'Hot Topics in Assessment' Discussion Group (LLAMA-MAES)

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3M Cloud Library User Group

This interactive user group meeting is for 3M Cloud Library customers and potential customers. Come to this collaborative session to meet and network with your peers, get answers to your questions from 3M technical experts, and to learn more about how to fully use the 3M Cloud Library in your facility.

In this workshop we will lead discussions and include:

An update of recent updates;

Tips and how-tos on the features that will help you more fully utilize the system and buying tool;

Customer success stories for launching, growing circ, increasing usage; and,

Brief overview of the near-term roadmap.

Expect a fun and interactive session to provide feedback and input, share your successes and learnings, interact with 3M technical experts and your peers. Refreshments provided.

AAP Library Family Feud
UNO

Featuring the nation's smartest, toughest and humor filled writers and librarians across the country. Play in the style of Family Feud (c), high score after four rounds will advance to Quick Money round. Winning team will receive a check courtesy of AAP and the participating publishers to be designated to their charity of choice. The event is hosted by AAP Library Committee Chair Chris Vaccari, Library Marketing Director, Sterling (aka Quizmaster Chris) and features five authors and librarians.

AAP LibraryReads Debut Authors Panel
UNO

Hosted by AAP/LibraryReads, this the third installment of the ALA Midwinter Debut Author Features...Hear from first time authors who are soon to become the next bestsellers, learn about their inspirations behind their debut work, the act of writing, and their own library love stories too.

AASL-CAEP Program Review Training

New and experienced reviewers and program report compilers are encouraged to attend this session to learn about the CAEP program review process, the 2010 AASL Standards for Initial Preparation of School Librarians, report preparation and reviews, and appropriate assessments. All programs submitting an initial report must use the 2010 standards. Reviewers who have not attended training on the 2010 standards must attend this session in order to be assigned to a program review team.

ALA 2016 Midwinter Meeting
Preliminary Session Descriptions

Academic Friends and Development Officers Discussion Group

Join your colleagues from around the country to discuss best practices for raising funds and the promotion of the academic library.

Academic Library Services to International Students Interest Group

Meeting of the Academic Library Services to International Students Interest Group

Acquisitions Managers & Vendors Interest Group

Meeting of the interest group

ACRL/Harvard LIAL Alumni Information Session

Join some of the faculty and alumni of the Harvard Graduate School of Education's annual leadership programs, Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians (LIAL) and Library Leadership for a Digital Age (LLDA), to learn about the programs, discover some of the recent changes to the curricula, and to discuss some of the key challenges and opportunities leaders face today. The program will be followed by a reception and the opportunity to continue the conversation in an informal setting.

ACRL/Harvard LIAL Alumni Reunion

Reception for the ACRL/Harvard LIAL Alumni Reunion

Affiliate Assembly Coordinating Team (AASL)

Meeting of the AASL Affiliate Assembly Coordinating Team.

Affiliate Assembly I (AASL)

Meeting of AASL's Affiliate Assembly I.

ALA Council/Executive Board/Membership Information Session

This meeting is held in accordance with ALA policy that specifies there shall be a joint information session with the Membership, Council, and the Executive Board at each ALA Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference.

ALA Executive Board Candidates' Forum

This forum allows the ALA Executive Board candidates an opportunity to present their platforms to councilors prior to the Council election at Midwinter.

ALA Planning & Budget Assembly

The Planning and Budget Assembly (PBA) exist to assist the ALA Executive Board and the Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC). The PBA consists of one representative from each division, ALA committee, and round table, five councilors-at-large and five councilors from chapters. The duties of the Planning and Budget Assembly are to study the budget and planning documents submitted by the ALA Executive Board, raise questions concerning them, and offer suggestions to the ALA Executive Board and Budget Analysis and Review Committee.

ALA Presidential and Treasurer Candidates' Forum

This forum allows ALA members an opportunity to hear the platforms of the ALA presidential and treasurer candidates prior to the ALA spring election.

ALA 2016 Midwinter Meeting
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ALA Youth Media Awards

Join ALA in honoring books, videos, and other outstanding materials for children and teens at this high-profile event. Recognized worldwide for the high quality they represent, the ALA Youth Media Awards, including the prestigious Newbery, Caldecott, Printz, and Coretta Scott King Book Awards, guide parents, educators, librarians, and others in selecting the best materials for youth. Selected by committees composed of librarians and other literature and media experts, the awards encourage original and creative work in the field of children's and young adult literature and media. A live Webcast of the announcements will be available for those not attending in person. Visit www.ala.org/yma for additional information.

ALCTS New Members Interest Group

Please join the ALCTS New Member Interest Group in a casual and fun filled event to learn more about what ALCTS has to offer you! Are you a new ALCTS member or considering membership with ALCTS? Want to learn more about the division and how you can get involved? Join the ALCTS New Member Interest Group at our ALA Midwinter Conference meeting as we discuss these and other topics! ALCTS leaders will be on hand to share about the division and answer questions. The meeting will also feature breakout groups organized around topics that are of interest to new members including, but not limited to: networking, publishing with ALCTS, presenting at conferences, building your resume, current trends in technical services, being a new professional, etc. Breakout groups will provide an opportunity for new members to dialog with each other and an ALCTS veterans, sharing experience and asking questions.

ALCTS Scholarly Communications Interest Group

Meeting of the interest group

ALCTSFest

Good friends, good food, your favorite libation. The ALCTSFest is that mid-conference break you need to catch up with your colleagues for lively conversation and a good time.

All Discussion Meeting (ALSC)

Various ALSC Discussion groups meeting.

