

2017 Conference Evaluation

Suggested Topics for Future Conferences/Workshops:

For All:

- More discussion-style sessions (Similar to Rural & Small Libraries Round Table Discussion)
- Fostering Collaboration & Building Relationships
- Library Security/Safety of Staff
- National/Well-known Authors
- 201/301 Sessions – more in-depth discussion on topics rather than always beginner level
- Library Ethics/Ethics Policies
- Library Law & Patron Privacy
- Customer Services Tips & Best Practices
- Dealing with Difficult Patrons
- More Technology Hacks/Technology Petting Zoo (with instruction)
- Diversity/Inclusiveness
- Copyright/Fair Use/Public Domain

Personal Development:

- Leadership Training
- Networking/Mentorships
- Time Management
- Value of MLS Degree and how to use it for benefit
- More Self-care/Avoiding Burnout

Buildings:

- Library Spaces – Evaluation of usage & determination of best layout for multiple uses
- Library Spaces – General Configuration Tips
- Maintaining older buildings
- Re-purposing/Redesign

Management:

- Tips for New Managers
- Human Resource Laws & Policies
- Staff Team-Building
- Staff Management – How to deal with difficult people
- Board Involvement
- Strategic Plan Development – 5-year Plan
- Budgeting/Grant Resources

Marketing:

- More Graphic Design
- More Podcasting
- Social Media Outreach
- Higher Level of Marketing Tips & Best Practices

Academic Libraries

- Fostering Faculty/Librarian Collaboration
- Academic/Public Library Partnerships
- Marketing Academic Library Services

Public Libraries:

- More on addressing issues/understanding Homeless Population
- Dealing with Difficult Patrons
- More Readers Advisory
- Friends of Libraries – How to Create, Engage and Set Boundaries for Engagement
- Censorship/Intellectual Freedom
- LGBTQ Services/Social Justice Topics
- Technology in Library Programming
- Small Games of Chance Licensing
- Programming for Boys, Male Teens & Men
- Services to Minority Populations/Communicating Available Services to Non-English Communities

Youth Services

- New Approaches to Summer Reading
- Maker/Create Spaces
- Technology Use & Children (Especially under 5)
- Teen Topics & Engagement
- Hands-on Play with Toys and Technology
- What is YSD, how to get involved

Technical Services/Cataloging/Collection Development

- Cataloging Metadata Acquisitions
- Building Strong Digital Collections
- E-Book Content/Collection Management
- Weeding