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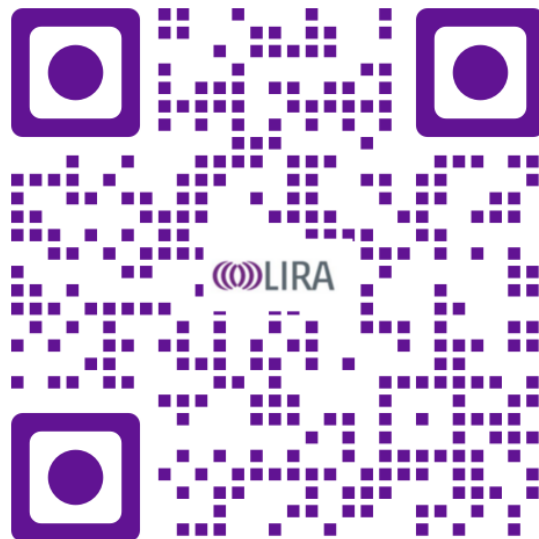
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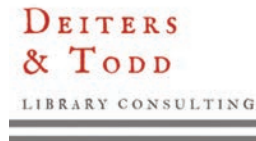
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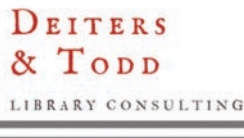


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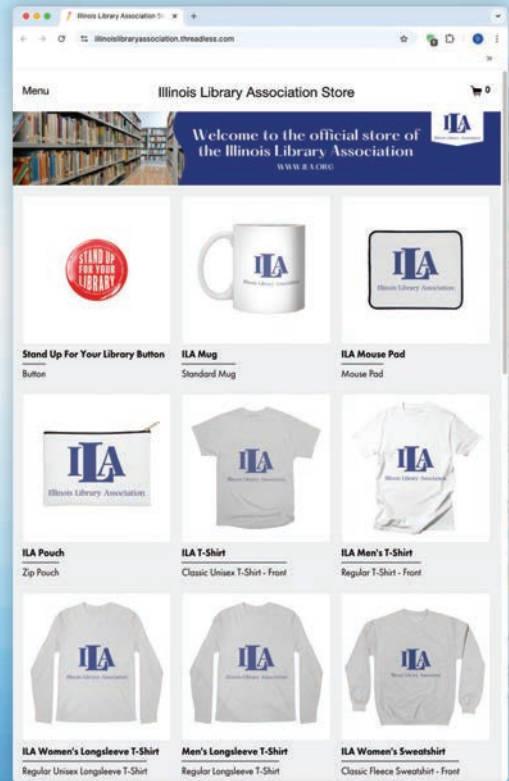
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Schedule at a Glance

Monday, October 7

7:00 – 9:00 P.M.	President's Reception
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Tuesday, October 8

8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.	Help Desk Open
9:00 – 10:30 A.M.	TBS Opening General Session
10:45 – 11:45 A.M.	Program Session 1
NOON – 1:15 P.M.	Awards Luncheon
1:30 – 5:30 P.M.	Workshop "From Quiet Observation to Strategic Action: Introverted Leadership for Dynamic Libraries"
1:30 – 2:30 P.M.	Program Session 2
2:45 – 3:45 P.M.	Program Session 3
4:00 – 5:00 P.M.	Program Session 4

Wednesday, October 9

8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.	Help Desk Open
8:00 – 10:00 A.M.	Youth Services Forum Author Breakfast
8:00 – 10:00 A.M.	Unconferences
9:00 – 10:00 A.M.	Program Session 5
10:30 A.M. – NOON	ILA Membership Meeting & President's Program
NOON – 5:00 P.M.	Exhibits Open
NOON – 1:30 P.M.	Exhibits Opening Lunch
12:15 – 1:30 P.M.	IACRL Luncheon
1:45 – 2:45 P.M.	Program Session 6
3:00 – 4:00 P.M.	Program Session 7
4:00 – 5:00 P.M.	Exhibits Snack Break
4:00 – 5:00 P.M.	iREAD Showcase Make and Take

Thursday, October 10

8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.	Help Desk Open
8:00 – 10:00 A.M.	Unconferences
8:30 – 9:00 A.M.	Trustee Breakfast
9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.	Exhibits Open
9:00 – 10:00 A.M.	Program Session 8
10:00 – 11:00 A.M.	Exhibits Coffee Break
11:00 A.M. – NOON	Program Session 9
NOON – 1:30 P.M.	Exhibits Closing Lunch
12:15 – 1:30 P.M.	Trustee Luncheon
1:45 – 2:45 P.M.	DiversiTEA Closing Session
3:00 – 4:00 P.M.	Program Session 10

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Youth Services Forum Author Breakfast

Speaker: Oge Mora

October 9, 2024: 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Pere Marquette - LaSalle Ballroom

iREAD Make and Take

October 9, 2024: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Exhibit Hall C

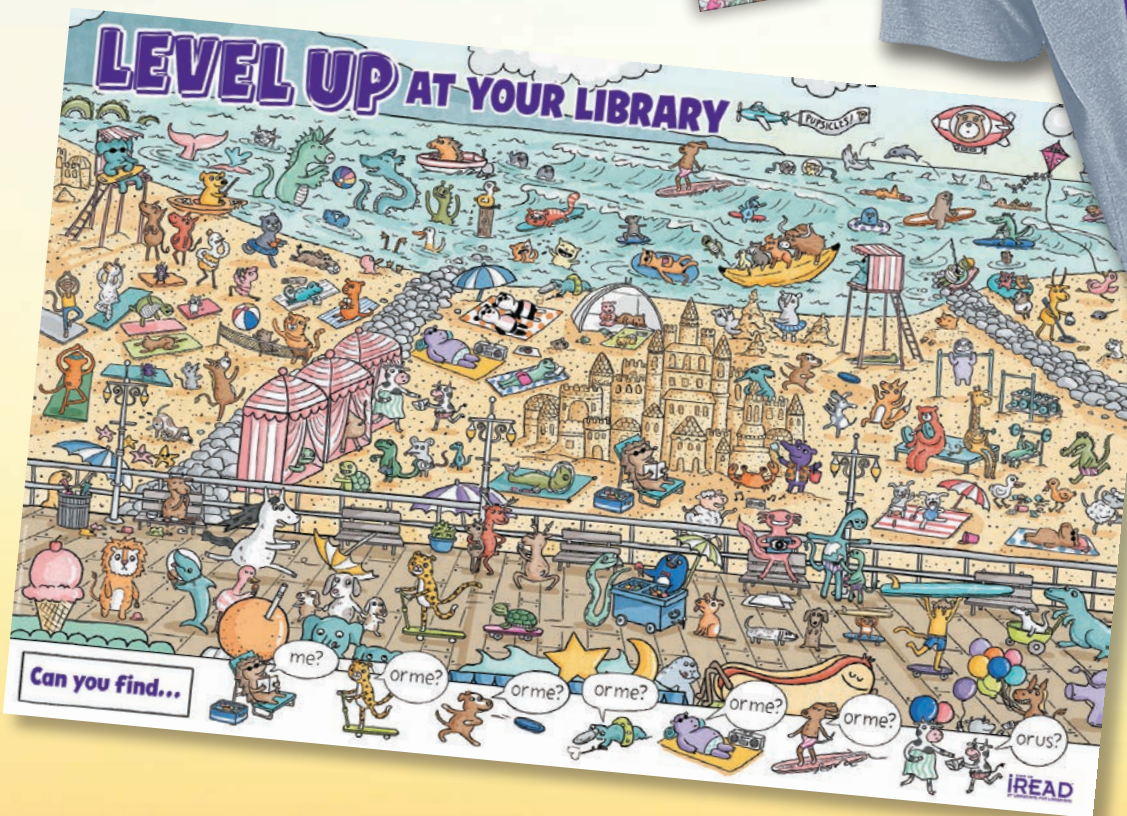
iREAD Showcase 2025: Level Up at Your Library

October 8, 2024: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Room 222

What is iREAD?

