Future of Inclusive Librarianship****Richard E. Ashby Jr.**, Director, Sharon Hill Public Library

Join us for a transformative session exploring innovative strategies to promote diversity and inclusion in libraries. "New Horizons: Navigating the Future of Inclusive Librarianship" will provide actionable insights on leadership, emerging trends, and creating inclusive environments that celebrate our diverse communities. Discover practical tools and inspiration to drive positive change in your library.

*Room 160***Lessons From a Library Disaster****Richard Miller**, Executive Director, Osterhout Free Library

The Osterhout Free Library South Branch, devastated by flooding from a burst pipe just before its 100th anniversary, faced major losses and questions of viability. This session highlights its recovery, budget-friendly reestablishment, reflections on proactive crisis prevention, emergency strategies, and how the disaster ultimately strengthened ties to the community.

Room 120
**The NWPB Innovation Beehive Network:
Public Libraries as Economic Development Partners**
Rachel Stevenson, Business Librarian, Erie County Public Library**Jacob Marsh**, Industry Relations Coordinator, Penn State Behrend

The NWPB Innovation Beehive Network serves as a case study for the library's role in economic development efforts while lowering entrance barriers to university resource-



es. This session will outline a collaboration between the Erie County Public Library system with five regional universities who together offer free complementary services to entrepreneurs.

Room 140BC

The Social Emotional Future: Using Upper Middle Grade Texts to Uplift Tweens



Jess Callans, Author, Feiwel & Friends / Macmillan

Sydney Dunlap, Author, North Star Editions

Nashae Jones, Author and English Teacher, Aladdin / Simon & Schuster

Ali Terese, Author, Aladdin / Simon & Schuster and Scholastic

Moderator: Tegan Connor-Cole, Director of Youth Services,
Phoenixville Public Library

Raise tween spirits with recreational reading that uplifts social-emotional learning goals through high-interest middle grade stories. Engage with award-winning authors, learn about new titles, and leave the session with strategies that reflect the psychological, biological, and social changes at this unique time in a reading life to strengthen relationship skills.

**An autograph session with the authors will take place in the exhibit hall afterward.*

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Great Hall North

Visit the Exhibits/Raffle Prize Drawings

Visit our exhibitor partners to find out what's new on the library scene and obtain raffle tickets for a chance to win a prize! The raffle drawings will begin at 5:00 p.m.

**You must be present to win!*

5:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Room 140BC

Public Library Division (PLD) Business Meeting

Laura Keller, Chair, Public Library Division

PLD members will receive updates on division activities, current & future.

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

*Room 110***Pennsylvania Black Librarians' Caucus (PABLC) Meet(ing) and Greet**

PABLC will hold its annual membership meeting, followed by a Meet and Greet with prospective members. You are invited to join us for the meeting, which will include updates on this year's activities. Following the meeting, mix and mingle with PABLC members, and learn how you can join our efforts to support African Americans in the library profession across Pennsylvania.

5:45 PM – 7:45 PM

*El Amigo Mexican Grill***College & Research Division Dine Out**

Connect with academic library colleagues during an informal dinner out.

**Pre-registration required.*

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

*Admiral Room, Erie Co. Public Library***Rural & Small Libraries Round Table (RSLRT) Dinner Discussions**

Join fellow RSLRT members for an informal meal and discuss a variety of topics relative to small and/or rural libraries.

**Pre-registration required.*

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

BrewErie Tour

Join us in celebration of the conference theme, "Raising Spirits" with a nod to "Eerie" at this unique offsite tour at the Brewery at the historic Union Station.

**Pre-registration required.*

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Room 130

Trivia Competition

Test your trivia skills against your colleagues from across the state at the 12th Annual Trivia Competition! Proceeds benefit the David Roberts EXCEL Award Fund. Tickets available for purchase (\$10) at the PaLA Registration Desk.

**Sponsored by DL Belanger Consulting*

Conference Grant Award Winners Announced

Thanks to the generosity of Pennsylvania Citizens for Better Libraries (PCBL) and the PaLA West Branch Chapter, grants were awarded to the following individuals attending the conference for the first time. Please welcome and congratulate them!

PCBL Grant Winners

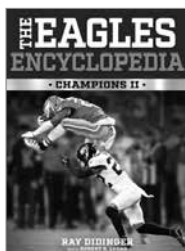
Andrea Haas, Assistant Director, Sinking Spring Public Library
Andrey Romanov, MSLS Student, Pennsylvania Western University – Clarion
Katelyn Struthers, Director, Lakeview Area Public Library
Joan Yamrick, Interlibrary Loan Specialist, Misericordia University

PaLA West Branch Chapter Grant Winners

Angela Dunlap, Director, Mansfield Free Public Library
Teri McDowell, Director, Coudersport Public Library

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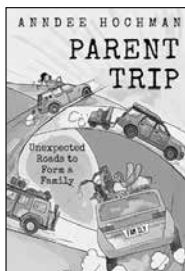


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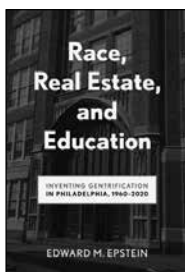
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Registration Desk , Entry Hall, Bayfront Convention Center.....	8:00AM – 5:00PM
Local Information Table , Entry Hall, Bayfront Convention Center.....	Self-service
Exhibit Hall , Great Hall North.....	9:30AM – 2:30PM
PaLA Store , Located in the exhibit hall, Great Hall North.....	9:30AM – 2:30PM
Poster Sessions , East Pre-Function.....	10:00AM – 11:00AM 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM

Ballroom West

Coffee & Un-Conference Discussions

Start your day with a light breakfast and conversation with fellow attendees about the previous day's sessions.

**Sponsored by Friends of the Mt. Lebanon Public Library*

Room 130

SPARK & Friends Breakfast

Pennsylvania Integrated Library System (PaILS) will be hosting a “SPARK & Friends” breakfast for SPARK consortium members and their guests. A light breakfast will be served alongside an opportunity to learn more about being a SPARK member, to network with other SPARK members, and to hear an update on PaILS/SPARK news from Executive Director, Katie Greenleaf Martin.

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Room 140BC

Beyond the Book Club: Low or No Cost Adult Program Ideas

Christine McIntosh, Executive Director, Bethel Park Public Library

Are you looking to diversify your library's adult programming without breaking the bank? Join us for an inspiring session where we explore a wealth of creative, low-cost, and no-cost program ideas that go beyond the traditional book club like Gaming Clubs, Swaps, Trivia Nights, and Passive Programming like a scavenger hunt.

