

## **Member Mixer**

**Sunday, October 15**

**5:30 – 6:30 p.m.**

Join us for this special “getting to know you” event to catch up with old friends, and meet new ones. Help us welcome new members, identified with blue ribbons, and learn about activities taking place in our local chapters. Light snacks and a cash bar will be offered.

## **Chapter Dine Outs**

**Sunday, October 15**

**6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

The local information committee is assisting chapter leaders in planning Dine Outs at some of the outstanding dining establishments located in Pittsburgh. Join your fellow chapter members for some informal networking and fun! Directions to the various restaurants are available at the Local Information Desk. (Pre-registration required.)

## **Trivia Competition**

**Sunday, October 15**

**8:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

Test your trivia skills against those of your colleagues from across the state at the 7th Annual Trivia Competition. Bring a team or form one on the fly! Proceeds will benefit the David J. Roberts EXCEL Library Services Award.

## **Strip District and Tour of the Detre Library & Archives at the Heinz History Center**

**Monday, October 16**

**7:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

Pittsburgh’s Strip District began in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century as a wholesale produce center. Goods such as meats, cheese, and vegetables arrived by train and were sold at auctions and in warehouses. While much has changed since then, “The Strip” is still a vibrant and fun hub brimming with energy. For the first hour of the tour, discover the neighborhood independently. Indulge in an Italian pastry from The Enrico Biscotti Co., browse the many ethnic stores, take in the aromas of food and fresh flowers and be sure to stop by the Pennsylvania Macaroni Company, which has been around for 115 years. At 9 a.m., there will be a tour of the Senator John Heinz History Center. The staff from the Detre Library & Archives, Western Pennsylvania’s preeminent source for researching the region’s rich history, will lead small group tours of the reference room and stacks. The cost of this tour is \$15 per person.

## **Exhibit Hall Reception**

**Monday, October 16**

**5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Network with our exhibitors over food and drink and discuss what’s new on the library scene -- You just might learn about something that will make your job easier or more effective! Exhibitors are the only source for raffle tickets for the Exhibits Prize Raffle to take place at 5:45 p.m. on Monday and 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday – ask for a ticket for a chance to win!

## **Oakland and Dessert Reception at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh’s Main Branch**

**Monday, October 16**

**6:15 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**

Known as “Pittsburgh’s Second Downtown,” Oakland is home to a flourishing business district, prestigious universities, renowned museums, a world-class hospital system and, of course, a stellar library. Attendees will have time to explore the heart of Oakland on their own. Grab a bite to eat at one of the many restaurants on Forbes Avenue and be sure to poke your head into the Cathedral of Learning, which is free and open to the public, to see the massive, three-story lobby that many liken to Hogwarts. At 8 p.m., join the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh - Main (Oakland) as they graciously

host an after-hours dessert reception and small group tours in their award-winning space. The cost of this tour is \$20 per person.

## **Retro Things that Go: Antique Bus Trip and Duquesne Incline Cable Cars**

**Tuesday, October 17**

**2:15 – 3:30 p.m.**

Climb aboard the ACE 465, a bright orange antique bus similar to those used by the Oriole Motor Coach Lines, which serviced the Pittsburgh area until the 1960s. The retro transit experience continues with a visit to the Duquesne Incline, featuring the iconic red cable cars that travel up and down Mt. Washington. Staff will lead a tour of the upper station's museum, focusing on the history of Pittsburgh and inclines across the world. Participants will even have the chance go behind the scenes and watch the machinery as it operates. Get your cameras ready for the incline's observation deck where you'll be dazzled by stunning views of Pittsburgh's skyline, rivers, bridges and stadiums. Lastly, climb aboard one of the last remaining cable cars in the country for a short, round-trip ride down and then back up the hillside (included with tour). The cost of this tour is \$15 per person.

## **Ex Libris Society Reception**

Members of this annual giving society are invited to attend this special "thank you" reception to be hosted by PaLA past presidents. Not a society member, but want to support PaLA now, and in the future? Visit the Ex Libris Desk near PaLA Registration to learn more.

## **Explore the Shore Shuttle**

**Tuesday, October 17**

**5:30 – 9:00 p.m. (Hop on/off anytime)**

During this excursion, explore Pittsburgh's riverfront hotspots. A hop on/ hop off bus will make continuous loops throughout the evening from the hotel to the North Shore to Station Square and back again. Get dropped off in any location, or venture to nearby downtown by foot or by the "T" (lightrail). Station Square is a dining and entertainment hub with over 20 eateries. The North Shore is home to the Rivers Casino, both PNC Park and Heinz Field and plenty of restaurants and breweries. The cost of this outing is \$10, which covers transportation.

## **Performers Showcase**

**Tuesday, October 17**

**6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

The Performers Showcase has become a staple of the PaLA Conference and will provide attendees with a preview of library performances that will fit the bill for your library's programming needs! Puppeteers, magicians, story-tellers, and more will provide 10-minute snapshots of what they do best. Attendees will receive a printed booklet of performer descriptions, contact information and area of travel. Casual food and a cash bar will be provided. Proceeds will benefit the David J. Roberts EXCEL Library Services Award.