A flexible, nonprofit reading program designed by librarians featuring appealing incentives, compelling and adaptable themes, and a comprehensive resource guide chock full of ideas and reproducibles.

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Statement of Appropriate Conduct

Statement of Appropriate Conduct at ILA Annual Conference and ILA Hosted Events, Approved by the ILA Executive Board July 16, 2024

The Illinois Library Association (ILA) holds many events throughout the year to enable its members to receive continuing education, build professional networks, advocate for legislation, and discover new products and services for professional use. To provide all participants—members and other attendees, speakers, exhibitors, staff, and volunteers—the opportunity to benefit from these events, ILA is committed to providing a harassment-free environment for everyone, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, physical appearance, race, ethnicity, religion, or other individual or group identity.

As an association, ILA is strongly committed to diversity, equity, and the free expression of ideas. ILA is committed to the value of civil discourse and the free exploration of competing ideas and concepts—with a fundamental respect for the rights, dignity, and value of all persons.

In the context of ILA policy and the professional practices of librarianship, critical examination of beliefs and viewpoints does not, by itself, constitute hostile conduct or harassment. This policy is not intended to constrain responsible scholarly or professional discourse and debate. We welcome engagement with difficult topics, done with respect and care.

ILA seeks to provide a meeting environment in which diverse participants may learn, network, and enjoy the company of colleagues in an environment of mutual human respect. We recognize a shared responsibility to create and hold that environment for the benefit of all.

At the ILA conferences, events, and meetings you agree to:

- Respect the boundaries of other attendees.
- Look out for one another.

Behaviors such as, but not limited to, the following will not be tolerated at ILA conferences, events, and meetings:

- Invasion of privacy, including harassing photography or recording.
- Being disruptive, drinking to the point that you cannot participate appropriately, stalking, following, or threatening anyone.
- Abuse of power (including abuses related to position, wealth, race, or gender).
- Homophobia, racism, or behavior that discriminates against a protected group of people.
- Harassment or intimidation based on race, religion, language, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, appearance, or other group status.
- Sexual harassment of any kind, including unwelcome sexual attention and inappropriate physical contact.

All participants are expected to observe these rules and behaviors in all meeting venues, including online venues, and meeting social events. Participants asked to stop hostile or harassing behavior are expected to comply immediately. Meeting participants seek to learn, network, and have fun. Please do so responsibly and with respect for the right of others to do likewise.

Please contact ILA management if you believe you have been harassed or that someone has otherwise violated this policy. All such reports will be directed immediately to the ILA Executive Director or their designee, who will determine and carry out the appropriate course of action, and who may consult with and engage other ILA staff, leaders, and legal counsel as appropriate.

A misconduct reporting web form and hotline hosted by EthicsPoint, a third-party provider, is also available. Information provided via EthicsPoint will be sent to ILA on a totally confidential and anonymous basis if you should choose. ILA guarantees that all comments will be heard.

- Web form: ila.ethicspoint.com
- Hotline (toll-free): **1-844-796-6535**

Event security and/or local law enforcement may be involved as appropriate, based on the specific circumstances. ILA will also follow up with individuals who report a violation of this policy.

Adapted from the American Library Association, the Digital Library Federation, the Michigan Library Association, and the TED Code of Conduct.

General Conference Information

Badges

Conference badges must be worn at all times to gain admission to conference programs, events, and the exhibit hall.

Coffee

Complimentary coffee and tea will be available each morning and afternoon. We thank our generous sponsors for their support in keeping the conference caffeinated!



Exhibit Hours

All Exhibits meals are included in your registration. Exhibits are not open on Tuesday, October 8. Tuesday lunch is NOT included. Exhibits-only passes grant entrance to Exhibit Hall C only and does not include conference program attendance.

Wednesday, October 9 • Noon – 5:00 P.M.	
Exhibits Opening Lunch	Noon – 1:30 P.M.
Exhibits Snack Break	4:00 – 5:00 P.M.
Passport to Prizes Announcement	4:30 P.M.

Thursday, October 10 • 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.	
Exhibits Morning Coffee Break	10:00 – 11:00 A.M.
Exhibits Closing Lunch	Noon – 1:30 P.M.
Passport to Prizes Announcement	1:00 P.M.

Food Service

Conference registration includes Exhibit Luncheons and Breaks on Wednesday and Thursday in the Exhibit Hall. Check the ILA Conference App or website for restaurants near the Peoria Civic Center.

Handouts

Conference Program Handouts are available on the ILA Conference App and ILA Conference website if the speakers have made them available.

Hashtag

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Help Desk Hours

Tuesday, October 8	8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Wednesday, October 9	8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Thursday, October 10	8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Lanyards

This year the lanyard colors have meaning. Pay attention to the color lanyard your colleagues are wearing and respect their personal space preferences. **Personal space** is defined as approximately 1.5 to 4 feet from the body.

Blue: I don't mind if people are in my personal space.

Yellow: Kindly observe and respect my personal space.

Before you leave on your last day, be sure to stop by the Help Desk to recycle your lanyard. We'll reuse them for future conferences and prevent them from ending up in a landfill.

Lost and Found

Articles may be turned in and reclaimed at the Help Desk.

Membership Meeting

The ILA Membership meeting will be held Wednesday, October 9, 10:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. Learn more about your association's initiatives and successes in the past year and what we're looking forward to in the coming year. You do not need to be an ILA member to attend. Following the Membership Meeting will be the President's Program with Mychal Threets in Exhibit Hall B.

Mobile App

The 2024 ILA Annual Conference App is available in the Apple App Store and in the Google Play store. Search using: "PheedLoop Go!" With the app you can:

- Search for sessions by track, audience, format, and speaker
- Create a personal schedule by selecting the sessions you plan to attend
- "Check in" to sessions you attend to provide valuable feedback on how many people attended
- Evaluate and provide feedback on the sessions you attend
- Download session handouts
- View exhibitor information and handouts
- Access conference center and exhibit floor maps
- Find a map of local restaurants

The mobile app is made possible by the generous support of Today's Business Solutions (TBS).



Mothers' Room

A private room for nursing mothers, with a refrigerator, is available on the second floor of the Peoria Civic Center in room 200. The Mothers' Room will be available throughout the conference.

Passport to Prizes

Travel through the 2024 ILA Annual Conference Exhibit Hall and meet with exhibitors who service and support Illinois libraries. To qualify for the prize drawing, you must visit and receive a stamp from each exhibitor listed in the passport. Once complete, place the passport in the drop-off box located near booth 218 before the drawings. Each day will have winners. You must be present to win.