Room 120

Building a Community Fridge: Food Equity as a Library Service

Megan Bettenhausen, Public Service Manager, Penn Hills Library

Addie Macioce, Advocacy and Community Engagement Librarian, Penn Hills Library

Learn how the Penn Hills Library Community Fridge was able to become a cornerstone of library service, increase access to healthy food, and expand the library's role in providing essential resources.

Room 170

Future-proofing Privacy Literacy Programming: A Participatory Design Workshop



Sarah Hartman-Caverly, Associate Librarian, Reference and Instruction Librarian, Penn State University Libraries at Penn State Berks

The future of library-based privacy education needs YOU! In this BYOD (bring-your-own-device) participatory design workshop, engage with prototype-stage practitioner resources for developing and sustaining library-based privacy literacy programming, and contribute feedback for the ongoing development of these materials, which will be made freely available to the library community in 2026.

Ballroom East

Libraries After 2024: Emerging Trends, Opportunities, and What Comes Next

Hadass Sheffer, Blue Willow Consulting, LLC; Co-Lead, Assessment of Collective Impact in Pennsylvania Public Libraries

Annette Mattei, Co-Lead, Assessment of Collective Impact in Pennsylvania Public Libraries

Susan Banks, Deputy Secretary, Commissioner for Libraries and State Librarian, Pennsylvania Department of Education

Heather Sharpe, Director, Bureau of Library Development, Pennsylvania Department of Education

How are libraries meeting the needs of Pennsylvanians? Explore key findings from a statewide assessment capturing the perspectives of over 630 librarians and 1,900 Pennsylvanians. Conducted before, during, and after the 2024 elections, this study provides a timely and comprehensive look at the changing role of libraries.

*Room 160***Measuring What Matters: Summer Library Impact and Outcomes**

Heather Warren Smith, Early Childhood Services Advisor, Office of Commonwealth Libraries, Bureau of Library Development

Kris LaVanish, Accessible Adult Services Advisor, Office of Commonwealth Libraries, Bureau of Library Development

Corri Hines, School Age Services Advisor, Office of Commonwealth Libraries, Bureau of Library Development

Learn how to evaluate the impact of your summer programs using the Pennsylvania Summer Library Program Impact Report. This session will explore the difference between outputs and outcomes and provide practical strategies for using data to enhance future summer programming.

Room 140A

**Small Libraries, Big Leadership:
Navigating Board Challenges for New Directors**

Amy C. Resh, Chief Executive Officer & Director, James V. Brown Library

Andrew Henley, Library Director, New Castle Public Library

Becky McTavish, Library Director, DuBois Public Library

Lauri Fletcher, Director, Indiana Free Library

Are you the new director of a small or rural library and have board of trustee questions? Submit your most challenging trustee questions in advance to get expert feedback from veteran directors, system administrators, and district consultants who have worked in small and rural libraries for a collective 70 years!

9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

*Great Hall North***Library Products & Services Expo**

Find out what's new in library design, furnishings, services, equipment and technology all under one roof! Gather raffle tickets from our exhibitors for the prize drawings beginning at 2:00 p.m.

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

*Great Hall North/East Pre-Function***No-Conflict Exhibit Time with Coffee & Poster Presentations**

Take a break from formal education settings and enjoy a hot beverage while strolling among the exhibits to gather information on new library innovations and collect tickets for the exhibit raffle.

View the posters presented by library colleagues about successful ideas or programs that could be replicated in your library. **AM** Poster descriptions available on pages 45-47.

**Refreshments sponsored by Brainfuse.*

Exhibitor Showcases (20-Minute Sessions)**10:10 AM - 10:30 AM***Room 140BC***Designing for Everyone: Building Beautiful, Accessible & Mobile-Friendly Library Websites with LibSites**

Mazen Khoury, Sales Representative, Springshare

A great library website should be visually engaging, easy to navigate, and usable by all. This session highlights how LibSites enables libraries to build accessible, mobile-friendly websites that don't compromise on design. We'll also explore the Personalized Patron Portal—a dynamic one-stop-shop for library activity that delivers a customized homepage experience based on audience type, ensuring every user sees what matters most to them.

*Room 130***"Strengthening Libraries Through Friends: What Can PCBL Do for You?"**

Denise Sticha, President, Pennsylvania Citizens for Better Libraries (PCBL), Executive Director, Centre County Library and Historical Museum

Pennsylvania Citizens for Better Libraries is the umbrella Friends of Library organizations for Pennsylvania. Join PCBL Board members for an informative session

about what PCBL is, and how we have helped strengthen and support libraries, and library Friends for over 45 years.

10:35 AM - 10:55 AM

Ballroom East

New and Updated Tools for Readers, Learners, and Job Seekers

Jacob Hiller-Spevack, Regional Sales Manager, EBSCO

Discover new and powerful resources designed to elevate your library's impact! In this session, we'll explore the newly redesigned NovelList Plus, the go-to reader's advisory tool with a sleek, modern interface for staff and patrons. We'll also introduce Learn with NovelList, a suite of professional development courses that ensure consistent, high-quality service across your team. Finally, we'll dive into BlueCareer, an innovative platform that helps patrons explore and thrive in trade careers. Join us to see how these tools can transform your library's services and better support your community.

Room 140A

The Vega Library Experience – One System for an Entirely New Digital Library Experience

Candice Gwin Oliver, Account Manager, Clarivate

Join Clarivate's Candice Oliver to learn how the Vega Library Experience unifies a complete set of library tools to make the experience seamless for patrons and staff. The Vega ecosystem focuses on patron engagement and is fully integrated to the ILS and is a true differentiator in today's modern library world.

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Start	End	Track	Session/Event	Location
Sunday, October 19				
9:30 AM	11:30 AM	Community Service & Engagement	Sierra Club Partnership Hike	Presque Isle
10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Meeting	Governor's Advisory Council Meeting	Room 100
12:30 PM	4:30 PM	Networking	Refreshment Break	East Pre-Function
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Meeting	GAC on Library Development Open Forum	Room 100
		Community Service & Engagement	Facilitating Successful Visual Arts Programs for Adults	Room 120
		Youth Services	Intro to Teen Volunteers	Room 170
		Advocacy & Development	Making Cents Of Games	Room 140BC
		Career & Leadership	Research & Write with Generative AI	Room 160
		Youth Services	Sensory Rich Environment for Early Childhood Programs	Room 130
1:00 PM	3:15 PM	Community Service & Engagement	Horrors of the Pen: How Authors Write Stories that Scare	Room 140A
2:15 PM	3:15 PM	Career & Leadership	The Art of Small Talk and Other Networking Skills	Room 130
		Technology & Education	Future Focused: Designing a ChatGPT Workshop	Room 120
		Community Service & Engagement	Leveraging Public Media to Spark Engagement	Room 170
		Library Administration	Make New Friends - But Keep the Old	Room 140BC
		Youth Services	Mother Goose on the Loose: More than Just a Storytime	Room 110
		Contemporary Issues	Tough Interactions: Preserving Access Rights	Room 160
3:30 PM	4:45 PM	Community Service & Engagement	Opening Keynote Session: Libraries and the Communities We Build Together: Celebrating Impact and Inspiring Action	Ballroom East
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Networking	Welcome Reception	North Sail
6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Networking	Chapter Dine Outs	Off-site
8:00 PM	9:30 PM	Networking	Sneak Peek of "The American Revolution" documentary	ECPL-Hirt Auditorium

