Alaska Library Association
Annual Conference
March 8 – March 11, 2018
Anchorage, Alaska
President’s Welcome

Dear AkLA Members and Conference Attendees,

Welcome to the 2018 Alaska Library Association Conference! This year’s theme is Bridging the Gaps and you will see many opportunities throughout the conference program to make connections and embrace new ideas. There is an incredible line up of speakers, sessions covering a wide variety of topics, and something to appeal to everyone. Putting together a conference takes a tremendous amount of effort, so I want to extend a huge thank you to Conference Coordinator Erik Carlson and the rest of the Conference Committee.

I hope you will attend the State of the State Luncheon and General Membership Meeting. This will give you an idea of what AkLA is about and what issues are currently impacting libraries in Alaska.

Whether you are a first-time attendee or a long time conference participant, I encourage you take advantage of every opportunity. Attend sessions, be inspired by the speakers, visit the exhibitors, and enjoy all that conference has to offer.

Mollie Good
President, 2017-2018
Alaska Library Association

Conference Chair’s Greeting

Welcome to the 2018 Alaska Library Association Conference: Bridging the Gaps! When considering themes this year, the committee was struck by the multitude of ways our diverse information organizations serve as connectors for other groups. Connecting, gluing, stitching, binding, spanning, and bridging the distance between them; hence, “Bridging the Gaps”. We have a wonderful program put together by a tireless and dedicated group of volunteers that comes at that theme from almost every direction imaginable. Whether you’ve come across the street or traveled hundreds of miles, we’re delighted to have you here and look forward to hearing your ideas on how libraries can bridge the gaps in our communities. Thank you for coming, and enjoy!

Erik Carlson
Conference Coordinator
SILENT AUCTION

Be sure to stop by the Silent Auction during your time at the conference. There are many wonderful items to bid on while you support AkLA scholarships and continuing education programs. Members and local businesses have donated a diverse selection of art, jewelry, crafts, trips and gift certificates. The Silent Auction will be open Friday morning and will close Saturday afternoon. Bring cash, checks, and credit cards, and enjoy the talent and generosity of the community. We offer many thanks to our generous donors.

AkLA Store
The Store does not have a physical location this year, but it does have t-shirts! Email Jodi at jodi.jacques@gmail.com or inquire at Registration if you want to check them out.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Parking
Metered street parking is enforced 9 am–6 pm Monday through Friday. The JCPenney’s Garage offers 580 spaces, the Fifth Avenue Garage 1,160, the Sixth Avenue Garage 570 and the 6th and H Garage 471 spaces for a total of 2,781 indoor parking spaces within two blocks of the Anchorage Convention Centers. Additional indoor parking may be available in the State of Alaska’s Linny Pacillo Garage, but only after regular business hours and during weekends. Parking fees in Municipal garages (Penney’s, Fifth Avenue and 6th & H) are $1 per hour, Monday through Sunday/24 hours per day.

Questions and Conference Updates
Staff at the Registration Desk will be glad to answer your questions about the conference and the Anchorage area. Keep an eye on the message-and-bulletin board near the Registration Desk for conference updates. Attendees are also welcome to use the message board for relaying messages to friends and colleagues.

SPECIAL THANKS

Alaska State Library
Each year, the Alaska State Library’s help enables us to invite nationally-known speakers to the conference.

Our Generous Exhibitors
Our exhibitors who have donated funds toward conference. Take a look at the sign listing these exhibitors on the coffee service table in the Exhibits Hall; please be sure to thank those companies for their support.

Anchorage Area Libraries
These libraries have donated much staff time and many resources toward the success of the conference.

Alex France
for creating our conference logo.

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String of Lights is the musical project of Anchorage, Alaska-based singer, songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist Heather Stewart. Migration, String of Lights’ debut album, is a genre-blending collection of contemporary folk songs with influences ranging from classical to jazz to indie rock. The songs are lyrical and melodic, supported by lush, mostly-acoustic soundscapes.

Heather Stewart
Heather Stewart is a pianist, poet and songwriter who listens to classical music, pop, electronica, jazz, rock, reggae and whatever fun stuff people are playing around the world. She is the founder of String of Lights.
FEATURED SPEAKERS

Justin Crossfox, MLS, is a library manager at Great Neck Library on Long Island in New York.