All In: Including Digital in Unified Resource Management

American Libraries and Gale: Digital Humanities in the Library

How are librarians and librarians involved in digital humanities? American Libraries and Gale partnered on a research survey recently to find out more about the role of librarians in this field, and what types of models they are using to connect with faculty and students. Learn more about what your colleagues had to say, as well as hear from experts in this panel session.

American Psychological Association Lunch & Learn

The APA Lunch and Learn provides attendees with an opportunity to explore resources published by the American Psychological Association in greater depth and detail. The session includes an overview of APA resources, information on new releases and forthcoming products, and useful tips for maximizing the efficiency and accuracy of searching with the databases.

ANSS Social

Join the anthropology, sociology, and criminology in a time of networking and cheer. The location of the social is yet to be determined.

ASCLA Networking and Social Event

ASCLA Happy Hour where members can socialize with colleagues and network. Students and Librarians at all levels are also welcome to attend this event.

ASCLA Physical Delivery Interest Group Meeting

Discussion will focus on the physical delivery of library materials for resource sharing and related issues.

Assembling a Consulting Toolkit: What You Need to Know to be a Successful Library Consultant - ASCLA Institute

This full day workshop is designed to prepare participants to begin – or advance – a successful consulting career. Seasoned consultants Nancy Bolt and Liz Bishoff will present an overview of the consultant's role and guide participants through a self-assessment. Participants will work together in an active and engaging format to explore the different roles that consultants play; the variety of services consultants may deliver to clients, and how to align consulting opportunities with experience and skills.

Upon completion, participants will be able to explain what it means to be a library consultant and know if it's the right choice for them, as well as be able to explain how their own skills and experience might align with consulting opportunities and develop strategies related to starting and managing a consultant business, marketing their services, and finding clients.

This workshop will help the current and prospective library consultant create a business that is sustainable and most of all useful to the profession.This Institute will appeal to librarians from all realms: School, Public, Academic, and Special, with varying degrees of experience. From retired directors to active librarians in every job capacity from Technical to Public Services. Anyone currently in and thinking about the consulting profession.

• New consultants
• Retirees
• Working librarians approaching retirement
• Consultants that want to revitalize their consulting career
• Independent librarians
Sponsored by the Association of the Library Consultants Interest Group of the Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies, (ASCLA) Divison.

Assessment Discussion Group

Open session to discuss assessment activities among colleagues. Participants are invited to bring topics as well as engage in lively discussion.

Assisting Low-skill Workers and Non-Internet Users With Job Searches (RUSA RSS)

Many low-skill workers use word-of-mouth, not the Internet, for job searching. The purpose of this forum is to discuss the information-seeking behaviors of this group and how to best help them find the information they need to successfully find work. Sponsored by RUSA RSS Discussion Forums Coordinating Committee.

Authority Control Interest Group

The joint LITA/ALCTS Authority Control Interest Group provides a forum for discussion of a variety of issues related to authority control for online catalogs and for international sharing of authority of data.

Balancing Baby and Book Discussion Group

Come and join us for the ACRL Balancing Baby and Book Discussion Group. This fun and informal group includes all types of librarians - moms, dads, new parents, potential parents, and anyone else interested in how parenting and librarianship can be successfully intertwined. HR issues, daycare, tenure, and a variety of other topics will be discussed. Everyone is welcome!

BARC/Division Leadership Meeting

Member session to assist the ALA Executive Board and the Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC) in the planning of the annual budget and strategic planning.

Book and Media Awards (RUSA)

Join us as we unveil the year's best in fiction, nonfiction, poetry and reference for adult readers. This year, in addition to the Listen List, Reading List, Notable Books list, and more, we will also be announcing the winners of ALA's Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction, cosponsored by RUSA and Booklist. All Midwinter attendees are invited to this event. Light refreshments provided. The event is sponsored in part by NoveList.

Books On Tape Preview and Buzz

Books On Tape Preview and Book Buzz

CaMMS Forum

Discussion of timely topics in cataloging and metadata

Campus Administration and Leadership Discussion Group (ACRL ULS)

Meeting of the ULS Campus Administration and Leadership Discussion Group

Cartographic Resources Cataloging Interest Group Meeting (MAGIRT/CaMMS)

ALCTS_CMMS

Please join us for an open discussion on topics of concern to the cartographic and geospatial resources cataloging community. A call for topics will be sent out in advance. For more information about the interest group, go to our website: http://www.ala.org/alcts/mgrps/camms/grps/ats-ccsdgmap

Catalog Management Interest Group

Meeting of the interest group

Cataloging and Classification Research Interest Group

Meeting of the interest group

Cataloging Norms Interest Group

Meeting of the interest group

Chapter Councilors Forum

This forum is conducted by the Chapter Councilors prior to the Council Forum for all ALA Councilors on Monday, usually 8:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.

Check Out a Librarian

Are you a job seeker? Looking to find your librarian niche? Want to move up the librarianship ladder but not sure how? Are you interested in some of ALA's amazing programs or getting involved in activities? Well, we have an event just for you! Join us to talk with working librarians who are doing great and interesting things with their careers. Find out how to get a job, move into a more specialized area, or move into your career goals. All types of libraries will be represented. Libraries are changing and you need to be ready! No appointment needed.

Chief Collection Development Officers of Large Research Libraries Interest Group

Meeting of the interest group

Classical, Medieval, and Renaissance Discussion Group (ACRL WESS)

Discussion on topics related to Medieval and Renaissance studies librarianship

CMS Forum

Discussion of timely topics in collection development and management

Collection Development Discussion Group Meeting (ACRL RBMS)

All are invited to attend.