Drawings

4:30 P.M. on Wednesday
1:00 P.M. on Thursday

Professional Headshot Studio

Need a professional photo? Complimentary head shots are available at the conference. Photos will be shared with attendees 2-3 weeks after the conference.

Quiet Room

Room 201 on the second floor of the Peoria Civic Center is available for attendees who need a break from the hustle and bustle of conference. Please respect others in the room and take conversations out of the room.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located throughout the convention center. Gender neutral restrooms are available on each level.

Resume Review

Offered by the ILA Marketing Forum and the ILA Human Resources & Administration Forum, this opportunity offers resume reviews by library professionals from the Illinois library community. They'll help you rework and enhance your resume, ensuring you're prepared for your next potential opportunity or future position. Each review session lasts 20 minutes, and an appointment is required. The Resume Review will be on the second floor of the Peoria Civic Center in room 202.

Speaker Prep Area

Prep areas are available for speakers to meet and prepare for their program.

WiFi Access

ILA provides WiFi access in the Peoria Civic Center to conference attendees.

Wi-Fi Username / Network: **ILA2024**

Wi-Fi Password: **library2024** (all lower case)

We thank our generous sponsor, Outsource IT Solutions Group, for their support in keeping the conference connected!



Tuesday, October 8

9:00 – 10:30 A.M.



Opening General Session, Featuring Nick Offerman

Room Hall B

A special Q&A keynote with Nick Offerman and ILA President Amy Byers.

Nick Offerman is an award-winning actor, New York Times bestselling author, and acclaimed woodworker. Hailing from Illinois, Offerman gained fame for his portrayal of the beloved Ron Swanson in the acclaimed TV series, *Parks and Recreation*. Recently honored with his first Emmy at the 75th annual Creative Arts Emmy Awards, he was awarded Outstanding Guest Actor in a Drama Series for his performance in HBO's *The Last of Us*. Beyond the screen, Offerman showcases his versatility as an author with several notable works, including *Good Clean Fun: Misadventures in Sawdust at Offerman Woodshop*, *The Greatest Love Story Ever Told: An Oral History*, and *Where the Deer and the Antelope Play: The Pastoral Observations of One Ignorant American Who Loves to Walk Outside*.

In September, Offerman met virtually with Amy Byers and ILA staff to answer members' prerecorded questions. ILA is delighted to present this exclusive keynote.

The Opening General Session is made possible by the generous support of Today's Business Solutions (TBS).



10:45 – 11:45 A.M.

Fat Liberation in Libraries: Imagining a More Equitable and Accessible Future

Speaker: Emily Gilbert, University of Illinois Chicago

Room 134

Burnout in the Library

Speaker: Beth Sousa, Palatine Public Library District

Room 135

The Accidental Trainer: How to Create A+ Training Content on Any Budget!

Speaker: Brittany Smith, Pinnacle Library Cooperative

Room 136

Calling All Catalogers: Mentorship is for You

Speakers: Jennifer Baugh, Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS); Nincy George, Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS); Pamela Thomas, Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS)

Room 210–211

Packing for Peanuts: How to Move on a Budget

Speakers: Allison Schmid, Bloomington Public Library; Carol Torrens, Bloomington Public Library; Jeanne Hamilton, Bloomington Public Library

Room 212–213

Breaking Up With Your Book Club: Practical Strategies for Evaluating Problematic Programs

Speakers: Becca Maree, Bourbonnais Public Library District; Kelly McCully, Bourbonnais Public Library District

Room 220

Card Sorting for Outreach, Engagement, and Improvement

Speakers: Christina Norton, Bradley University; Jennifer Stubbs, Bradley University; Michelle Nielsen Ott, Bradley University

Room 221

Building Leadership Skills for Youth Services Staff: A How-To Guide For Future Managers and Library Leaders

Speakers: Aimee Villet, Glen Carbon Centennial Library; Ann Baillie, Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library; Brandi Smits, Orland Park Public Library

Presented by the Youth Services Forum

Room 222

NOON – 1:15 P.M.

Awards Luncheon

Pre-registration required for this ticketed event.

Celebrate the achievements of your colleagues at the Awards Luncheon. The Awards Luncheon is made possible by the generous support of Libraries of Illinois Risk Agency (LIRA).

Pre-registration is required for this ticketed event.



Pere Marquette - Marquette Ballroom

1:30 – 5:30 P.M.



From Quiet Observation to Strategic Action: Introverted Leadership for Dynamic Libraries with Elaina Norlin

This hands-on, immersive workshop delves into the dynamic of introversion and power structures within libraries, empowering participants to harness the power of quiet strength. Author Elaina Norlin will unpack the four introverted types, delve into their leadership superpowers, and navigate the unique challenges they face under pressure and stress.

Pre-registration is required for this ticketed event.

Pere Marquette - LaSalle Ballroom

1:30 – 2:30 P.M.

Youth Services IGNITE

Speakers: Aimee Villet, Glen Carbon Centennial Library; Ann Baillie, Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library; Brandi Smits, Orland Park Public Library; Ellen Fitzgerald, Naperville Public Library; Kara DeCarlo, Orland Park Public Library; Monica Boyer, Aurora Public Library District; Nikki Marabotti, Gail Borden Public Library

Presented by the Youth Services Forum

Room 134

United Against Book Bans: A New Regional Response Team

Speakers: Anna Wassenaar, Blue Island Public Library; Holly Eberle, Algonquin Area Public Library District; Joe Filapek, Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS); Leah Gregory, Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS)

Presented by the Intellectual Freedom Committee

Room 135

In the Studio: Audio Production for Patrons

Speakers: Andrew Moore, Gail Borden Public Library; Jalen Little, Schaumburg Township District Library; Joe Marcantonio, Schaumburg Township District Library

Room 136

Supporting Library Staff Engagement through Alignment: Strategies for Effective Organizational Change

Speaker: Marlee Graser, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Room 210–211

Fields of Change: New MARC Fields

Speakers: Jennifer Baugh, Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS); Pamela Thomas, Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS)

Presented by the Resources & Technical Services Forum

Room 212–213

Tuesday, October 8

1:30 – 2:30 P.M. (Continued)

Trends and Hot Topics in Library Electronic Resources

Speakers: Bill Pardue, Arlington Heights Memorial Library; Leila Heath, Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS); Maggie Thomann, Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS)

Room 220

Public Art & Libraries: A Platform for Community Engagement and Representation

Speakers: Becca Boland, Illinois Library Association; Denise Raleigh, Gail Borden Public Library District; Katie Fox, Skokie Public Library; Michaela Haberkern, Aurora Public Library District; Rosario Colin, Waukegan Public Library; Shekinah Lawrence, Triton College; Tiffany Verzani, Waukegan Public Library

Room 221

Help! Homeschoolers Have Taken over the Library!

Speaker: Ashley Nelson, Reddick Public Library

Room 222

2:45 – 3:45 P.M.