Ryan Dowd has spent most of his career running a large homeless shelter outside of Chicago. In addition, he trains libraries, police departments, nonprofits, schools, and companies on how to engage compassionately with problematic homeless individuals. His first book on the topic, The Librarian's Guide to Homelessness, is being published by the American Library Association in January 2018.

Debby Dahl Edwardson has always been drawn to northern places. She grew up in northern Minnesota, went to school in Norway and has lived in Utqiaġvik for nearly 40 years. Her husband George is Inupiaq and most of the stories she writes are set within this cultural context. Her books have earned starred reviews in Booklist, Publisher's Weekly and School Library Journal, and have been named to many lists including International Reading Association's Best Books for a Global Society and ALA/YALSA's Best Fiction for Young Adults. Her most recent book, My Name Is Not Easy, was a finalist for the National Book Award and was chosen to represent Alaska at the Library of Congress.

George Edwardson is the President of the Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope, a federally recognized tribal government with jurisdiction over an 89,000-square-mile territory in northern Alaska. ICAS is charged with preserving the inherent sovereign rights and powers of the Inupiat; protecting and conserving Tribal lands and resources in accordance with Tribal customary and traditional law. George is an alumni of Copper Valley School, the real boarding school that served as a model for the fictional Sacred Heart School in My Name Is Not Easy. Many of the stories in the book are his stories. George earned a degree in geology from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. He and his wife Debby have seven children and nine grandchildren.

Loida Garcia-Febo is an international library consultant, researcher and expert on topics such as human rights, advocacy, and services to multicultural populations. She is President-Elect of the American Library Association and President of Information New Wave, an international NGO seeking to enhance the education of ethnically diverse communities. Loida has served communities as an academic, public, school, and special librarian in Puerto Rico and Queens. She has taught in 20 countries and has advocated on behalf of libraries at the United Nations, the U.S. Congress, New York City Hall, the New York State Senate, and on the streets and sidewalks of New York.

Christy Jordan-Fenton is the author of four award-winning children's books about Inuvialuk elder Margaret Pokiak-Fenton's time at Indian Residential/Boarding School. Fatty Legs and A Stranger At Home have been added to numerous Canadian school curriculums. Using her writings as a platform for social change, education, and awareness, she gives more than 100 presentations per year on residential boarding school history and decolonizing, and has spoken from Inuvik to Havana. She is currently studying for a diploma in Human Rights and Forced Displacement and is a Pond's Vital Voice Lead Fellow. She currently resides in British Columbia with her three children.
FEATURED SPEAKERS

Brendan Kiely is The New York Times bestselling author of All American Boys (with Jason Reynolds), The Last True Love Story, and The Gospel of Winter. His work has been published in ten languages, received a Coretta Scott King Author Honor Award, the Walter Dean Myers Award, the Amelia Elizabeth Walden Award, and was selected as one of the American Library Association’s Top Ten Best Fiction for Young Adults. Originally from the Boston area, he now lives with his wife in Greenwich Village.

Jennifer O’Neal is university historian and archivist at the University of Oregon. She specializes in American West and Native American history, with a specific emphasis on decolonizing methodologies, social movements, and race relations. Her research and teaching is dedicated to the intersections between the social and cultural contexts that marginalized or underrepresented communities are represented by in history and the archive, with a specific focus on Native American history and American West history in the 19th and 20th century. For more information, visit https://history.uoregon.edu/profile/joneal/

Christy Orquera, MLS, is a reference librarian and local histories manager at Great Neck Library on Long Island in New York.

Jess Peña is executive director at Fairbanks Arts Association, the oldest local arts council in the state of Alaska. Jess is passionate about creating opportunities for arts education and promoting the arts as an essential facet of community health and works with artists, organizations, and community partners to drive this work forward. When she isn’t busy building meticulous spreadsheets at Fairbanks Arts, Jess can be found teaching art appreciation courses at UAF, hanging out with her excellent husband and three children, or maybe, just maybe... making art.