Collection Development Issues for the Practitioner Interest Group

Meeting of the interest group

Collection Development Librarians of Academic Libraries Interest Group

Business meeting of the interest group

Collection Evaluation and Assessment Interest Group

Meeting of the interest group

Collection Management and Electronic Resources Interest Group

Meeting of the interest group

Collection Management Discussion Group (ALSC)

ALSC Collection Management Group will discuss various topics.

Collection Management in Public Libraries Interest Group

PLA, RUSA_CODES
Meeting of the interest group

College and Research Libraries Interest Group

Meeting of the interest group

Competencies and Education for a Career in Cataloging Interest Group

Meeting of the interest group

Conference Orientation (NMRT)

New to the Midwinter Meeting or ALA? Come and get a fun and informative introduction to both. Learn to navigate the exhibits, to decipher the conference program, how ALA really works, and ways to get involved. NMRT provides tips from the pros and the opportunity for you to get your questions answered.

Configure, Create, Conquer: Strategies for Using Learning Management Systems to Engage Staff and Users Across Libraries (LIRT)

All types of librarians are engaged with learning management systems (Blackboard, brightspace/Desire2Learn, Canvas, Moodle, etc.). Learn how a variety of librarians use these tools for training and instruction for both library personnel and library users by attending the Library Instruction Round Table Midwinter Discussion Forum, sponsored by the LIRT Web Advisory Committee. After a few lightning talks, we'll provide an opportunity for more sharing of practices and ideas through sprinted, small and large group discussions.

Consortial eBooks Interest Group Meeting

Consortial eBooks Interest Group Meeting will discuss trends and relevant topics that pertain to Consortial eBooks. ASCLA believes that consortia represents a large segment of libraries and that by acting as consortia, ASCLA can be influential with publishers and vendors to benefit libraries and library users as the e-book landscape evolves. ASCLA welcomes any type of library or library agency as well as consortias.

Continuing Resources Acquisitions Forum

Discussion of timely topics in continuing resources acquisitions

Continuing Resources Cataloging Forum

Discussion of timely issues in continuing resources cataloging

Continuing Resources Education, Research, and Publications Forum

Discussion of timely topics in continuing resources education, research, and publications

Continuing Resources Standards Forum

Discussion of timely topics in continuing resources standards

Copy Cataloging Interest Group

Meeting of the interest group

Creative Ideas in Technical Services Interest Group

Meeting of the interest group

Curators & Conservators Discussion Group (ACRL RBMS)

All are welcome to attend.

Currrent Topics Discussion Group (ACRL ULS)

Informal discussions and presentations on issues and problems of current interest to

university libraries and librarians.

Dialog with Directors Discussion Group (LLAMA)

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Digital Humanities Interest Group

Conversations between librarians involved with, or sharing interests in, the intersections, partnerships, and collaborations among libraries, librarians, and the digital humanities.

Digital Media Discussion Group (VRT)

The Digital Media Discussion Group serves as a forum for the exchange of ideas about initiatives and projects concerning digital media in libraries. Examples of issues discussed in the past meetings include digital licensing concerns; new market technologies (such as high definition DVD formats),video gaming and collections; and multimedia production in libraries.

Digital Scholarship Center Interest Group

Meeting of the Digital Scholarship Centers Interest Group

Director's Institute: Creating and Working with High Functioning Trustee and Friends' Boards

When Boards, whether Friends or Trustees, become dysfunctional; their contribution to the success of the library is significantly diminished. This program will help library directors and Friends' liaisons to create, maintain, and work effectively with their boards. The program will feature experts for Friends groups in the morning followed by a boxed lunch at tables led by experts for both Trustees and Friends based on a variety of topics our attendees choose. The afternoon will focus on boards of Trustees and will help directors turn a non-performing board into a high-performing board, how to work with bullies to negate their impact, how to help Trustees understand their roles v. that of the director, how to include Trustees in the planning process and more.

Discussion Forum I (RUSA STARS)

A thoughtful discussion of the emerging trends of resource sharing and interlibrary loan.

Discussion Forum II (RUSA STARS)

A thoughtful discussion about the emerging trends in resource sharing and interlibrary loan.

Diversity Officers Discussion Group (LLAMA)

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Drupal4Lib Interest Group

Join us as we explore Drupal web content administration, maintenance, support, and best practices. We will discuss the progress on the Drupal4Lib Survey and Project Clearinghouse and other possible projects for the IG.

Education Assembly

Meeting of the ALA Education Assembly

Educators of School Librarians Section Meeting (AASL ESLS)

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Electronic Resources Interest Group

Meeting of the interest group

Electronic Resources Management Interest Group

Meeting of the interest group

Emerging Trands Discussion Group (LLAMA-HRS)

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Evidence-Based Practice Discussion Group (ACRL ULS)

The Discussion Group offers a forum for librarians and other information professionals to discuss as a community: research-based decision-making in professional practice, practical decisions based on research studies, and how to establish evidence-based practices based on a thorough search of the literature and a thorough selection and analysis of the retrieved literature.

Executive Board Executive Committee (ALA)

Meeting of the Executive Board Executive Committee.

External Review Panel (ERP) Chair training

External Review Panelists who have participated in two or more on-site visits are invited to attend training to serve as an ERP chair. The session will prepare attendees to lead an external review of MLIS programs seeking accreditation. Experienced ERP chairs will share tips and wisdom, and OA staff will present resources for use in the review process. People who are currently assigned to chair a review are strongly encouraged to attend. Program heads interested in learning more about the comprehensive review, the site visit, and the role of the ERP Chair are also encouraged to attend.