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Monday, October 20				
8:00 AM	8:45 AM	Networking	Coffee & Un-Conference Discussions	Ballroom West
		Meeting	Technical Services Round Table Meeting	Room 160
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Contemporary Issues	Championing Freedom: Libraries as Guardians	Room 170
		Community Service & Engagement	Growing Communities with Seed Libraries	Room 140A
		Community Service & Engagement	Voracious Readers' Advisory	Room 160
		Career & Leadership	You can do it!: Earning your PA Forward Gold Star in 1 Year	Room 120
9:00 AM	11:15 AM	Youth Services	2025 Carolyn L. Smith Best Practices Awards Presentations	Room 140BC
		Library Administration	Communication, Compliance & Compassion: HR Policies	Room 130
10:15 AM	11:15 AM	Community Service & Engagement	Dare to Be Different: Crafting Exciting Adult Programs	Room 170
		Community Service & Engagement	Health Programming at Your Library	Room 120
		Technology & Education	Reanimate Your Teaching	Room 160
		Career & Leadership	You Don't Need a Title to be a Leader	Room 140A
11:30 AM	12:30 PM	Youth Services	A Library of Great Big Feelings with Author Hallee Adelman	Room 130
		Community Service & Engagement	Accessible Reading: Supporting Youth with LAMP	Room 120
		Technology & Education	Information Literacy for Real Life: Debunking TikTok Videos	Room 170
		Community Service & Engagement	Rural Library Forum:	Room 140A
		Contemporary Issues	Safety By Design	Room 140BC
		Library Administration	Thrive in 25: Best Practices in Board Governance	Room 160
12:30 PM	5:30 PM	Exhibitor Partners	Library Products & Services Expo	Great Hall North
12:30 PM	2:00 PM	Exhibitor Partners	Exhibits Grand Opening Lunch	Great Hall North

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		Community Service & Engagement	CRD Luncheon: Neuroinclusive Practices	Ballroom West
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		Library Administration	Lessons from a Library Disaster	Room 160
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		Youth Services	The Social Emotional Future: Uplifting Tweens	Room 140BC
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6:00 PM	7:30 PM	Networking	Rural & Small Libraries Round Table Dinner Discussions	ECPL - Admiral Rm.
6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Networking	College & Research Division Dine Out	El Amigo Mexican Grill
7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Networking	BrewErie Tour	off-site
8:00 PM	9:30 PM	Networking	Trivia Competition	Room 130

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		Networking	SPARK & Friends Breakfast	Room 130
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		Exhibitor Partners	Exhibits Strolling Lunch	Great Hall North
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		Library Administration	You Can't Make This Stuff Up!	Room 140BC
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Networking	Ex Libris Reception	North Sail
5:30 PM	7:30 PM	Networking	Tea at the Mansion	Hagen History Center
7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Networking	Meet & Treat	Ballroom East

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Wednesday, October 22				
8:00 AM	9:15 AM	Contemporary Issues	Closing Breakfast: The Library's Value Increases in the Age of AI	Ballroom West
9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Community Service & Engagement	Empowering Vulnerable Populations in Your Library	Room 130A
		Youth Services	Homeschool Exploratorium	Room 140A
		Community Service & Engagement	Hosting a Human Library	Room 130BC
		Library Administration	Making a Space for Teens: Redefining Space	Room 120
		Technology & Education	Media Literacy in the Age of AI	Room 160
		Contemporary Issues	Stemming the Spread and Influence of Misinformation	Room 140BC
10:45 AM	11:45 AM	Community Service & Engagement	Building Home Libraries and Promoting Library Awareness	Room 130A
		Youth Services	Ending the Stigma - Period. Throwing a Period Party	Room 120
		Contemporary Issues	Everything All At Once!: Addressing Cognitive Load	Room 160
		Library Administration	PA Libraries: Where are we & what does the future hold?	Room 140BC
		Collections	Rainbow Connection Collection	Room 130BC
		Community Service & Engagement	Turn Your Library into a Passport Acceptance Facility!	Room 140A
12:00 PM	1:30 PM	Networking	Lunch & Explore Erie Public Library	ECPL - Admiral Rm.
1:00 PM	1:30 PM	Networking	Tour of Erie's WQLN Studio	Off-site

AM Poster Presentation Schedule

Birds of Gaza Storytime and Public Art Display

Kate Eckert, Children's Librarian & Branch Manager, Free Library of Philadelphia

The Birds of Gaza Program was held at the Queen Memorial Library on June 8, 2024 and the Public Art created during the program was on display in the library until the first official Israel/Hamas ceasefire on January 19th, 2025. This poster will outline the goals, discuss relationships built with neighborhood partners, and offer resources for librarians interested in doing similar programs in their communities.

Brains and Books: Engaging Communities with Zombie-Themed PA Forward® Literacy Programs

Jennifer Powell, Director, Tyrone-Snyder Public Library

This poster will showcase a creative, zombie-themed project designed to engage patrons of all ages using the five PA Forward® literacies—Basic, Information, Civic & Social, Health, and Financial. Timed for May 2026 Zombie Awareness Month, this initiative offers adaptable programming ideas that can be implemented in both large and small public libraries throughout Pennsylvania. The poster will highlight themed activities, promotional strategies, and sample program plans, equipping libraries with fun, flexible tools to boost literacy engagement—while preparing their communities for the (fictional) zombie apocalypse!

Genealogy and Adoption: Where Can Patrons Go for Information on Genetic Families?

Mary Porter, Technical Services Librarian, Indian Valley Public Library

Have you had questions about adoption in patron's family trees? From adoptees who have been unable to access information? Information can be found in the history of adoption and the laws over time. Specific resources are available for researching both past and present adoptions, and DNA can play a role in the process.

Homeschool STEAM Club: Outreach Outside the Box

Jennifer B. Worley, Children's Librarian at Sewickley Township Public Library

Whether your Library is large or small, this presentation will cover what you need to know about establishing an enriching Homeschool STEAM Club, for homeschool, cyber school and at-home learners. Including, budget friendly ways of creating engaging STEAM lessons and ideas for obtaining grants and free resources.