Margaret Olemaun Pokiatk-Fenton is best known as the indomitable subject of four award-winning children's books about her time at residential school in the 1940s. She was born on Baille Island in the Arctic Ocean, en route with her nomadic family to their winter hunting grounds on Banks Island. At the age of eight, she travelled to Aklavik, a fur trading settlement founded by her great-grandfather, to attend the Catholic residential/boarding school there. Margaret is very active speaking across Canada, sharing stories of resilience, the path to reclaiming cultural identity, surviving residential/boarding school, and traditional Inuvialuit culture. At 81, Margaret remains lively and inspiring, and is a proud language keeper.

Frank Soos has published two volumes of short stories, Early Yet and Unified Field Theory as well as one collection of essays, Bamboo Fly Rod Suite. Unified Field Theory was awarded the Flannery O’Connor Award for Short Fiction. He is co-editor with Kes Woodward of the anthology Under Northern Lights: Writers and Artists View the Alaskan Landscape. A collaborative work, Double Moon: Constructions and Conversations, combines his mini-essays with the work of his wife, the artist Margo Klass. His book of essays, Unpleasantries, was released in summer of 2016 by the University of Washington Press. He served as Alaska State Writer from 2015-16.
**FEATURED SPEAKERS**

**Nicole Stellon O’Donnell**, author of *Steam Laundry*, is the 2018 Alaska Reads Selection. Her next book, *You Are No Longer in Trouble*, a memoir-in-flash about being a teacher, a student, and a principal’s daughter is forthcoming in March 2019. Her poems have appeared in *Prairie Schooner* and other literary journals. She received both an Individual Artist Award and an Artist Fellowship from the Rasmuson Foundation, as well as a Boochever Fellowship and an Alaska Literary Award. In 2014, she served the winter writer-in-residence at Denali National Park. She spent the spring of 2016 in South India as a recipient of a Fulbright Distinguished Award in Teaching. She teaches English at a school for incarcerated youth. She lives in Fairbanks, Alaska.

**Dr. Rick Stoddard** is the President of the Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA). He is the Education Librarian at the University of Idaho. He is also the point person for Open Educational Resource (OER) efforts in the library. Rick is interested in the intersection of libraries and learning. You can tweet at him @librarian

**Dr. Jervette R. Ward** is an Associate Professor of English at the University of Alaska Anchorage. She is the editor of *Real Sister: Stereotypes, Respectability, and Black Women in Reality TV* (Rutgers University Press, Nov. 2015). Her research and teaching areas focus on American Literature with an emphasis in African American Women’s Literature. She has taught and published on Zora Neale Hurston, the addition of the African American characters to the Dick and Jane series, and Black social justice movements. She earned the Ph.D. in English Literary and Cultural Studies from The University of Memphis. Her teaching, research, and other involvements can be found at www.jervette.com

**Steven Yates** is the 2017-2018 president of the American Association of School Librarians. He is an assistant professor and coordinator of school library certification at the University of Alabama School of Library and Information Studies.

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**Enigmatic Acronyms and Mysterious Abbreviations**

(A Precariously Incomplete List)

- AASL: American Association of School Librarians
- AkASL: Alaska Association of School Librarians
- AkLA: Alaska Library Association
- AKRWA: Alaska Romance Writers of America
- ALN: Alaska Library Network
- APL: Anchorage Public Library
- DirLead: Directors of the 20 largest public libraries in Alaska
- IMLS: Institute of Museum and Library Services
- OWL: Online With Libraries
- SCBWI: Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators
- SLED: Statewide Library Electronic Doorway [Alaska]
- YALSA: Young Adult Library Services Association
THURSDAY, MARCH 8

7:30 am–3:30 pm  Registration Desk Open

8:00 am–Noon  
**Book Repair Seminar (Session 1)**  
*Anya Keen*

This course is a hands-on introduction to book construction as well as basic paper, hinge, and spine repair. Covered in this class: Analyzing the condition of a book and determine whether it is possible and practical to repair; correct materials to use for repair (small amounts of paper, cloth and paste will be available for purchase); paper cleaning, repair, and reattachment; hinge reinforcement and repair; and spine repair if time allows.