Faceted Subject Access Interest Group

Meeting of the interest group

Federal Science Agencies Update [STS Government Information Committee]

Timely updates from selected Federal Science Agencies

Genealogy and Local History Discussion Group (RUSA HS)

Local history rarely occupies a central place in a public library's services. Are there creative or innovative ways that local history can be used to fulfill a library's mission? How can we ensure our communities know about our genealogical and historical resources? How can we use our knowledge (and our community's) about the past to enrich the present? These questions will be answered through a discussion of programs, services, or strategies people have experience with. This year's discussion group will also be a place to explore our broader vision for local history in libraries.

General Membership Meeting (ACRL LPSS)

Meeting for members and prospective members of the ACRL Law and Political Science Section (LPSS).

General Membership Meeting (ACRL WESS)

General membership meeting to discuss issues of interest to WESS membership.

GeoTech and GIS Meeting
GODORT

The GIS Discussion Group is hosted jointly with MAGIRT and GODORT. Topics of discussion will involve geospatial data from both federal agencies and private sources. A call for discussion topics will go out ahead of time to MAGIRT and GODORT members, but everyone is welcome. For more information about the discussion group, go to our website: http://www.ala.org/magirt/committees/gisdiscussion

GLBTRT Social

Come mix with the membership of the round table at the Community church of Boston, 565 Boylston St.,

Boston, MA 02116. $5.00 recommended donation accepted at the door.

Graphic Novels & Comics MIG Business Meeting

Business meeting of the Graphic Novels & Comics Member Interest Group. We will discuss the activities of the MIG over the last year, the status of open or ongoing projects, and ideas for future projects.

GSLIS at URI Alumni/Student Party LS

Saturday, January 9th, 4-6p.m.

Heads of Cataloging Interest Group

Meeting of the interest group

Heads of Public Services Discussion Group

Discussion of public services topics of interest to participants. These will be identified in advance, via email to frequent attendees.

History Librarians Discussion Group (RUSA HS)

A thoughtful discussion on emerging trends of historical librarianship.

Holdings Information Forum

Discussion of timely topics in holdings information

Hot Topics Discussion Forum [ACRL STS]

Engaging discussion of a topic of current interest to Science & Technology Section members and others - all welcome!

How Can We Make a Difference? - (AASL SPVS)

Attendees will participate in a Harwood-style discussion about how the AASL Supervisors Section can make a difference in supporting school library supervisors across the nation. Through focused discussion, attendees will identify their aspirations for the section, surface perceived challenges, and envision conditions that will enable the section to transform its services to its members.

Independent Schools Section Meeting (AASL ISS)

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Information Commons Discussion Group

Please join us to discuss Information (Learning) Commons issues including planning, implementation, development, management, and others. The Discussion will include a range of topics pertinent to institutions considering the implementation of a commons space, to those whose commons are just beginning, and to seasoned veterans of the commons movement.

Information Exchange Meeting (ACRL RBMS)

All are invited to attend.

Intellectual Freedom Round Table I

First business meeting of the Intellectual Freedom Round Table

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Intellectual Freedom Round Table II
Second business meeting of the Intellectual Freedom Round Table

IRRT Welcome session
ALA
IRRT Welcome session

JobLIST Placement & Career Development Center Open House/Job Fair
Employers will be available to talk to conference attendees about their institutions. You do not have to be an active job seeker to attend. Conference attendees can feel free to walk around and talk to employers. No appointment necessary. There is no cost to participate.

Joint Member Reception
YALSA
Join ALSC and YALSA for a Joint Member Reception! This is a perfect way to unwind from Midwinter, mingle with peers, and enjoy light hors d'oevres as well as a cash bar.

Leadership & ALSC
ALSC committee chairs will meet with their Priority Group Consultants, along with hearing what is new in ALSC from President, Andrew Medlar.

Leadership and Management Issues in College Libraries Discussion Group (ACRL CLS)
Discussion group for people (library directors and others) interested in leadership and management issues in College libraries.

Leadership Council Welcome Reception
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Librarianship in For-Profit Educational Institutions Interest Group
Discussion of topics of interest to librarians working in the for-profit education sector.

Libraries Foster Community Engagement Member Interest Group
Meeting of the Libraries Fostering Civic Engagement Member Interest Group.

Libraries Impact on the Three R's: Recruitment, Retention and Reputation

Libraries Transform - Understanding Change (Session 1)
Building on ALA President Sari Feldman's presidential theme "Libraries Transform," this session will help library professionals better understand change management and how we can achieve change within our organizations.

Libraries Transform - Understanding Change (Session 2)
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Libraries Transform with ALA President Sari Feldman

ALA President Sari Feldman and others discuss Libraries Transform, the ALA's new public awareness campaign. Designed to increase public awareness of the value, impact and services provided by libraries and library professionals, the Libraries Transform campaign will ensure there is one clear, energetic voice for our profession. Showcasing the transformative nature of today's libraries and elevating the critical role libraries play in the digital age.

Libraries Transform: Civic Innovation (Session 1)

Join Boston-based civic innovators for an outward-looking forum exploring the changes happening in our communities. This session will bring together several innovators to talk through the issues they are addressing and the strategies they are employing. Attendees will be encouraged to think about how these innovations can inspire our efforts to help libraries transform. These half-day sessions are designed for individuals' busy meeting schedules – each day will feature lead presentations followed by several mini presentations and attendees are encouraged to drop in as their schedule allows.