Reference Skills Can Transform Lives: Designing an Effective Community Resource Guide

Speakers: Elizabeth Lynch, Addison Public Library; Lesley Cyrier, Addison Public Library

Room 134

One Affirming Adult: Stepping Up to Support Queer Teens in the Library

Speakers: Andrea Johnson, Mount Prospect Public Library; Kylie Peters, Geneva Public Library District

Presented by the Young Adult Services Forum

Room 135

Illuminating Digital Equity for Libraries

Speakers: Anne Slaughter, Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS); Troy Brown, Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS)

Room 136

Baby's Brain Gets Lit: Explore the Science Behind Early Childhood Services

Speaker: Terri Norstrom, Cook Memorial Public Library District

Room 210–211

Building Support and Community Through Podcasting

Speakers: Bobbi Perryman, Vespasian Warner Public Library District; Christin Haws, Vespasian Warner Public Library District; Katie Fox, Skokie Public Library; Paul Knutson, Skokie Public Library

Room 212–213

Serving Our Public 5.0: Standards for Illinois Public Libraries — Open Discus- sion

Room 218

Shining a Light on Managing Employees

Speakers: Cassandra Thompson, Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS); Jill Trevino, Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS)

Room 220

Motivating and Developing Student Workers in an Academic Library

Speaker: Liz Hollendonner, Staley Library-Millikin University

Room 221

Building Bridges: Using your Community to Bridge the Multicultural Gap in Your Programming

Speaker: Rosie Camargo, South Holland Public Library

Room 222

4:00 – 5:00 P.M.

A Seed Library for Every Library

Speaker: Stephanie Giardi, Winnetka-Northfield Public Library District

Room 134

What's Work Got to Do With It?

Speakers: Scott Hoesman, inQUEST Consulting

Room 135

The AI-Pocalypse: Generative AI Takes over Your Library (In a Good Way!)

Speakers: Amy Franco, Hillside Public Library; Brigitte Bell, University of St. Francis; Chris Renkosiak, Wood Dale Public Library District; Christina Keasler, Dixon Public Library; Jack Bower, Rolling Meadows Library

Room 136

Lighting the Readers' Advisory Spark across All Staff

Speakers: Alissa Williams, Morton Public Library District; Becky Spratford, RA for All; Christen Wiser, Ela Area Public Library District; Nanette Donohue, Champaign Public Library

Room 210–211

What's YOUR Story?

Speakers: Janette Derucki, Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS); Leah Gregory, Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS)

Room 212–213

Middle Managers Roundtable: Surrounded by Support Instead of Stuck in the Middle

Speakers: Bryan Blank, Elmhurst Public Library; Jolie Duncan, Arlington Heights Memorial Library; Katie Allan, Orland Park Public Library; Samantha Bunte, Fox River Valley Public Library District

Room 220

Level-Up Your Career: Pro-Tips on Cover Letters, Resumes, & References

Speakers: Anthony Andros, Orland Park Public Library; Jim Deiters, Joliet Public Library

Room 221

iREAD Showcase 2025: Level Up at Your Library

Speakers: Becca Boland, Illinois Library Association; Ellen Fitzgerald, Naperville Public Library; Kaitlin Mathers, Palatine Public Library District; Kara DeCarlo, Orland Park Public Library; Maisie Iven, Naperville Public Library

Room 222

7:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Ms. Quiz Presents: A Trivia Night For Library Folks!

Pere Marquette - Marquette Ballroom

Wednesday, October 9

8:00 – 10:00 A.M.



Youth Services Forum Author Breakfast, Featuring Oge Mora

Pere Marquette - LaSalle Ballroom

Oge Mora's appearance is presented by the Youth Services Forum and made possible by the generous support of iREAD.

Pre-registration is required for this ticketed event.



IACRL Unconference

Speakers: Daniel Matthews, Moraine Valley Community College; Sarah McHone-Chase, Aurora University; Shannon Pohrte, Elgin Community College; Tamara Jenkins, Illinois Library Association

Presented by the Illinois Association of College and Research Libraries Forum.

Room 222

9:00 – 10:00 A.M.

RTSF Unconference & Networking

Speakers: Joy Anhalt, Tinley Park Public Library; Nanette Donohue, Champaign Public Library

Presented by the Resources and Technical Services Forum.

Room 218

Young Adult Services Forum (YASF) Open Meeting

Speakers: Andrea Johnson, Mount Prospect Public Library; Sonya Hill, Elia Area Public Library District

Room 209

Library Advocacy: You're Not Alone

Speaker: Tim Prendergast, Hodgkins Public Library District

Presented by the Advocacy Committee

Room 134

De-Escalation Strategies for Irate Visitors

Speakers: Joe Crimmins, Serve and Protect Law, LLC; Melissa Gardner, Palatine Public Library District

Room 135

It's Time To Get Things Started!: What the Muppets Teach Us About Valuing Authenticity and Uniqueness

Speakers: Christyn Rayford, South Holland Public Library; Regina Townsend, South Holland Public Library; Rosie Camargo, South Holland Public Library

Room 136

Co-Worker to Supervisor: Managing Previous Peers

Speaker: Resa Mai, Morris Area Public Library

Room 210-211

Creating Opportunities for Clients with Disabilities to Learn, Grow, and Enjoy Your Library

Speaker: Dawn Wlezien, Skokie Public Library

Room 212-213

Movin' and Groovin': Tips on How a Dance Storytime is Engaging and Fun!

Speaker: Tom Malinowski, Winnetka-Northfield Public Library District

Room 220

Hands-On Coding and Electronics Library Programs: Empowering Blind and Visually Impaired Learners and Beyond

Speakers: Kyungwon Koh, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Marni Balint, Skokie Public Library; Sara Ballenger, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Wayne Hardy, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Room 221

10:30 A.M. – Noon



Membership Meeting & President's Program, Featuring Mychal Threets

Learn more about your association's initiatives and successes in the past year and what we're looking forward to in the coming year. Non-members are invited to attend the Membership Meeting. A presentation by Mychal Threets will follow the Membership Meeting.

Room: Hall B

Mychal Threets' appearance is made possible by the generous support of RAILS.



Noon – 1:30 P.M.

Exhibits Opening Lunch

Exhibit Hall

The Exhibits Opening Lunch is made possible by the generous support of Meristem Advisors and Virco Furniture.



IACRL Luncheon, Featuring Zachary Benedict

Pere Marquette - LaSalle Ballroom

The IACRL Luncheon is presented by the Illinois Association of College and Research Libraries.

Pre-registration is required for this ticketed event.

1:45 – 2:45 P.M.

Wage & Hour Woes

Speaker: Kathryn O'Connor, HR Source

Room 134

Dear Teen Librarian

Speakers: Lisa Barefield, Wheaton Public Library; Maisie Iven, Naperville Public Library; Sonya Hill, Ela Area Public Library District

Presented by the Young Adult Services Forum

Room 135

Wednesday, October 9

1:45 – 2:45 P.M. (Continued)

How Collaboration Can Spark Scholarly Creativity: Librarian-Faculty Partnerships in Publishing

Speakers: Grace Allbaugh, Illinois State University; Susan Woollen, Illinois State University

Room 136

Hiring During a Rising Tide of Book Bans

Speakers: Anna Wassenaar, Blue Island Public Library; Elizabeth Lynch, Addison Public Library; Jill Trevino, Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS); Suzanne Yazel, Mount Prospect Public Library

Presented by the Intellectual Freedom Committee and the Human Resources & Administration Forum

Room 210–211

How Eighteen Small Libraries Created a Directors' Alliance: The Key is Chocolate

Speakers: Ashleigh Enghausen, Cheney's Grove Township Library; Carla Skare, El Paso Public Library; Cathy Grafton, Odell Public Library District; Rachel Ballenger, Towanda District Library

Presented by the Small and Rural Libraries Forum

Room 212–213

Resources and Technical Services (RTSF) Annual Meeting

Speakers: Joy Anhalt, Tinley Park Public Library; Nanette Donohue, Champaign Public Library

Room 218

Adult Programming: Why Should Kids Have All the Fun?