Library Lounge and Create & Connect:

Adult programming at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

Kristine L. Mielcarek-Sharpe, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

Library Lounge and Create & Connect are adult programs at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh that foster creativity and community connection. These welcoming, social gatherings encourage exploration through crafts, conversation, and shared interests, helping adults build relationships, discover library resources, and enjoy meaningful experiences in a relaxed, inclusive environment.

Navigating the Maze:

A Solo Librarian's Guide to Choosing an Affordable Discovery Tool

Leigh-Anne Yacovelli, Library Services Manager, The Franklin Institute

Get straightforward tips, key vendor questions, and actionable strategies for improving resource access and collection usage, even with limited IT support, staffing, and budget. Drawing on real-world lessons, this poster offers a practical path forward for small libraries considering an affordable discovery layer.

Poison Books and More: A Case Study in Digitizing Green Artifacts

Bethann Rea, Interim Co-Head of Preservation, Conservation and Digitization, Penn State University Libraries

This poster presentation will provide an overview of the digitization process for books and artifacts containing arsenic-based pigments. Poison books are typically identified from their vivid green color, but testing and imaging can inform librarians and researchers about exposure risks and when to take precautions.

Preparing for Data Migration

Marleen Cloutier, Cataloging and Metadata Librarian, Weinberg Memorial Library, University of Scranton

This poster session will share practical advice and considerations for preparing your data and your team for migration to a new system.

Re: Playing Displays (Less Dis, More Play)

Stephanie Pedas, Library Clerk, Erie County Public Library

Dull displays dimming your delightful décor from desk to door? Check out these monthly and long-term library displays incorporating local interest, passive programming, and repurposed materials to spur interest and circulation. This Erie branch library has unbe-leaf-able ROI using simple materials to make creative concepts concrete, engaging patrons across demographics.

Surrounded by Idiots? DISCovering the Four Types of Human Behavior and How to Effectively Work with Each Type

Matthew Ciszek, Library Director, Penn State Behrend

This poster will provide an overview of the DISC system of classifying behaviors into four types: Dominance, Influence, Stability, and Compliance, inviting participants to use this system to learn about themselves and how they can work effectively with others.

Unearthing the Past:

Celebrating African American Histories in Centre County

Racine Amos, Special Collections Librarian for Instruction, Outreach and Engagement, The Pennsylvania State University Libraries

A unique initiative to collect, assess, and preserve the rich, overlooked, narratives of African-American residents in rural communities from 1800-1950. A collaborative project involving community organizations, academic/librarian faculty, historians, and artists dedicated to shifting the stories of black Centre Countians from the margins to the forefront of local history.

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

*Room 140A***2025 PA Forward® Adult Literacy Programming Awards**

Rob Leshner, PA Forward® Program Manager, Pennsylvania Library Association

Learn the best adult literacy programming ideas from your peers in Pennsylvania Libraries.

*Room 140BC***Building a Better Library: Cultivating a Positive Work Culture**

Mindy Lee Lipsky, Library Director, Lansdale Public Library

Discover strategies to foster a positive work culture in libraries. Learn how to improve communication, support staff well-being, promote inclusivity, and create a collaborative, growth-focused environment. Leave with practical tools to enhance team dynamics and create a library culture that benefits both staff and the community.

*Room 170***Cutting Through the Noise - What's Working NOW to Spur Donor Engagement**

Chad Barger, ACFRE, ACNP, Chief Strategist & Owner, Productive Fundraising

Boost donor engagement by learning actionable steps and exploring case studies of nonprofits creatively managing donors, even with no budget. Discover techniques to stand out in today's communication-heavy environment and retain donor interest!

*Room 130***Libraries and AI 2.0:****Prompt Writing for Librarians and Library Workers**

Kate Cummings, Research and Instruction Librarian, University of Scranton

Sylvia Orner, Collections & Resource Management Librarian, University of Scranton

Libraries and AI 2.0 builds on the 2024 presentation, "Libraries and AI" and focuses on prompt writing for librarians and library workers. Attendees will learn about prompt engineering, about different types of prompts, and how to construct an effective prompt when using generative AI. This material is relevant in any type of library. Bring your laptops and get ready to play!



Room 120

Read All About It!:

Newspaper Digitization and Clipping Files in the Library



Alyssa Loney, Reference Librarian, Scranton Public Library

Researchers look to newspaper articles for obituaries, genealogy, true crime, and historical events. The Scranton Public Library has been digitizing locally published newspapers and maintaining an extensive vertical file collection of newspaper clippings. Join us to learn about these exciting projects and their place in an increasingly digital world.

Room 160

Where the Schoolhouse and the Library Meet:

Partnerships with Local School Districts



Hope Benson, Head of Children's Services and Outreach, Monroeville Public Library

Jennifer Hoffner, Building Principal for Gateway School District

Michael Matteo, Building Principal for Gateway School District

Partnerships between public libraries and their local school districts can be a positive experience for all involved – especially the students and their families. A public librarian and principals from their district share how they built a partnership that benefits the whole community. They will offer concrete strategies and creative solutions.

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Ballroom West

Public Library Division Luncheon: Resilience Amidst Resistance

Dr. Helen Davis, Professor of English, Wilkes University

In a job that can be stressful in the best of times, our current moment can feel overwhelming. We will celebrate the critical role that librarians play in our culture and discuss self-care and creating communities of support in order to ensure that we can remain resilient in the face of our many challenges.

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Great Hall North

Exhibit Hall Strolling Lunch

Stroll through the exhibit hall stopping at the various food stations and take advantage of this last opportunity to collect raffle tickets from exhibitors for the 2:00 p.m. prize drawings. **You must be present to win!*

**Beverages sponsored by Hoopla Digital*

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

East Pre-Function

Poster Presentations

View the posters presented by other library professionals about successful ideas or programs that could be replicated in your library. **PM** Poster descriptions available on pages 52-54.

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Great Hall North

Raffle Drawings

Raffle tickets can be obtained through conversations with our exhibitor partners. Deposit tickets by 2:00 p.m. for a chance to win some incredible prizes donated by our generous exhibitors.

**You must be present to win!*

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Room 170

Engage Your Community Through Storytelling

David Hicks, PhD, Author and Creative Writing Director, Wilkes University

Introducing an alternative library programming strategy - ask a local author to offer a workshop in which attendees are instructed in the basics of how to tell a story, with the assumption that everyone has the innate ability to tell a story. Patrons learn how to identify a story (an event that changed them) in their own lives; the central elements of a story, and how to structure their own story based on that event. In this



conference session David will describe this activity, demonstrate it with your participation, and explain how such an event can be hosted at your own library.