Libraries Transform: Civic Innovation (Session 2)

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Library and Information Science Collections Discussion Group

Discussion of current issues and problems related to collections in LIS fields.

Library Code Year Interest Group

Meeting of the interest group

Library Foundation Discussion Group

Library staff, Trustees, Foundation board members and staff, and others interested in learning more about library Foundations are invited to join others from around the country in a free flowing moderated discussion about issues unique to library Foundations.

Library Friends Discussion Group

Friends of the Library members and library staff and invited to join this informal discussion with counterparts from across the country. Bring your best practices to share and questions to ask of your fellow Friends.

Library Marketing and Outreach Interest Group

Meeting of the Library Marketing and Outreach Interest Group

Library Services for the Incarcerated and Detained Interest Group Meeting

Meeting of the members of the ASCLA Interest Group Library Services to the Incarcerated and Detained and of those who are curious.

Library Support for Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) Discussion Group

Meeting of the Library Support for Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) Discussion Group

Linked Library Data Interest Group

Meeting of the joint ALCTS/LITA interest group

LITA 3D Printing Interest Group Meeting

Are you interested in 3D printers? Do you have questions on how to get started or how to get help or just big ideas about the future of 3D printers in libraries? Then we're the group for you! Join us at our Midwinter meeting. We will discuss tasks for the Interest Group, but also spend time talking about how 3D printers are received by our communities. Bring your questions, funny stories, and contribute to the LITA 3D Printing Interest Group.

LITA Happy Hour

Please join the LITA Membership Development Committee and members from around the country for networking, good cheer, and great fun! Expect lively conversation and excellent drinks. Cash Bar. Check the LITA website for the final location

LITA Heads of Library Technology (HoLT) Interest Group Meeting

HoLT IG provides a forum and support network for those individuals with administrative responsibility for computing and technology in library settings. It is open for anyone to give short presentations on a library technology project you might be working on to explore issues of planning and implementation, technology management, support, leadership and other areas of interests library technology.

LITA Heads of Library Technology Interest Group

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LITA Imagineering Interest Group Meeting

Find out about how to join LITA's Imagineering Interest Group, as well as how we work to connect Fantasy and Science Fiction literature to speculation about information technology as well as how these genres have treated the idea of the library. We will be planning several projects and initiatives for the group as well as discussing our plans for the ALA 2016 annual meeting.

LITA Library Consortia Automated Systems Interest Group

The Library Consortia and Systems Interest Group provides a forum for discussing emerging trends in technology and their impact on library consortia and their supporting structures. The Interest Group is an open interest group and welcomes all consortia members.

LITA Open House

LITA Open House is an opportunity for current and prospective members to talk with Library and Information Technology Association (LITA) leaders, committee chairs, and interest group participants. The goal of Open House is to share information, encourage involvement in LITA activities, and help attendees build professional connections.

LITA Open Source Systems Interest Group Meeting

The LITA Open Source Systems Interest Group provides a discussion forum for those using or interested in open source software in libraries and discuss future projects for the group.

LITA Patron Privacy Technologies Interest Group

The Patron Privacy Technologies IG will hold a managed discussion on recent developments in the area of protecting patron privacy.

LITA Public Library Technology Interest Group

Discussion of current and emerging technologies: their development, implementation, management, staffing, value in the contexts of customer experience, and education in public libraries.

LITA Town Meeting

Join your fellow LITA members for breakfast and a discussion about LITA's strategic path. We will focus on how LITA's goals--collaboration and networking; education and sharing of expertise; advocacy; and infrastructure--help our organization serve you and the broader library community. This Town Meeting will help us turn those goals into plans that will guide LITA going forward.

Updated November 4, 2015

LITA User Experience Interest Group

There will be two to three presentations (10 min) and Q&A (5 min). We will also have discussion time for UX topics.

LLAMA Leadership Development Seminar: "Initiating and Sustaining Organizational Change"

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LLAMA/NMRT Discussion Group

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LLAMA-LOMS-PELS Discussion Group

"Using Output Measures in Planning Library Services"

LLAMA-MAES Education Committee Discussion Forum (by invitation only)

The goal of this invitation-only event is to ascertain other relevant ALA committees interest in and/or endorsement of pursuing a larger discussion with LIS Deans and faculty members at ALA accredited schools regarding the inclusion of assessment, evaluation and/or research methods courses in ALA accredited MLIS programs.

Managing With Data: PLAmetrics

A discussion and demonstration of PLAMetrics for current and prospective subscribers. The presentation will highlight how PLAmetrics can be used for advocacy, budget defense and demonstrating value. http://www.plametrics.org/

Manuscripts and Other Formats Discussion Group (ACRL RBMS)

All are welcome to attend.

Map Collection Management Discussion Group Meeting

Please join us for a good discussion of the issues, new developments, and problems in the selection, acquisition, and management of map collections. For more information about the discussion group, go to our website: http://www.ala.org/magirt/committees/mapcollectionmanagement

MARC Formats Transition Interest Group

Meeting of the joint ALCTS/LITA interest group

Membership Social (RUSA)

Join members of RUSA for an opportunity to eat, drink, network, win door prizes and learn more about our division and its sections. The social is open to past, current and those interested in becoming members. All attendees are welcome!

Mentorship Program Forum - Library Research Round Table (LRRT) Initiative

This will be an opportunity to follow up follow-up on the mentor-protégée relationships established during the LRRT Mentorship Program ALA Annual in 2014, and to discuss plans for a new mentorship initiative scheduled for the 2016 ALA Annual Conference.

Metadata Interest Group

Meeting of the interest group

Mid-Level Managers Discussion Group (ACRL ULS)

Forum for discussion of issues relevant to mid-level managers in academic libraries.