Speakers: Kelli Adams, Orland Park Public Library; Laura Youngstrum, Reddick Public Library District; Natalie Finlon, Orland Park Public Library

Room 220

Sparking a Practice of Diversity, Inclusion, Equity, and Belonging through Culturally Sustaining Information Literacy

Speaker: Rob Morrison, National Louis University

Room 221

Yes, And: How Improv Skills Can Improve Communication

Speakers: Adam Woodworth, The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn; Alissa Raschke-Janchenko, New Lenox Public Library;

Room 222

3:00 – 4:00 P.M.

Employment Law Update

Speaker: Kelly Hayden, HR Source

Room 134

Creating Cards and Carving Pumpkins: How Fun Activities at Work Build Morale, Create Community, and Spark Creativity

Speakers: Angela Yon, Illinois State University, Milner Library; Grace Allbaugh, Illinois State University, Milner Library; Susan Franzen, Illinois State University, Milner Library

Room 135

Time for a Change! Updating Access Points for Inclusivity

Speakers: Lisa Schemensky, Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS); Lucas McKeever, Downers Grove Public Library; Mary Cornell, Illinois Heartland Library System; (IHLS) RK Knauer, Champaign Public Library; Sara Scodius, Northbrook Public Library

Presented by the Resources & Technical Services Forum

Room 136

Making it Easy – Reducing Barriers and Eliminating Unnecessary Stupidity that Stands between Your Patrons and Great Library Service

Speakers: Amanda McFarlane, Mahomet-Seymour Junior High School; John S. Howard, Mahomet Public Library District; Tammy Caputo, Mahomet Public Library District

Room 210–211

World Language Collections and Programming

Speakers: Ellen Fitzgerald, Naperville Public Library; Jenny Berry, Naperville Public Library; Lynette Bromiel, Naperville Public Library

Room 212–213

Look What You Made Me Do: Tweens, Teens, and Trends in Makerspaces

Speakers: Jack Schultz, Indian Prairie Public Library; Mary Kate Klasen, Palos Heights Public Library; Nicole Brennan, Arlington Heights Memorial Library; Selicia Applegate, Palatine Public Library District; Tina Ruzsala, Palos Heights Public Library

Room 220

Introducing Open Educational Resources to Future Educators

Speakers: Loren Mindell, Chicago State University; Rasha Elhage, Governors State University

Presented by the Illinois Association of College & Research Libraries Forum

Room 221

Unlocking the Teen Space: Strategies for Success

Speakers: Lisa Barefield, Wheaton Public Library; Sonya Hill, Ela Area Public Library District

Presented by the Young Adult Services Forum

Room 222

4:00 – 5:00 P.M.

Exhibits Snack Break

Room: Exhibit Hall C

iREAD Showcase Make and Take

Presented by the iREAD Committee

Speaker: Becca Boland, Illinois Library Association

Room: Exhibit Hall C

7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

Drag Bingo

Pere Marquette - Cotillion Ballroom

Pre-registration is required for this ticketed event.

Thursday, October 10

8:00 – 10:00 A.M.

Youth and Young Adult Services Unconference

Speakers: Abbigail McWilliams, Sterling Public Library; Alissa Raschke-Janchenko, New Lenox Public Library; Andrea Johnson, Mount Prospect Public Library; Ann Baillie, Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library; Sonya Hill, Ela Area Public Library District

Room 222

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Human Resources and Administration Forum Unconference

Presented by the ILA Human Resources and Administration Forum

Speakers: Aimee Hartley, Plainfield Area Public Library; Billy Treece, Oak Park Public Library; Jill Trevino, Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS); Paul Piraino, Schaumburg Township District Library; Rebecca Cox, Fondulac District Library; Sarah Anderson, Illinois Library Association; Suzanne Yazel, Mount Prospect Public Library

Room 218

8:00 – 9:00 A.M.

Past Presidents' Breakfast

By Invitation.

Pere Marquette – Cheminee Ballroom

Trustee Day Breakfast

Pre-registration is required

Pere Marquette - LaSalle Ballroom

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9:00 – 10:00 A.M.

Cooking Up a More Browsable Nonfiction Collection through Blended Dewey

Speakers: Andrew Cook, Downers Grove Public Library; Kira Riddle, Downers Grove Public Library

Presented by the Resources & Technical Services Forum

Room 134

Social Media and Legal Considerations for Library Officials

Speaker: Julie Tappendorf, Ancel Glink, PC

Presented by the Library Trustee Forum

Room 135

Toxic Takedowns: Mastering the Art of Handling Difficult Employees

Speakers: Candace Fisher, HR Source; Lauren Soderstrom, HR Source

Room 136

Fostering Compassionate and Empathetic Library Policies for a Better Work Culture

Speakers: Alvin Stockdale, Fossil Ridge Public Library District; Jacob Brown, Fossil Ridge Public Library District; Jennifer Hovanec, La Grange Public Library; Katie Allan, Orland Park Public Library; Rene Leyva, Fossil Ridge Public Library District; Tom Stagg, Alpha Park Public Library

Room 210–211

Engaging and Participating in YOUR State's Library Association!

Speakers: Heather Jagman, DePaul University Library; Jordan Neal, Champaign Public Library; Kate Kite, Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS); Ryan Johnson, O'Fallon Public Library

Presented by the Nominating Committee

Room 212–213

Statewide Databases: Ins, Outs, and Everywhere in Between

Speakers: Ryan Franklin, Illinois State Library; Suzanna Jones, Illinois State Library

Room 220

A Civil Way of Approaching Civics

Speakers: Amy Salmon, Lincoln Library; John Wylder, Lincoln Library

Room 221

10:00 – 11:00 A.M.

Exhibits Coffee Break

Exhibit Hall

11:00 – Noon

The Trustee's Important Role in Financial Oversight of the Library

Speakers: Andy Mace, Meristem Advisors LLC; James Rachlin, Meristem Advisors LLC; Kathy Parker, kathyparker consulting

Presented by the Library Trustee Forum

Room 134

Building Bridges and Breaking Boundaries: The Library as a Resource for Non-users

Speakers: Kelsey Cole-Burns, Vernon Area Public Library District; Laura Yanchick, Joliet Public Library; Lauren Chambers, The Urbana Free Library; Linda Zeilstra Sawyer, Glenview Public Library

Room 135

Jedi Communication Masters: How One Library Used the Force to Overcome a Crisis

Speakers: Kelly Rohder-Tonelli, Joliet Junior College; Megan Millen, Joliet Public Library

Room 136

Being Prepared Leads to Effective and Efficient (and Shorter!) Board Meetings

Speakers: Alex Todd, Prospect Heights Public Library District; Jim Deiters, Joliet Public Library

Presented by the Library Trustee Forum

Room 210–211

New YA Titles to Booktalk: AISLE's Lincoln Book Award

Speakers: Amy Phillips, Riverside Brookfield High School; Jennifer Jazwinski, Algonquin Area Public Library District

Room 212–213

Retired Members Forum Meeting

Are you retired or thinking about retiring in the next ten years, consider joining the new ILA Retired Members Forum!