Room 160

Engaging Libraries in Brain Health: Raising Awareness and Inspiring Action

Sara Murphy, Vice President of Programs and Services, Alzheimer's Association Greater Pennsylvania Chapter

Victoria Bayle, Person living with Alzheimer's Disease

Jill Varner, Food, Families, and Communities Educator, Penn State Extension

Brain health is public health! Discover how your library can integrate brain health programming, foster new partnerships, and deliver impactful messaging to empower patrons with practical, everyday actions that support their brain health.

Room 120

Even YOU Can Do a Music Program

Finley Gelsimino, Youth Services Librarian, Cooper-Siegel Community Library

Never learned how to play an instrument or read music but want to add a music program to your library? Then this is the session for you! Learn to play the super simple Ocarina and how to use it in children's programming!



Room 130

Leveraging Technology to Drive Library Card Signups

Katie Greenleaf Martin, Executive Director, PaILS

Zoey Ralston, Circulation Librarian & Volunteer Coordinator, New Castle Public Library

Cheryl Morgan, Director, Somerset County Library

Heather Lindskold, Information & Community Education Librarian, Altoona Area Public Library

Come learn about how PA libraries are using technology and community partnerships to increase library card signups! We'll talk about specific technologies that can drive card signups, as well as ways to leverage lower-tech solutions, and hear from libraries about what has worked in their communities. Join us to hear from others and share about your experiences.

PM Poster Presentation Schedule**Delete My Stress: Technostress and Burnout in Academic Libraries****Sarah Zipf**, researcher, Penn State University Libraries**Tehniyet Azam**, graduate student, Penn State University Libraries

We explore technostress among academic librarians, revealing burnout linked to emotional labor and digital transitions. Findings show frustration and cynicism caused by evolving technologies, combined with a general understanding of maintaining skills. The results emphasize the need for institutional support as libraries shift toward digital collections and increased demands.

Emotional Intelligence is Library Intelligence**Cassandra Harrell**, Interim Instruction Librarian, Penn State Shenango

While many librarians are familiar with emotional intelligence, it's a concept worth revisiting during these turbulent times. Applying its strategies can build personal resilience and help us show up more supportively — for both our patrons and our colleagues — as we navigate stress, uncertainty, and evolving community needs.

Encouraging Environmental Awareness Through Art**Erica Kaiser**, Library Clerk, Erie County Public Library

This presentation details a diorama art contest aimed at educating children aged 6-13 on the issue of waste in the United States. This program encourages children to think twice before throwing things away and to instead utilize trash items for creative reuse alongside traditional art supplies to create their dioramas.

Evolving Information Literacy: The Transition from School to Academic Library Instruction

Monica Gingerich, Coordinator for Student Experience and Engagement,
Penn State Libraries

Katie O'Hara-Krebs, Communications and Business Liaison Librarian,
Penn State Libraries

This poster will highlight key differences in user demographics, information literacy instruction, collection development, and institutional culture. We will include the literature reviewed and strategies for adapting new skills and integrating into the academic library community. This poster offers a look at challenges and opportunities inherent in this career transition.

Inspirational Ideas: Outreach Events to Spark Joy in the Library

Molly Abdalla, Research and Instruction Librarian/Penn State Scranton

This poster provides an overview of three successful programs: Ghosts of Your Past: Using the Ancestry Database, Student Art Exhibit, and Faculty Authors' Reception. Programs connect patrons with library resources and promote interaction with the physical space. All programs can be replicated in either a public or academic library.

Outreach and Engagement in the Academic Setting

Debbie Brown, Reference, Instruction & Engagement Librarian,
Grove City College

Through community partnerships, the library at Grove City College provided successful and free outreach opportunities to the students at minimal cost. Collected feedback and post-event data showed 95% of students learned about library resources and 25% of students used resources they had not used previously.

Race, Ethnicity, Gender, and Inclusion in American Library History Literature

Eric Novotny, Humanities Librarian, Penn State University

My poster will highlight how the new Bibliography of Library History can be used to examine race, ethnicity, and gender in library history. With the database we can examine our history at scale. Poster images will showcase whose experiences and voices have been included and excluded in library history scholarship.

Trading Treasures

Syd Krawiec, Program & Outreach Coordinator, Peters Township Public Library

Hosting organized swaps allows community members to share and rehome items with others. This keeps things like puzzles, games, Halloween costumes, and craft supplies out of the landfill and into home or organizations who can give them new life. PTPL has been swapping costumes since 2013 and has added on seeds, plants, crafts, puzzles, and games to its repertoire.

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2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (cont'd)

*Room 140A***Making School Outreach Flexible and Simple with Ready-to-Go Programs**

Carrie Lane, Youth Services Coordinator, Allegheny County Library Association
Courtney Bonnet, Children's Librarian, Northland Public Library
Elaine Volpe, Head of Youth Services, Bethel Park Public Library

The Allegheny County Library Association has simplified outreach for libraries by creating four programs to engage readers with literature and create library awareness. In this panel presentation, attendees will learn about the programs, how they work at different libraries and how they can replicate them at their library.

*Room 140BC***Spirits in the Library: Beer (& Chili) Tasting Fundraisers**

M.A. Jackson, Mt. Lebanon Public Library

Do you want a tasty fundraiser that your patrons will love? Beer & Chili events required a lot of prep, but are a delicious way to bring in regular patrons and new people as well as funding for your library!

3:45 PM - 4:45 PM

*Room 130***Outreach at Any Size**

Suzanne Macaulay, Librarian, writer, and student

Small and rural libraries and library systems can engage in meaningful outreach, even with limited personal, time, and budget. This program will introduce ten successful outreach programs—including staff time, costs, and outcomes—implemented by a small library system. Learn how you can scale down (or up) to make a similar program (or programs!) work for your library—no matter its size. Tips, tricks, and lessons learned included!

Room 120

Overcoming the Fear: Engaging with Teens in the Library

Katie Dunbar, Youth Services District Consultant Librarian,
Montgomery County Library District

Every person working in a public library serves teens and every interaction with a teen can make an impact. You will learn why having a space to belong in the community positively influences teens and how to teach them to be better humans. You'll leave with tips to share with your staff back home.



Room 160

The PaLA Hidden Treasure: The Digital Media Calendar

Rob Leshner, PA Forward® Program Manager, Pennsylvania Library Association
Leslie A Wishard, Administrator, Potter-Tioga Library System
Jeffery Wagner, Collection Development & Digital Resource Management Librarian,
Penn State College of Medicine & Hershey Medical Center
Melissa Froah, Director, Corry Public Library

In this panel discussion, library workers will explain how they use the PR & Marketing Committee's PA Forward® Digital Media Calendar each year and what successes they have achieved by using the calendar as a foundation of their planning process.