Midwinter Social with Team Trivia! (NMRT)

The always fun Midwinter Social is served this year with a trivia twist, tasty treats and beverages. What better way to meet and network with your peers than by teaming up with them to defeat others in a cranium competition. All attendees wanting to play trivia will be placed on a team. BYOB (Bring Your Own Brain).

Money Smart Week: Help Consumers of All Ages Improve Their Financial Literacy

In 2015, 700 plus public, academic, school, and even prison libraries in 49 states participated. Come hear how your library and your state can participate in Money Smart Week, April 23-30, 2016! This national initiative from ALA and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago helps consumers of all ages improve their financial literacy. All types of libraries can participate. Learn about partnership opportunities, resources, and programming ideas.

NISO Annual & Standards Update Meeting

The NISO Update provides the latest news about NISO's current efforts, including standards, recommended practices and community meetings covering many areas of interest to the library community. Working group members will provide updates on projects newly underway or recently completed.

Northeastern University Libraries Digital Media Commons tour

Join Video Round Table for a tour of Northeastern University Libraries Digital Media Commons (DMC). The DMC is a dedicated media lab and digital creativity center space for students, faculty and staff. Managed by the Library and Information Technology Services (ITS), this collaborative learning facility offers flexible media-rich work areas, professional-grade creation technology, high-power computer workstations, printers, and scanners. Please RSVP with Debra Mandel (d.mandel@neu.edu) for further information.

Nuts & Bolts for Trustees, Friends and Foundations

Library Trustees, Friends groups, Foundations, and staff are invited to join a day of information and resource sharing, roundtable discussions, and learning opportunities. Agenda and speakers to be posted at wwww.ala.org/united.

OCLC Cataloging and Metadata User Community Meeting

Participate in an interactive session as librarians share their experiences using WorldShare Collection Manager, the WorldCat knowledge base and WorldShare Record Manager to describe, manage and share electronic and physical resources. Current features and planned enhancements related to these OCLC cataloging and metadata services as well as recent OCLC linked data activities will be discussed with a reception following.

OCLC CONTENTdm User Community Meeting

Learn from your colleagues how they engage users, promote digital collections and extend the reach of their libraries with CONTENTdm. Hear about the new Community Center, so you can continue sharing with colleagues afterwards. Bring your ideas about preservation, responsive design and workflows for better exposure in WorldCat and DPLA.

OCLC Discovery is Great, But What about Usage?

After you've selected, acquired and promoted new resources to your users, how much are they actually being used? Learn from experienced librarians who have seen usage of library services, staff efficiency and user satisfaction grow after they implemented a library discovery service. You'll hear how they approached their project, what they learned and how they reduced costs for their library.

OCLC Enhance and Expert Community Sharing Session

The Enhance and Expert Community Sharing Session is a forum for Q&A and for the exchange of information concerning OCLC's Enhance program and Expert Community.

OCLC Evolution of Shared Print Monograph Strategies

Increasingly, libraries are sharing the responsibility and costs of maintaining print collections in response to widespread availability of digital resources and increasing pressure to reclaim campus library space. Katie Birch will discuss how OCLC facilitates data-driven selection for cooperative partnerships, streamlines registration of preservation commitments in WorldCat, and enables seamless integration of shared collections in local discovery and delivery applications.

OCLC Helps Libraries Overcome E-resource Management Challenges

Solving the problems of managing e-resources with fragmented solutions and multiple spreadsheets is not easy. OCLC offers tools and services – many included in OCLC Cataloging, WorldShare Management Services, WorldShare Interlibrary Loan and WorldCat Discovery subscriptions—that help libraries solve e-resource management and access challenges.

In this session, you will learn how to leverage existing OCLC subscriptions with quality metadata to help overcome e-resource management challenges, including reports and license management.

OCLC Linked Data Roundtable: Stories from the Front

Join the conversation as staff from libraries that are implementing linked data discuss current activities and share recent experiences with OCLC's Entity Lookup Service, LC's BIBFRAME pilot program and other linked data projects. What did we learn? And what's next? Presenters will share their observations followed by audience discussion.

OCLC QuestionPoint User Community Meeting

Join your colleagues in the QuestionPoint user community to share QuestionPoint successes, along with tips and tricks for a successful virtual reference service. OCLC will provide an update on recent and upcoming changes to the service. The meeting will include time to chat—in person—with members of the OCLC QuestionPoint team.

OCLC WorldCat Discovery User Community Meeting

All WorldCat Discovery Services users are invited to the WorldCat Discovery Services Community meeting. Current users will share experiences with configuring, using and introducing WorldCat Discovery in their institutions, and participants will have an opportunity to share advice for a smooth transition from FirstSearch and WorldCat Local. The OCLC WorldCat Discovery team will share information about recent and planned changes to the service. Plan to join your colleagues at the combined OCLC community reception that follows.

OCLC WorldShare ILL and ILLiad User Community Meeting

Join your WorldShare Management Services (WMS) colleagues and Andrew K. Pace, OCLC Executive Director, as well as other members of the WMS team in Boston. Plan to participate in discussions, ask questions and discuss the WMS roadmap. Please note this session is for current WMS libraries only.

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OCLC WorldShare Management Services: Streamlined Management of Electronic and Print Resources

Learn how WorldShare Management Services—a complete suite of cloud-based library management applications—help save time with streamlined workflows. Hear how the integrated applications enable libraries to automate e-resource management, setup demand-driven acquisition programs, and manage print using the same Web-based interface. Andrew K. Pace, OCLC, will host this event, and librarians who use WorldShare Management Services will share their experiences.