Room 218

Seeing, Understanding, and Helping your Staff with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Speakers: Austyn Harms, Goodwill Industries of Central Illinois; Laura Keyes, Dunlap Public Library District; Tim O'Malley, Goodwill Industries of Central Illinois

Room 220

Thursday, October 10

11:00 – Noon (Continued)

Bringing the Outdoors into the Library: Small & Rural Library Examples

Speakers: Amy Harris, Alpha Park Public Library;
Beth Duttlinger, Lillie M. Evans Library District;
Yesenia Lambert, Henderson County Public Library District

Room 221

Illinois Libraries: Making an Impact

Speakers: Anna Claussen, Illinois Secretary of State;
Colleen Dettenmeier, Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS);
Janette Derucki, Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS);
John Fischer, Normal Public Library; Mark Hatch, Reaching Across
Illinois Library System (RAILS); Monica Harris, Reaching Across
Illinois Library System (RAILS)

Room 222

Noon – 1:30 P.M.

Exhibits Closing Lunch

Exhibit Hall

Trustee Day Luncheon

Pre-registration is required

Library Trustee Forum Meeting

Pere Marquette - LaSalle Ballroom

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1:45 – 2:45 P.M.



DiversiTEA Closing Keynote, Featuring Imani Barbarin

Exhibit Hall B

Ableds Are Weird

In this talk, Imani recounts her personal experiences with ableist microaggressions and how those interactions informed her of how she was seen as a disabled person moving through society. Connect the dots from everyday interactions to public policy and how one may unlearn these biases.

Imani Barbarin is a disability rights and inclusion activist and speaker who uses her voice and social media platforms to create conversations engaging the disability community. Born with cerebral palsy, Imani often writes and uses her platform to speak from the perspective of a disabled black woman. In the last few years she has created over a dozen trending hashtags that allow disabled folk the opportunity to have their perspectives heard while forcing the world to take notice. #PatientsAreNotFaking, #ThingsDisabledPeopleKnow, #AbledsAreWeird and others each provide a window into disabled life while forming community.

3:00 – 4:00 P.M.

Teen Behavior: Why Do They Do That, and How Should I Respond?

Speakers: Courtney Moore, Addison Public Library; Holly Eberle, Algonquin Area Public Library District; Kylie Peters, Geneva Public Library District

Presented by the Young Adult Services Forum

Room 134

Standing Room Only: How to Effectively Approach Crowds at Public Meetings

Speakers: Anne Skrodzki, Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins, LTD; Carmen Forte, Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins, LTD; Kaylee Hartman, Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins, LTD; Mallory Milluzzi, Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins, LTD

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Room 210–211

Building Relationships outside the Library Walls

Speakers: Laura Keyes, Dunlap Public Library District; Luke Stremmlau, Bloomington Election Commission; Rachael Rezek, Rezek Solutions; Roberta Parks, League of Women Voters of Greater Peoria

Room 212–213

How to iLEAD

Speaker: Leanne Furby, Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS)

Presented by the Library Trustee Forum

Room 220

Community Connections: School and Public Library Collaboration

Speakers: Carolyn Kinsella, Seneca Public Library/AISLE; Deborah Will, Zion-Benton Township High School/AISLE; Robin Smith, Zion-Benton Public Library

Room 221

Archives, Generative AI, and Ethical Storytelling

Speaker: Bradley Wiles, Northern Illinois University Libraries

Room 222

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Poster Sessions

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Wednesday, October 9

NOON – 1:30 P.M.

Listening is Reading!

Presenter: Sheri Bay, The Illinois Talking Book and Braille Service

RCC's Family Friendly Resource Room

Presenter: Gavena Dahlman, Richland Community College

Supercharge Your Strategic Plan

Presenter: John S. Howard, Mahomet Public Library District

Storytelling through Programming

Presenter: DoMonique Arnold, University Laboratory High School Library

Library Worker? Trustee? Why Not Both?

Presenters: Alex Vancina, Helen Plum Library; Jennifer Cutshall, Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library District; Jennifer Hovanec, La Grange Public Library

Partnering with Reach Out and Read

Presenters: Kristina Rogers, Reach Out & Read Illinois; Olivia Heinzerth, Reach Out & Read Illinois; Veena Villivalam, Reach Out & Read Illinois; Victoria Martinez, Chicago Public Library

Digitization Collaboration and Making History Accessible

Presenters: Briana Love, Aurora University; Katharine Van Arsdale, Andrews University; Kevin Burton, Andrews University; Sarah McHone-Chase, Aurora University

E-Z Tips for Website Accessibility

Presenters: Brian Smith, Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS); Diana Rusch, Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS); Margae Schmidt, Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS)

3:30 – 5:00 P.M.

Best Practices for Library Exhibits and Displays

Presenter: Bradley Tolppanen, Eastern Illinois University

Celebratory Queer Space: Innovating Beyond Safe Space

Presenters: Adriane Sparks, Booth Library, Eastern Illinois University; Ezra Hebron, Booth Library, Eastern Illinois University

Marketing Your Collections with Better Book Displays

Presenter: Lila Denning

Shelf Expression: Amplifying Library Voices in the ILA Reporter

Presenters: Emily Hampston, Palos Park Public Library; Lynette Bromiel, Naperville Public Library

We Want to Be Where the Action Is: A Progress Report on a New Reference Service Model

Presenters: Gabrielle Toth, Chicago State University; Rosalind Fielder-Giscombe, Chicago State University

Nurturing Resilience: Crafting Self-Care Kits for Jr. High Kids

Presenter: Wendy Roe-Chapman, Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library

The REFORMA Midwest Chapter Springs Back to Life!

Presenter: Gwen Gregory, Northern Illinois University Libraries

¡Vamos a México! "First-Time Adventure: Exploring Guadalajara Book Fair Without Knowing Spanish!"

Presenters: Annette De Luna, Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library; Marissa Guzman, Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library

Thursday, October 10

9:30 – 11:00 A.M.

Community-Made Granny Square Blanket

Presenters: Diana Koepp, Frankfort Public Library District; Rachel Hedderman, Frankfort Public Library District

Full-Body Literacy

Presenters: Jennifer Lee, Wilmette Public Library; Sheri Reda, Wilmette Public Library

Welcoming Sensory Seekers

Presenter: Wendy Roe-Chapman, Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library

From Compliance to Conformance: LibGuide Accessibility Evaluation of Funk ACES Library

Presenters: Yanling Liu, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; Nikki Gross, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Creating and Growing a Systematic Review Support Service at Your Library

Presenters: Jason Kruse, Northwestern University Libraries; Lauren McKeen McDonald, Northwestern University Libraries

Too Young for This, Too Old for That: School-Aged Programming

Presenter: Elizabeth Lugo, South Holland Public Library

AI in the Library: Helping Students Navigate the World of Artificial Intelligence

Presenters: Elizabeth Nelson, McHenry County College; Kim Tipton, McHenry County College

Tales and Travel Memories & Adventures: Free Book and Reading Program Ideas for Your Patrons Living with Dementia

Presenter: Mary Beth Riedner, LSDA/ODLOS/ALA

NOON – 1:30 P.M.