8:00 am–5:00 pm  
**Connect with your Community: How to Create a Virtual Library Tour**  
*Ruth Terry, Christie Ericson, Lorelei Sterling*

This pre-conference workshop will take you step-by-step through the process of producing a virtual tour. UAA librarians will share how they used Google Slides and PowerPoint to create a tour highlighting their library’s resources, collections, and services. Come join us for this fun and interactive workshop where you will make your own tour that you can use to increase awareness of your library and connect with your community. Bring a laptop, charger, and digital materials such as photos or videos, and we’ll walk you through the process of editing and embedding your content. Beginners welcome.

8:00 am–5:00 pm  
**Practical skills for difficult homeless patrons (Full Training)**  
*Ryan Dowd*

Do you have patrons who bring in too many bags? Smell really bad? Panhandle in your library? Argue with you and other patrons? This interactive training is much more than simple “sensitivity training.” You will learn why homeless individuals do what they do and the practical tools for resolving problems. There is a special focus on mentally ill and/or addicted patrons. After this training, you will have more confidence with homeless patrons. The presenter is Executive Director of a large homeless shelter outside of Chicago and author of the ALA book, The Librarian’s Guide to Homelessness.

8:00 am–5:00 pm  
**ALN Board Strategic Planning Meeting**  
*Tracy Swaim*

A full-day session for current and new ALN Board members to do strategic planning for the organization. Please note that this is open only to ALN board members.

8:00 am–5:00 pm  
**Civic Dialog in Libraries Workshop**  
*Valarie Kingsland*

Experienced civic engagement facilitator and trainer Bill Hall of Alaska Common Ground and Let’s Talk Alaska (http://akcommonground.org/) will provide a training workshop about how to facilitate civic dialog and civic programming in libraries on behalf of the AkLA Civic Engagement Roundtable.

1:00 pm–5:00 pm  
**Book Repair Seminar (Session 2)**  
*Anya Keen*

This course is a hands-on introduction to book construction as well as basic paper, hinge, and spine repair. Covered in this class: Analyzing the condition of a book and determine whether it is possible and practical to repair; correct materials to use for repair (small amounts of paper, cloth and paste will be available for purchase); paper cleaning, repair, and reattachment; hinge reinforcement and repair; and spine repair if time allows.

2:00 pm–4:30 pm  
**AkLA Executive Council Business Meeting**  
*Mollie Good*

The Executive Council will meet to conduct the business of the Alaska Library Association. This meeting is open to all interested parties wishing to learn more about the organization and the ways that we support libraries and library workers in Alaska.

5:00 pm–6:00 pm  
**First Time Conference Attendee Orientation**  
*Christie Ericson*

Is this your first (or nearly your first) AkLA conference? Join us to learn more about the Alaska Library Association and how to get the most out of your conference experience.
SESSIONS and MEETINGS - Thursday and Friday

**Opening Reception**
6:00 pm–7:30 pm
Please join us for the opening reception where we will hear from Anchorage Mayor Ethan Berkowitz and honor our amazing vendors.

**Battledecks: New Members Edition**
7:30–9:00 pm
*Rebecca Moorman and Christie Ericson*
Are you a new or new-ish AklA member? Are you an old-timer, or somewhere in between? This year we are combining Battledecks and the New Members Social, two popular events that will break the ice on the 2018 Conference. Following introductions, volunteer presenters will give short impromptu talks using slide decks they’ve never seen before. Some call it ‘PowerPoint Karaoke’ and all agree it’s hilarious. The audience will enjoy an evening of light-hearted fun, guest judges will help us choose the winner, and there will be prizes for all participants.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 9**

**Registration Desk Open**
7:00 am–5:00 pm

**Academic Roundtable Meeting**
8:00–8:55 pm
*Lorelei Sterling*
The Academic Roundtable Annual Meeting will identify priorities for the upcoming year. All are welcome to attend!

**Civic Engagement Roundtable Meeting**
8:00–8:55 pm
*Valerie Kingsland*
Want to learn more about civic engagement? Come join our discussion about the library connection to civic engagement, where no idea and no library is too big or too small. Civic engagement means working to make a difference in the civic life of our communities and developing the combination of knowledge, skills, values and motivation to make that difference. It means promoting the quality of life in a community, through both political and non-political processes. — from Civic Responsibility and Higher Education (edited by Thomas Ehrlich, 2000)

**College Credit Meeting**
8:00–8:55 pm
*Deb Mole*
Would you like to receive college credit for attending this year’s AklA Conference? Come learn about the requirements and what’s needed to meet them.