OITP - Digital Inclusion Now: Policy and Practice

As technology innovation speeds forward, the distance between early and late adopters is growing. Technology adoption is central to addressing a range of issues from underperforming schools to unemployment to housing security. From HUD's ConnectHome effort to the FCC Lifeline program to citywide digital inclusion initiatives, libraries are playing leadership roles. This session will explore public policy options and share exemplars of how libraries and allies are expanding digital opportunity for millions of Americans.

OITP - From Glass Half Empty to Glass Half Full?: Evaluating the current ebook environment

Three years ago, major publishers refused to sell ebooks to libraries, no one knew how to download an ebook file, and public library staff were hit with an unforeseen surge of patron interest in ebooks. Now that the dust has settled and ebook market has matured, where are we now? In panel presentation format, speakers will describe how things have changed and what libraries can expect in the not so distant future.

Optimizing the web for reference: Best practices for usability, accessibility, and responsiveness (RUSA ETS)

User-friendliness of library services is an important consideration in the development of a library's web presence. As the format and delivery of reference continue to change to accommodate user expectations and behavior, the library's home page has become an extension of the institution's in-person public services. In addition, an increase in distance education courses and online programs has contributed to the fact that a large number of users experience the library almost exclusively online. This poses questions regarding the usability, accessibility, and responsiveness of web reference services. In this discussion group, we will feature panelists from institutions which have innovated their approach to web reference (email, chat, FAQs, etc.) and/or conducted usability studies on how their users get answers through their library's web portal.

The audience will benefit by:

1. An overview of current trends regarding reference services on the web, such as user-responsive chat, and new developments in accessibility;

2. A review of the literature regarding best practices for conducting web usability of library service pages;

3. Case studies and tips from panelists

This discussion is hosted by the Management of Electronic Reference Services Committee of the Emerging Technologies Section (ETS) of RUSA.

PARS Forum

Open forum to ask experts your questions about preservation

Pay No Attention to the Librarian Behind the Curtain: Virtual Reference and Privacy in Libraries (RUSA ETS)

Join the ETS Hot Topics Discussion group for an exploration of virtual reference and the role of privacy. While chat services give patrons another layer of anonymity, libraries are still exploring new ways to ensure their patrons' privacy. Anonymous Internet browsing through TOR is at the forefront of the Library Freedom Project, but what does that mean for your library? Join us to discuss how digital tools promote and protect patron privacy.

PCC (BIBCO/CONSER/NACO/SACO)-At-Large

News, information and discussions about the Program for Cooperative Cataloger's BIBCO, CONSER, NACO, and SACO programs.

PCC Participants Meeting

Program on linked authority data, BIBFRAME and the future of cooperative metadata projects

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PLA Happy Hour

PLA and its Membership Advisory Group invite you to eat, drink, and mingle with other public library professionals as well as learn more about how to get involved with PLA.

Preservation Administrators Interest Group (PAIG)

Meeting of PAIG

Program for Cooperative Cataloging Program Training

News, information and discussion related to the training activities of the Program for Cooperative Cataloging.

Programming Librarian Interest Group (PLIG)

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Public Library Trustees Discussion Group

Are you a library Trustee? If so, join this informal discussion group and bring your best practices to share and questions to ask of fellow Trustees from across the country.

Public Services Discussion Group Meeting (ACRL RBMS)

All are welcome to attend.

Publisher Vendor Discussion Group [ACRL STS]

Presentation by a panel of publishers & vendors, addressing topics of current interest to members of the Science & Technology Section and others - all welcome!

Publisher/Vendor/Library Relations Interest Group

Meeting of the interest group

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Pura Belpré 20th Anniversary Task Force
ALSC

At the 2016 Annual Conference in Orlando, we will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Pura Belpré Awards. The Task Force is planning a gala event to honor this milestone.

Random House Adult Library Marketing Book Buzz

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RDA Forum
ALA

This meeting will address the concerns, outcomes, and progress of the The Committee of Principals (CoP). Gordon Dunsire, Chair of the Joint Steering Committee for the Development of RDA (JSC) will address these concerns and ideas, and what they mean for RDA and for the JSC. James Hennelly, Managing Editor of RDA Toolkit, will provide an update about ongoing development on the Toolkit, the Registry, and the JSC website, as well as upcoming print releases of RDA and RDA Essentials.

RDA Tech Forum
ALA

Anyone who is interested in RDA or Cataloging is welcome to this round table discussion of anything and everything RDA related.

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Reference Publishing Advisory Discussion Forum (RUSA CODES)

A thoughtful discussion about the emerging trends in reference publishing by the Collection Development and Evaluation Section (CODES) of RUSA.

Registering, Engaging and Managing - Reading Club Management
LITA, LLAMA, PLA, YALSA

Effectively engaging participants, managing the reading club process, minimizing staff burden, and facilitating the management of Impacts and outcomes are hallmarks of the Reading Club App from Counting Opinions. The RC App is robust and scalable (local, regional, State). And, the RC App can be employed for all Reading Clubs (Summer, Adult, Teen).

Residency Interest Group Meeting

The Residency Interest Group will meet to discuss ongoing initiatives and successes of residents and fellows, as well as to provide updates on current and upcoming residencies and fellowships throughout the country. Current and past residents, residency coordinators, and anyone interested in residencies, are encouraged to attend. This is an incredible opportunity to network with a diverse group of early career librarians, to learn about upcoming opportunities and positions, and to get connected and involved with RIG itself through our active working teams!