High Impact, Low Stress: Impactful and Attainable DEIA Initiatives for Academic Libraries

Presenters: Donna Goodwin, Elmhurst University; Jacqueline Zook, Northeastern Illinois University; Jade Kastel, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum

That's Illinois?! Surprising People and Events in Illinois History Recorded in Primary Sources at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum

Presenter: Jade Kastel, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum; Kelsey Wise, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum; Matthew Diehl, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum

100 Years of Connection, Curiosity, and Joy Anniversary Exhibit

Presenter: Jean Bolliger, Palatine Public Library District

Support Little Learners and Caregivers with a New Kind of Early Literacy Program

Presenter: Sydney Stensland, Mount Prospect Public Library

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Audit of the A.C. Buehler Library's Children's Literature Section: A Comparison

Presenter: Wrigley Page, A.C. Buehler Library, Elmhurst University

Swap It! How to Create a Swap Program at Your Library

Presenter: Becky Vallejo, Homer Township Public Library

Providing Library Service at the Pick Up Window

Provider: Rebecca Bartlett, La Grange Public Library

Trustee Day Schedule

Thursday, October 26

8:00 – 9:00 A.M.

Trustee Continental Breakfast

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Illinois Library Luminaries 2023 & 2024



Ellen Popit

Ellen C. Popit is the Associate Director of the Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS) and has been a dedicated library proponent over the course of her 39-year career. She began her career in school and public libraries before moving to the Shawnee Library System in 1991. During her lengthy career, Popit has served as an advisor, consultant, leader, and mentor to all types of libraries and library staff.

Popit was awarded the highly selective Association of Illinois School Library Educators (AISLE) Crystal Honor Award in 2020. This award is given to those who have shown distinguished support of or contributions to the school library profession, school libraries in Illinois, and/or contributions to AISLE.

Popit's influence and devotion to the Illinois library community is evidenced by her participation in several committees. She has served as a Director-at-large on the ILA Executive Board; been a member of the ILA Conference Program Committee, serving as Co-chair for the 2010 Libraries Out Loud ILA Annual Conference; served on the Serving Our Public Committee for both the 3.0 and 4.0 revisions; and served on the ILA Public Policy Committee in an ex officio capacity. Popit is a founding committee member of the successful Directors' University, now in its 8th year; has served on the biennial Illinois Youth Services Institute Planning Committee; has been both Chair and member of the Rebecca Caudill Young Readers Book Awards; and been a Synergy and ILEAD U mentor. Popit's service further includes the Institute for School & Public Libraries, the Small Public Library Management Institute, the Illinois State Library Advisory Committee, and serving on AISLE/ISLMA's Readers' Choice Committee and Conference Committee.

Inducted July 16, 2024



Emily Knox

Dr. Emily Joyce Magdelyn Knox is an associate professor in the School of Information Sciences at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Dr. Knox's commitment to intellectual freedom and to shaping the next generation of librarians has touched every library in Illinois.

Her research interests include information access, intellectual freedom and censorship, information ethics and policy, and the intersection of print culture and reading practices. She is a member of many organizations including the American Library Association, the Black Caucus of ALA, the Freedom to Read Foundation, and the Illinois Library Association. She is member of the advisory board for the African Centre of Excellence for Information Ethics and is the chair of the board of the National Coalition Against Censorship.

Her book, *Book Banning in 21st Century America* (Rowman & Littlefield) is the first monograph in the Beta Phi Mu Scholars' Series. Her most recent book *Foundations of Intellectual Freedom* (ALA Neal-Schuman) won the 2023 Eli M. Oboler Prize for best published work in the area of intellectual freedom. Knox's articles have been published in the *Library Quarterly*, *Library and Information Science Research*, and *Open Information Science*.

Knox has received many awards and recognitions, including the 2023 American Library Association/Beta Phi Mu Award of achievement for distinguished service to education for librarianship, 2023 Beta Phi Mu Distinguished Member Award, 2022 iSchool Alumni Association (ISAA) Distinguished Alumnus Award, 2022 Chicagoan of the Year for Books named along with library workers by the Chicago Tribune, and 2015 Illinois Library Association Intellectual Freedom Award.

Knox received her PhD from the doctoral program at the Rutgers University School of Communication & Information. Her master's in library and information science is from the iSchool at Illinois. She also holds a BA in Religious Studies from Smith College and an AM in the same field from The University of Chicago Divinity School.

Inducted November 16, 2023



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Sponsored by ILA and the ILA Awards Committee

Crosman Memorial Award for New Library Workers

Selicia Applegate, Palatine Library District

Sponsored by Dominican University School of Information Studies

Illinois Academic Librarian of the Year Award

Emily Gilbert, University of Illinois Chicago

Sponsored by Library Juice Academy

Innovative Programs and Services Award

Ana Beltran and Elizabeth Freebairn, Addison Public Library

Sponsored by Deiters & Todd Library Consulting

Intellectual Freedom Award

Lia Neveu, student at Lakes Community High School

Sponsored by the ILA Intellectual Freedom Committee and Ancel Glink

Librarian of the Year Award

Jennifer Drinka, Antioch Public Library District

Sponsored by ILA and Today's Business Solutions, Inc. (TBS)

Readers' Advisory Service Award

Jennifer Asimakopoulos, Wheaton Public Library

Sponsored by the ILA Awards Committee and the Adult Reading Round Table

Robert R. McClarren Legislative Development Award

Alexi Giannoulis, 38th Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian

Sponsored by ILA and the ILA Public Policy Committee

Deborah Dowley Preiser Marketing Award

Trente Arens, Naperville Public Library

Sponsored by ILA and Oak Park Public Library

Alexander J. Skrzypek Award for Exceptional Service to People with Disabilities

Dawn Wlezien, Skokie Public Library

Sponsored by Illinois State Library

TBS, Inc. Technical Services Award

Jenny Cuevas, Addison Public Library

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Trustee of the Year Award

Tom Stagg, Alpha Park Public Library

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Young Adult Library Professional of the Year Award

Courtney Moore, Addison Public Library

Sponsored by ILA Young Adult Services Forum and Sourcebooks

Youth Services Achievement Award

Debbie Sanchez, Addison Public Library

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Youth Services Librarian of the Year Award

Katie Salo, Glenview Public Library

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2024 Scholarship & Grant Recipients

Annual Conference Grants for Small and Rural Libraries

Lisa Casterline, Nokomis Public Library

Devin Scott, Salem Township Public Library District

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Robert P. Doyle ILA Annual Conference Grant for Support Staff

Alejandra Nieto, South Holland Public Library

Oberman and Rich Reaching Forward Conference Grant

Kathleen Schaefer, Dixon Public Library

Resources and Technical Services Forum Scholarship

Hannah Malmstrom, River Valley District Library

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Valerie J. Wilford Scholarship Grant for Library Education

Jasmine Schreiber, 7th Circuit Court of Appeals

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Bethany Hill, University of Tennessee

Leslie Lopez, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Katherine Mendoza-Gonzalez, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