Room 170

Technopoly: A Surveillance Capitalism Parody Game Design Jam

Nathaly Arias, Makerspace Intern, Penn State University Libraries at
Penn State Berks Thun Library
Annamarie Given, Technology and Makerspace Coordinator, Penn State University
Libraries at Penn State Berks Thun Library
Sarah Hartman-Caverly, Associate Librarian, Penn State University Libraries at
Penn State Berks Thun Library

Protecting your privacy isn't a game... until now! Join us to co-create a Technopoly parody game in which players are data brokers acquiring tech platforms and service providers to win at surveillance capitalism. Attendees will participate in a game design jam to co-create the Technopoly parody game using materials provided.



Room 140BC

You Can't Make this Stuff Up!

Jennifer Knisely, Executive Director, Altoona Area Public Library

Heather Lindskold, Information & Community Education Librarian,
Altoona Area Public Library

Part stand-up, part theatrics and 100% truth! Participants will be entertained by the antics of Jen Knisely and Heather Lindskold as they recount some of the highlights of their 10 years working together at the Altoona Area Public Library. From bed bugs to possums, it's all on the table!

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Ex Libris Donors Reception

A "thank you" reception for current Ex Libris Society members. Join our growing group of supporters by donating now at <https://members.palibraries.org/ap/contribute/DLbk7wr7> *Pre-registration required.

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Hagen History Center

Tea at the Mansion (Hagen History Center)

Join us to learn more of the history of the Erie region through self-guided tours of the Hagen History Center located in the former Watson-Curtze Mansion. Refreshments relative to "afternoon tea" will be served. *Pre-registration required.

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Ballroom East

Meet & Treat

"Raise your spirits" and unwind with your colleagues during a low-key networking event to include conversation, board games and light refreshments. Costumes are encouraged or wear your favorite PaLA Conference t-shirt to add to the fun spirit of the event. Wine, beer and of course, "spirits" will be available for purchase (debit/credit cards only) *A limited number of tickets will be available for purchase (\$20) at the PaLA Registration Desk.

**Door prize provided by Visit Erie*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

Registration Desk , Entry Hall, Bayfront Convention Center.....	8:00AM – 12:00PM
Local Information Table , Entry Hall, Bayfront Convention Center.....	Self-service
Exhibit Hall , Great Hall North.....	Closed
PaLA Store , Located in the exhibit hall, Great Hall North.....	Closed

8:00 AM - 9:15 AM

Ballroom West

Closing Breakfast: The Library's Value Increases in the Age of AI



Nick Tanzi, Assistant Director, South Huntington Public Library; Author, Digital Librarian

The rapid rise of generative AI has sparked fear, excitement, and uncertainty. As with past technological shifts, some question the continued relevance of libraries. In this talk, nationally recognized library technology consultant, Nick Tanzi, will explore the threats and opportunities artificial intelligence poses, and will make clear that despite the challenges ahead, the library has only grown more valuable in the age of AI.

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Room 130A

Empowering Vulnerable Populations in Your Public Library

Katelin Gladback, Assistant Director, Pottstown Regional Public Library
Megan Bealer, Adult Services, Pottstown Regional Public Library

Participants will learn a variety of free and low-cost ways that public libraries can support their vulnerable populations through maintenance of infrastructure, collections, and program offerings

*Room 140A***Homeschool Exploratorium:
Programming for the Homeschool Community****Danielle Stokes**, Library Assistant II, Chester County Library

This session is for anyone wanting to engage with the Homeschool Community in your area. Come learn about programs you can create to make your library a Homeschooling Hangout.

*Room 130BC***Hosting a Human Library****Sarah McCall**, Library Clerk, Erie County Public Library

Discover the Human Library program, designed to combat isolation by connecting community members through one-on-one conversations. Learn its benefits, how to organize it, and explore highlights from the ECPL Human Library Program, which fosters empathy, builds connections, and strengthens libraries' role in the community.

*Room 120***Making a Space for Teens: Redefining Space in a One-room Library****Susan Strnisha**, Library Manager, Chartiers-Houston Community Library

This session will demonstrate how one small library mapped out a vision and implemented a new designated teen corner with very little space, using only funds from grants received.

*Room 160***Media Literacy in the Age of AI****Nick Tanzi**, Assistant Director, South Huntington Public Library; Author, Digital Librarian

Artificial intelligence is rapidly advancing, with the general public now able to access text-to-image generators, chatbots, and other AI-powered tools. In a time of deep-fakes and AI hallucinations, how can we discern what is real? This talk will include strategies for identifying AI-generated content in a variety of formats.

*Room 140BC***Stemming the Spread and Influence of Misinformation:
A Public Library Approach****Deanna Troust**, Founder and President, Truth in Common

Patrons turned out to learn how to spot falsehoods and stop their spread at public library workshops in 2024. Hear how Pennsylvania patrons can participate in a similar statewide project.

10:45 AM - 11:45 AM*Room 130A***Building Home Libraries and Promoting Library Awareness in the Community****Carrie Lane**, Youth Services Coordinator, Allegheny County Library Association

The Allegheny County Library Association is building home libraries and creating library awareness by distributing baby bags, installing book vending machines, appearing on a local TV show and participating in community events. In this presentation, attendees will learn more about these programs and how they can replicate them.

*Room 120***Ending the Stigma - Period. Throwing a Period Party at Your Library****Elizabeth Martin**, Librarian 1, Literacy Services, Erie County Public Library

In fall of 2024, Erie County Public Library threw two Period Parties for kids ages 8-13 who expected to be menstruating as part of puberty. This session will focus on the planning and execution of these programs, how they were received, and how you can throw your own Period Party at your library.

*Room 160***Everything All at Once!: Addressing Cognitive Load in Libraries****Sara Kern**, Engineering Librarian, Pennsylvania State University**Elliott C. Rose**, STEM Librarian, Pennsylvania State University**Courtney McAllister**, Senior Solution Architect, Atypion

Multiple deadlines, an endless barrage of information, and constant stress: if you work in academic, public, and/or special libraries, these situations may sound familiar! This presentation introduces cognitive overload and shares ways to collaboratively reduce overwhelm for patrons and ourselves within library systems, outreach programs, and instruction.

*Room 140BC***Pennsylvania Libraries: Where Are We Now, and What Does the Future Hold?****Jessica Miller**, Director, Cleve J Fredricksen Library

A look at public libraries in Pennsylvania to see where they are sufficient, what they lack, and the effects this will have on their communities. We will look at questions like: what are libraries current source of funds, what ways are libraries cutting back and how does it affect patrons?

*Room 130BC***Rainbow Connection Collection****Fawn Contreras**, Head of Youth Services, Valley Community Library

Learn why and how to build your LGBTQ+ collection and how to use it year-round in your library and outreach while building connections in your community.