Role of the Professional in Technical Services Interest Group

Meeting of the interest group

Romance Languages/Germanists Discussion Groups (ACRL WESS)

Discussion of topics relevant for western European subject librarianship

Round Table Coordinating Assembly

Round Table Leaders come together to sure ideas and concerns about round table related issues.

RUSA History Genealogy Workshop

This free workshop will help librarians of all types learn techniques to better serve the genealogists and family historians who use their collections. This can include better understanding of genealogy research methods and sources. It can also include how libraries can leverage their unique holdings to become more relevant to genealogists, who tend to be passionate in their support of libraries that have useful materials. Sponsored by ProQuest. Must register here:

RUSA Institute: The Reference Interview

This live and in-person all day workshop will provide you with some techniques that will enable you to better assist your users – and help you figure out what it is that they really need when they ask a question. Two expert reference librarians (one public librarian and one academic librarian) will give you tips that will make you more approachable, a better communicator, and help make your users more willing to return.

Scandinavian Discussion Group (ACRL WESS)

Discussion on issues related to Scandinavian studies librarianship

Scholarly Communication Discussion Group

The Scholarly Communication Discussion Group is an informal and in-depth discussion of one or more hot topics that impact Open Access initiatives and the many related opportunities which aim to advance the dissemination of scholarship without economical, legislative or

technical barriers.

Social Sciences and History/College and Medium-Sized Libraries Discussion Groups (ACRL WESS)

A discussion group for topics on Western European social science and history librarianship and for issues related to European studies librarianship at colleges and medium-sized academic institutions

Speed Mentoring Session (RUSA)

Join a group of experienced RUSA leaders to engage in a fun, interactive "speed mentoring" session. Similar in format to "speed dating", MLS students, new librarians, and mid-career librarians are invited to participate in this session where they will have the opportunity to gain leadership advice from a number of senior librarians and RUSA leaders.

State Library Agencies – Library Development Interest Group - Hot Topics Discussion Group

Join the ASCLA State Library Agency Library Development Interest Group for a discussion of "hot topics" impacting statewide library services.

STS Scholarly Communications Program [ACRL STS]

STS Scholarly Communications Program on a timely topic relevant to science librarians - open to all!

Student Learning and Information Literacy Committee Forum (ACRL)

"Are You High Impact? Instructional, Assessment, and Planning Practices for Campus Engagement"

Despite our best intentions, our impact on student engagement, retention, and persistence is often based on anecdotal evidence, or limited access to data through course-end surveys, student feedback, or faculty reactions. However, there are definitive strategies, programs, and collaborations that librarians and libraries can implement for better results that is scalable, measurable, and can make a substantial difference in student success. These High-Impact Practices (Kuh, 2008) will be defined, and examples will be demonstrated and discussed.

Summer Learning

Come learn about how to promote summer learning in your library.

Supervisors Section Meeting (AASL SPVS)

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Sustainability Round Table (SustainRT) Social

Join SustainRT for a dynamic social event. Meet like-minded people. Learn about current and upcoming projects -- and how you can add your voice. We are growing!

Technical Services Discussion Group (ACRL RBMS)

All are welcome to attend.

Technical Services Managers in Academic Libraries Interest Group

Meeting of the interest group

Technical Services Workflow Efficiency Interest Group

Meeting of the interest group

Teens' Social Media Attitudes and Behaviors: What the Research Means for Library Services (RUSA RSS)

A thoughtful discussion of the emerging trends in reference services.

The Future of Teen Services in LIS Education

Anyone interested in exploring this topic is welcome to attend this open session, organized by members of YALSA's Research Committee and JRLYA Advisory Board. In 2014 YALSA published a report, "The Future of Library Services for and with Teens: a Call to Action." This session will include a moderated panel, facilitated small-group discussions, and a forum to explore the recommendations in the report, the implications of this new vision on LIS education, and potential solutions.

Transitions from traditional OPACs to discovery systems: how has this had impact on use and instruction (RUSA ETS)

This session will provide the opportunity to discuss both advantages and drawbacks to working with a discovery system as opposed to a traditional OPAC and the impact discovery systems have had on instruction and research.

ULS Social (ACRL ULS)

Off-site event for ULS members and potential ULS members to get together for snacks, drinks and networking.

Undergraduate Librarians Discussion Group

Join us to share your ideas, approaches, success stories, and lessons learned about serving undergraduate populations. Previous topics have included events to increase library engagement, effective campus partnerships, interactions with student groups, and more!

Universal Accessibility Interest Group Meeting

Joint ACRL / ASCLA / LITA working group where members work together on projects related to making all kinds of libraries and library services, including electronic resources, accessible for users with disabilities.

University of Pittsburgh Reception
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University of Pittsburgh alumni reception

Using the ACRL Framework for Information Literacy: Examples and Ideas
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Women Administrators Discussion Group (LLAMA)
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YALSA Trends Impacting YA Services: Competencies Needed to Provide Teen Library Services of the Future: Survey of Professionals in Learning Labs and Makerspaces.
Join YALSA Past Presidents at this paper presentation. The presenters investigated the competencies required for professionals to provide teens with resources and services in informal learning spaces, such as Learning Labs and Makerspaces. Their study also addresses challenges, benefits, and goals perceived by professionals. The session will promote an interactive discussion on how to support youth service librarians to obtain and further develop skills and knowledge needed to work in emerging library learning spaces.

Youth Council Caucus
AASL, YALSA
Youth Councilors meet to discuss issues that are current today.

Youth Services Consultants Interest Group meeting
Round robin discussion by state youth services representatives on news and activities in their states.