**SLED Advisory Group meeting**
8:00–8:55 pm
*Freya Anderson*
This will be a working meeting of the SLED Advisory Group. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Going Global! Libraries**
8:00–8:55 pm
Incorporating global education into library programs is the perfect way to justify the role of librarians in education, while innovating programs and connecting students to the skills needed to be successful in the world. Students engage with books and materials that span the breadth of your library in a way that embraces Social Emotional Learning and 21st century skills. All the resources you need are right here in this interactive workshop taught by fellow librarian and U.S. State Department Global Education Ambassador, Michelle Carton.

**From Time Immemorial:**
9:00–10:30 am
*Jennifer O’Neal*
Centering Indigenous Traditional Knowledge in the Archival Paradigm
This session will examine the unique aspects of traditional Indigenous knowledge systems that are at the center of Native American lifeways and culture. Through a decolonizing theory and framework, the talk will examine Indigenous knowledge systems as a foundational framework for the management of indigenous collections at various types of repositories. This presentation explores the historical context of displaced indigenous collections and highlights key points of the larger social movement to decolonize these collections through shared stewardship, collaboration, and reconciliation. Examples of how to implement these systems in repositories, as well as in pedagogy and curriculum, will be presented.

**No Conflict: Exhibits and Poster Session Break**
1:00–5:00 pm

**42 Tips For Teen Librarians To Make Your Program FUN And ENGAGING!**
*Cayla Armatti*
11:00–11:55 am  **Bringing Social Work Help to the Library**  
We all do our best to help our patrons, but some of them have more complex needs than we can address as traditional library staff. Come learn how Anchorage Public Library partnered with local organizations and the University of Alaska Anchorage to bring additional assistance and resources to patrons experiencing homelessness, food and housing insecurity, addiction, and other difficult issues in order to best meet the needs of all library users.

11:00–11:55 am  **Battle Of The Books Tips And Tricks**  
Come share tips with and learn from librarians around the state to make Battle of the Books a success in your community.

11:00–11:55 am  **Librarianship And Traditional Cultural Expressions: A Discussion**  
Protecting traditional cultural expressions can be at odds with library values around open access and intellectual freedom. Keynote speaker Jennifer O’Neal and several panelists will explore this complicated issue and discuss ways we can balance respecting traditional cultural expressions with upholding the core tenets of librarianship.

11:00–11:55 am  **Alaska Reads: Connecting Readers And Authors Across The Miles**  
Alaska Reads is a biennial statewide reading initiative founded by former Alaska State Writer Laureate Frank Soos. Every two years, it selects one book by a living Alaskan author and shares it with Alaska readers in libraries across the state through author visits to communities, online webinars, social media events, and participating in Online With Libraries (OWL). The 2018 selection is Steam Laundry by Nicole Stellon O’Donnell, which follows the program’s inaugural 2016 selection, Blonde Indian by Ernestine Hayes, the current State Writer Laureate. Jessica Peña, Executive Director of the Fairbanks Arts Association is also on our panel, which will provide an overview of the program, describe what it can offer to libraries, and explain how libraries play a crucial part in making Alaska Reads a success. We will also share stories about the visits made by Stellon O’Donnell and Hayes, and we will participate in an open discussion with the audience.

11:00–11:55 am  **Summer Reading Program 2018: Libraries Rock**  
Our panel of youth services librarians representing libraries large/urban, midsize, and small/rural are from public libraries in Anchorage, Cordova, Homer,Juneau, Soldotna, and the Alaska State Library. We will share how we build fun, music and more into our summer reading programs. Participants will learn about the Alaska State Library Summer Reading Program, the 2018 Summer Reading Theme, best practices for summer reading programing, and how to create successful summer reading partnerships. Our session is geared toward Summer Reading Program Coordinators.
SESSIONS and MEETINGS - Friday

Noon–12:55 pm  PNLA President’s Session: Pathways To Leadership
                Dr. Rick Stoddart and Invited Guests
Join the Pacific Northwest Library Association’s President and invited guests as we share our leadership stories using visual storyboarding. We will share the challenges, successes, and critical incidents that have shaped our views of library leadership. Sharing our leadership journeys with others creates opportunities to better understand the skills and experiences necessary to be a strong library leader. Participants will have the opportunity to develop and storyboard their own leadership stories; they will be able to identify a critical incident that built leadership skills and they will also be able to articulate their own leadership stories.