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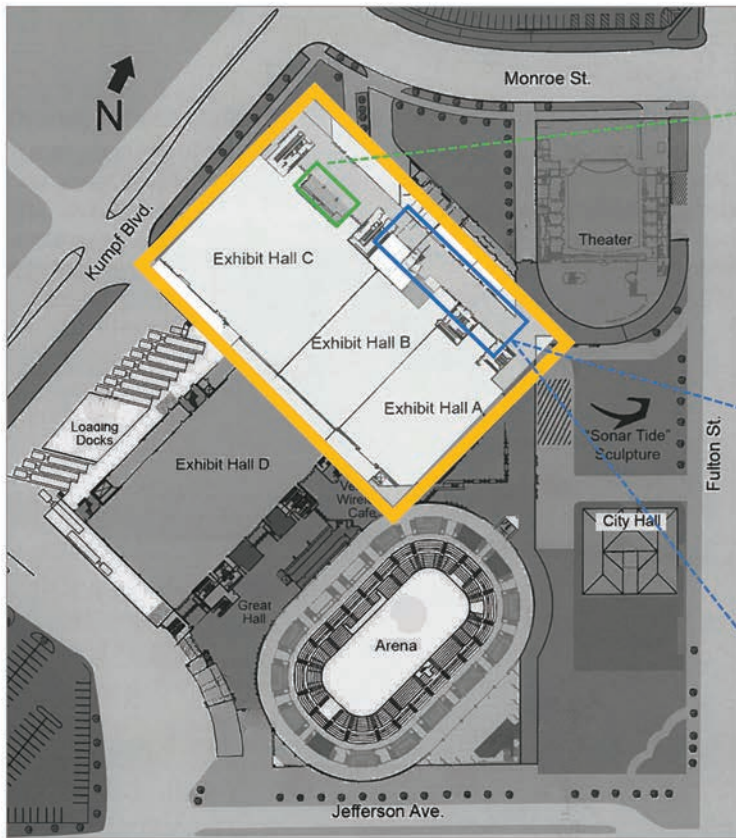
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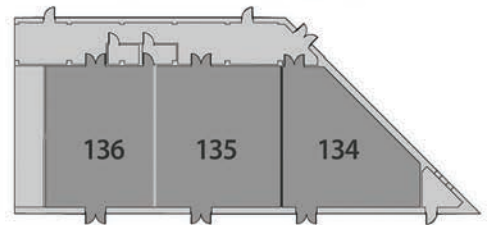
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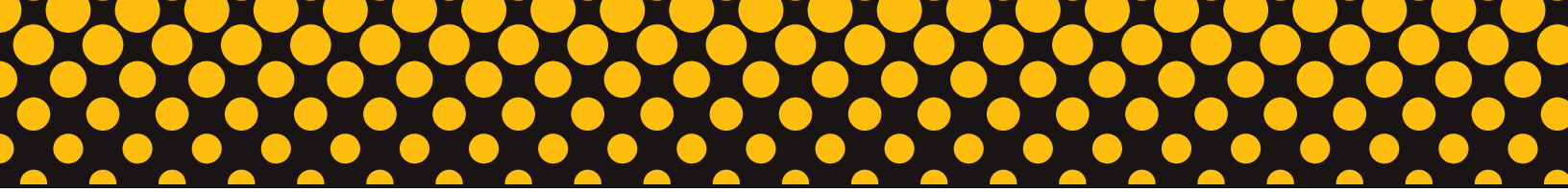


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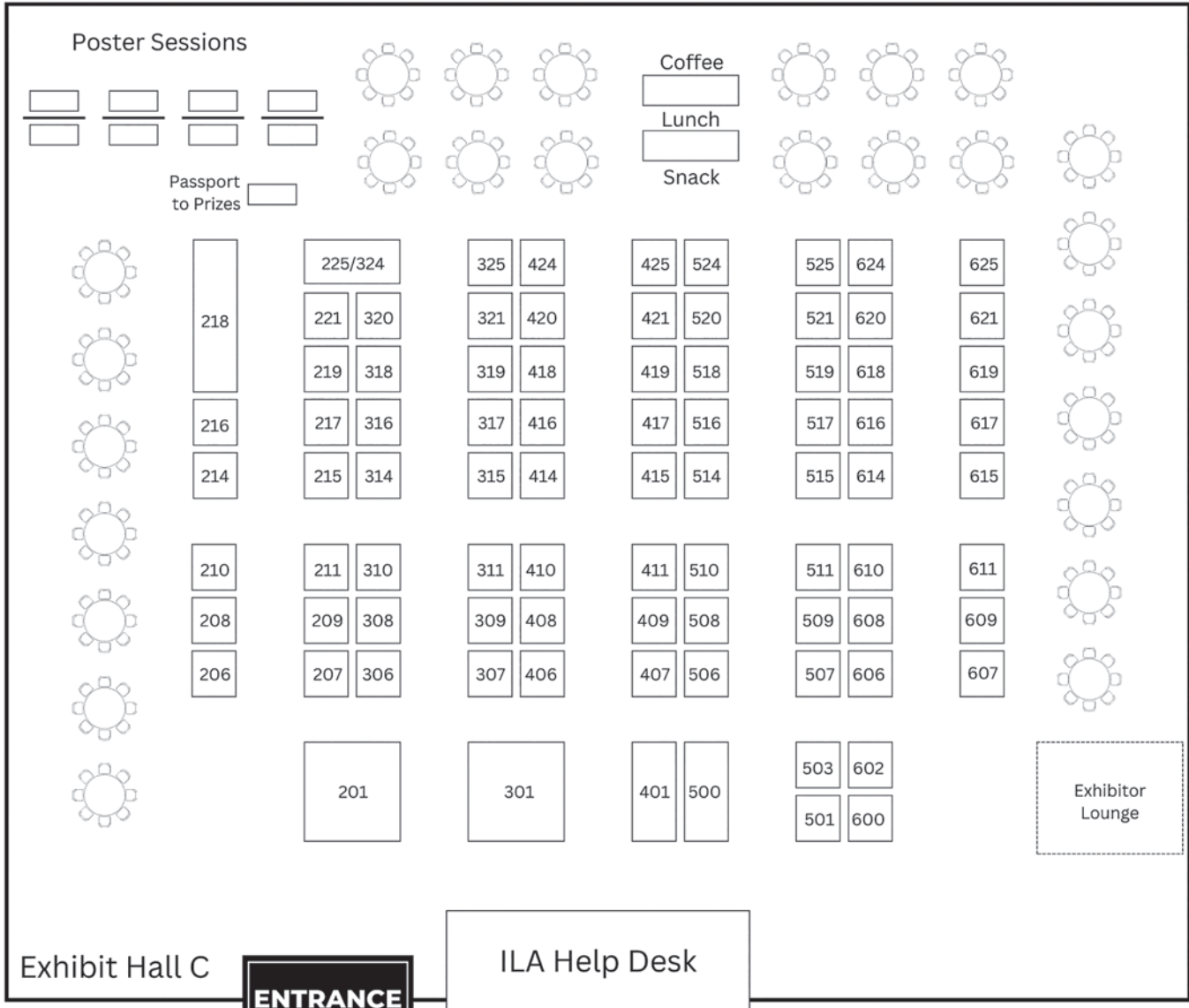


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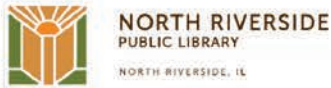
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