*Room 140A***Turn Your Library into a Passport Acceptance Facility!****Vince Giordano**, Library Director, Juniata County Library

A local case study that explores why and how a public library became a passport acceptance facility. Ideal for those interested in learning more about the setup process and how libraries can benefit from offering this unique service.

Post-Conference Activities**12:00 PM - 1:30 PM***Offsite***Lunch & Explore Erie Public Library**

Stay a while longer to visit the Erie Public Library's Idea Lab, learn more about the renovation plans for the Children's Library and explore the Gannon University Lake Erie Research Center. Boxed lunch included. The library is walkable from the convention center and there is also plenty of parking available.

**Pre-registration required for lunch.*

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM*Offsite***Tour of Erie's WQLN Studio**

Join us for an engaging tour of Erie's local PBS/NPR studios! Take this unique opportunity to go behind the scenes of radio and television production and learn about WQLN's impact in the community. Meet the host of Classics with Brian Hannah, and attend an interactive presentation with our TV production team. Don't miss out on this exciting chance to explore the world of local media!

**Registration limit: 20 - Check at the PaLA Registration Desk for available tickets.*

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Booth 52

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Booth 78

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Booth 22

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ASERT (Autism Services, Education, Resources and Training) is a partnership of medical centers, centers of autism research and services, universities, and other providers involved in the treatment and care of individuals of all ages with autism and their families. ASERT was developed to bring together resources locally, regionally, and statewide. ASERT Mission: Innovate, collaborate, and lead to improve access to quality services, data, and information; to provide support, training and education in best practices; and to facilitate the connection between individuals with autism, developmental disabilities, and special populations, families and key stakeholders at local, state, and national levels.

Assabet Interactive

Booth 33

<https://www.assabetinteractive.com>

Assabet Interactive provides state-of-the-art event calendar, room booking, museum pass, and Library of Things software for public library

websites. All modules integrate easily with any platform, and include reservation handling and reporting tools.

Auto-Graphics, Inc.

Booth 50

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Auto-Graphics is a pioneer in library management and resource sharing software solutions, whose SaaS products are used in over 6,000 state-wide public, academic, K-12, consortia and special libraries throughout North America. This strategic acquisition marks another significant milestone in Soutron Global's mission to enhance client value and drive industry innovation.

Beanstack

Booth 80

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Beanstack helps public libraries grow their community's reading culture and motivate readers to read more. The flagship product of Zoobe Inc., Beanstack, is licensed by over 15,000 customers around the world.

Becker Morgan Group, Inc.

Booth 65

<https://www.beckermorgan.com/>

With expertise in architecture, engineering, and interior design, Becker Morgan Group develops flexible, functional, and sustainable spaces tailored to the unique needs of each community. The firm's dedicated Library Studio specializes in creating innovative and community-focused designs that enhance communities' experiences.

Bibliotheca

Booth 2

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Bloomerang Booth 11

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Bloomerang is the complete fundraising, donor, and volunteer management solution that helps nonprofits across the US deliver a better giving experience and create thriving organizations. Combining robust, simple-to-use technology with people-powered support and training, Bloomerang empowers nonprofits to work efficiently, improve their supporter relationships, and raise more. With Bloomerang, nonprofit professionals love their work and have another teammate in the cause.

Bostwick Design Partnership Booth 29

www.bostwickdesign.com

Founded in 1962, Bostwick Design Partnership designs for people by creating places that enrich wellness, learning, and community. We explore and create progressive solutions that are flexible, sustainable, and lasting. We believe in design that engages a diverse community, creating libraries that increase usage, elevate the customer experience, and maximize flexibility. Our work is informed by a team with deep experience, which includes over 150 library planning and design projects in 19 states.

Brainfuse Booth 51

www.brainfuse.com

Brainfuse offers tutoring and tools for success for all learning, from K-12 to college students to career and beyond. Get live, one-on-one tutoring, plus access to writing help. Enhance learning with Barron's® test prep and study guides. Our job coaches & veteran navigators help as well! Learn anytime, anywhere with brainfuse.com.

Brodart Co. Booths 43-44

www.brodart.com

Since Brodart pioneered the book jacket cover in 1939, we have concentrated exclusively on helping libraries better serve their patrons. Today, no other provider can match Brodart's comprehensive range of book processing/cataloging services, supplies and furnishings – all tailored to the unique needs and perspectives of libraries. Our singular focus and specialized expertise enable us to solve problems that others cannot. In short, Brodart knows libraries.

Calgi Construction Company, Inc. Booth 85

www.calgiconstruction.com

A 3rd Generation Construction Services Firm, Calgi has Provided Construction Management, Owner's Representative, General Contracting and Consulting Services Since 1919.

Casemate Publishers Booth 76

<https://www.brooklinebooks.com/>

A proud supporter of locally-sourced Pennsylvania history! Brookline Books is an imprint of Casemate Publishers, established in 2021 with our first book *The Dark History of Penn's Woods*. Our focus is to bring history of the Greater Delaware Valley to life through well-researched local legends to documenting crucial moments in history. From our formal

launch, Brookline Books driving goal has been to deliver Pennsylvania's backyard history to readers around the world.

**Clarivate
Booth 42**

<https://www.iii.com/>

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**DRAW Collective Architecture
Booth 4**

www.drawcollective.com

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**EBSCO Information Services
Booth 38**

www.ebsco.com

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**Equinox Open Library Initiative
Booth 37**

<https://www.equinoxoli.org/>

Equinox provides hosting, support, training, data management, and consulting services for Evergreen ILS, Koha ILS, Aspen Discovery, VuFind, and other open source systems.

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FE Technologies

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www.fetechgroup.com

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First Nonprofit

Booth 88

www.completeinsurancepa.com

First Nonprofit has partnered with the Pennsylvania Library Association to offer an unemployment compensation program to members, saving them an average of 25% to 40% of their unemployment compensation taxes to the state.

Gale

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Ghost Writer LLC

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www.ghostwriterquill.com

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Hale Manufacturing

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www.halemfg.com

Library furniture manufacturer located in Upstate New York.

HSLC, Hosting Solutions and Library Consulting

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www.hslc.org

Hosting Solutions & Library Consulting (HSLC) believes strong libraries make strong communities. We are driven by our mission to contribute to the success of libraries by delivering sound technical solutions and expansive consulting services. As a nonprofit, we understand your mission and the unique challenges libraries face. Our team of library and technology professionals works to strengthen your library using proven evaluation and assessment methods and cutting-edge technology solutions, along with recommendations based on current national trends and best practices. Come talk to us about consulting, training, technology solutions, and more!

Infobase

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Infovision Software, Inc

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www.infovisionsoftware.com

Evolve is an ILS solution that works in conjunction with our mobile app to better serve patrons and allows automatic SMS and email communication between library and patron. It is easily customizable to fit each unique library environment and easily integrates with third party software. Evolve utilizes Z39.50 and Marc Imports for quick and accurate cataloging. It is a web-based solution requiring only an internet connection. It incorporates Google-like search functionality and efficient book-drop check in. Let's Connect!

Ingram Content Group

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<https://www.ingramcontent.com/libraries>

Ingram Library Services is your 'need- it-now' solution delivering millions of titles, innovative systems, expertise, and assistance in developing and maintaining your library's print collection.

Insignia Software

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www.insigniasoftware.com

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J. P. Jay Associates, Inc.

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www.jpjay.com

Since 1980, J. P. Jay Associates has assisted the national library community by designing custom floor layouts and furnishing libraries with furniture and shelving options. From modern library designs to more traditional styles, we can cater to the aesthetics of the space for a balance of practicality and design. With a variety of library furniture styles available and the exceptional knowledge of our library designers, we can furnish any library of any size, with floor plan designs to reach the full potential of any space.

JanWay

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Kajeet
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LAMP PHL: Library of Accessible Media for Pennsylvanians
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Library Furniture International
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<https://libraryfurnitureinternational.com/>

Library Furniture International (LFI) partners with libraries, schools, and universities to provide innovative furniture and shelving solutions that engage the community. Services include design, planning, and project management through installation and post-install support.

Lumos Accounting
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www.lumosacct.com

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MU Libraries School of Library Science
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<https://www.marshall.edu/school-of-library-science/>

The Marshall University School of Library Science is proud to offer a Master of Science in Library Science (MSLS) tentatively scheduled to start in spring 2026. The Marshall University MSLS program is taught fully online and all courses are asynchronous—meaning there are no set class times throughout the week.

Mugo Web
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<https://www.mugo.ca/>

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NewsBank inc.

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OCLC

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www.oclc.org/

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Office of Commonwealth Libraries

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<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/statelibrary.html>

The Office of Commonwealth Libraries (OCL) within the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) supports, develops, and provides library services for learning and advancement through the State Library of Pennsylvania and the Bureau of Library Development.

Pennsylvania Citizens for Better Libraries (PCBL)

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www.pcbupa.org

PCBL is an organization of advocates that speak for libraries throughout Pennsylvania. Membership is open to anyone who wants to see strong, well funded libraries with the best possible library service for all of Pennsylvania's citizens. This roster includes librarians, trustees of libraries, government officials and

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Pennsylvania Correctional Industries

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<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/cor/programs/pennsylvania-correctional-industries.html>

Pennsylvania Correctional Industries (PCI) employs incarcerated men and women to produce a variety of furniture items that are available for sale to non-profit organizations and government entities.

Pennsylvania Integrated Library System (PaILS)

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www.sparkpa.org

Pennsylvania Integrated Library System (PaILS) is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing an integrated library system (ILS) for Pennsylvania libraries and library systems.

Pennsylvania Western University - Clarion

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www.pennwest.edu

Library and Information Science Masters Degree and Certificate of Advanced Studies

PHEAA

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www.pheaa.org

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PolicyMap

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POWER Library (HSLC)

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<https://powerlibrary.org/>

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RC Kelly Law Associates

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www.rckelly.com

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ScannX, Inc.

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www.scannx.com

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Schiffer Publishing

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Schifferbooks.com

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Springshare

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StackMap

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Strategy Solutions, Inc.

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<https://www.getstrategy.com/>

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Temple University Harrisburg

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Today's Business Solutions

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www.tbsit360.com

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Transparent Language, Inc.

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<https://www.transparent.com/libraries>

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University of Pennsylvania Press

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University of Pittsburgh, School of Computing and Information

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UPMC for Kids

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<https://www.upmchealthplan.com/coverage-for-kids/>

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Virco, Inc.

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WHEN?

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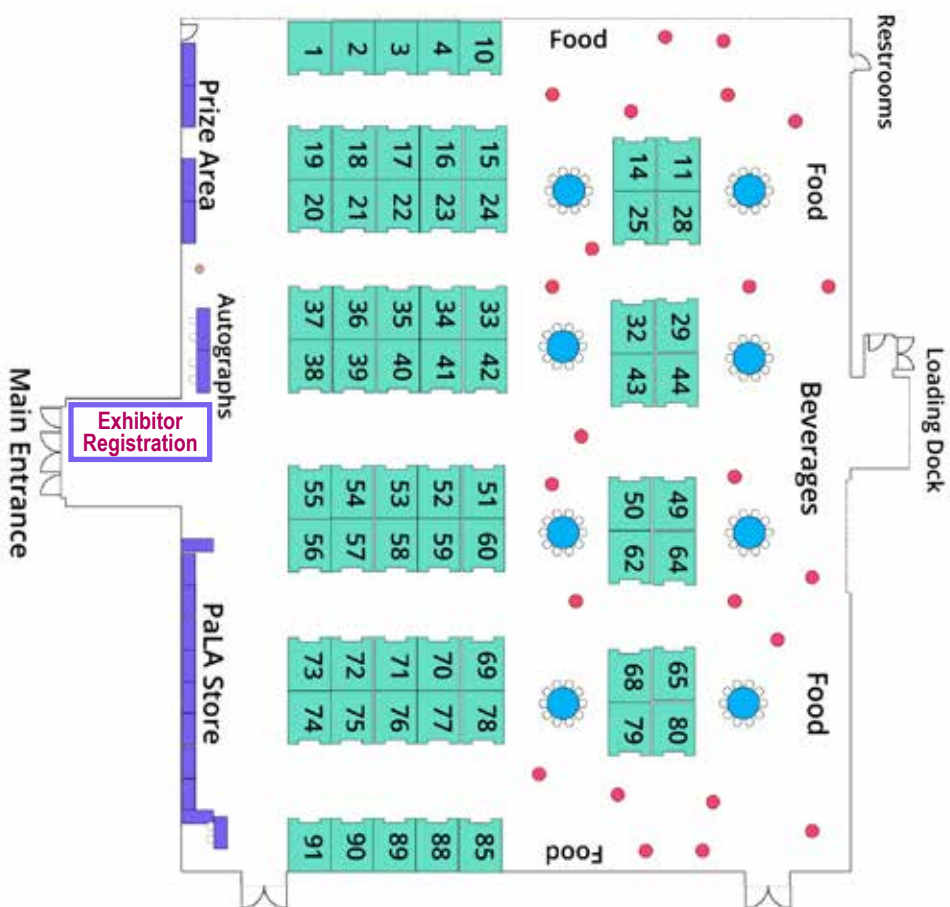


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