Noon–12:55 pm  Walking The Line Between Selection And Censorship With Teen And Children’s Librarians
                Jon Ebron, Elizabeth Nicolai, Suzanne Metcalfe, and Ann Morgester
To buy, or not to buy. To keep, or not to keep. To label, or not to label. These are questions teen and children’s librarians must constantly ask as they curate their collections. Our panel of public and school librarians will look at these questions in the light of intellectual freedom. We’ll also provide resources to help with the selection of titles and what do if titles are challenged.

Noon–12:55 pm  How E-Rate Can Help Pay For Your Aging Internet Infrastructure
                Valerie Oliver
In this session, we will explore both the public library E-rate funds available as well as the equipment those funds will cover within your library’s digital network.

Noon–12:55 pm  Updates From Federal And State Alaska Law Libraries
                Anna Russell
With a small but mighty group of law libraries in Alaska, the support we can offer the larger library community may be overlooked. Join the Alaska District’s federal court law librarian and the public services librarian for the Alaska State Court Law Library in Anchorage for an engaging conversation on our available resources. We will discuss access to justice issues and how to best support a variety of patron requests for legal resources.

Noon–12:55 pm  Creating A Veterans Resource Fair
                Justin Crossfox and Christy Orquera
Resources for veterans are frequently spread out among non-profits, government agencies, and local businesses. We reached out to many different organizations and groups in Great Neck, New York so that our local veterans could get information all in one place: the library. Learn what worked for us, and what didn’t.

1:00–2:30 pm  State Of Our Libraries and General Membership Meeting
                Patience Frederiksen
                Alaska State Librarian
Join Patience Frederiksen, Alaska State Librarian, in her annual overview and outlook on Alaska’s library community. Afterwards, we will hold the annual AkLA general membership meeting.

2:45–3:35 pm  AkLA Advocacy Committee Meeting
                Katie Baxter
This is an organizational meeting of the AkLA Advocacy Committee for current, new, and on-the-fence committee members. Come contribute your insights and feedback on library legislative strategies, priorities, and advocacy tools.

2:45–3:35 pm  The Accessible Webinar
                Katie Fearer
In the library world, we often teach through webinars and videoconferences. People who have vision or hearing impairments or other disabilities should be able to easily participate in our sessions. In The Accessible Webinar, we’ll review strategies you can take to ensure that your next virtual teaching experience is accessible to everyone.

2:45–3:35 pm  AkLA Membership Committee Meeting
                Micah Muer
We’ll discuss issues concerning membership, share ideas for increasing the value of membership, and select new leadership for the Membership Committee. Open to all AkLA members.

2:45–3:35 pm  Practical Skills For Difficult Homeless Patrons (Mini-Training)
                Ryan Dowd
Come learn more about your homeless patrons and how you can resolve conflict and problems while still being compassionate and inclusive.
Alaska Books For Alaska’s Kids: Introducing A New Resource For Alaska Literature For Young People  
Sue Sherif, Elizabeth Nicolai, Ann Dixon, and Katy Spangler  
Come learn about Alaska Books for Alaska’s Kids! Our group of Alaska librarians and educators will preview this new online resource hosted by the Alaska Library Network, which shines a spotlight on the best books for Alaskan youth with a strong emphasis on titles that are authentic, accurate, well-written, and illustrated. We’ll share the genesis of the project and what we’ve accomplished over the past two years, including criteria for inclusion, issues in determining cultural authenticity, and challenges in locating new Alaska titles. We’ll also invite you to participate and help us to expand and improve Alaska’s Books for Alaska’s Kids.

Copyright Q & A  
Freya Anderson  
After a brief overview of copyright basics, we’ll jump right into your questions. Focusing on practical issues for libraries, we’ll work together to analyze situations and determine good approaches. Tools to help determine public domain, to analyze fair use and library exemptions, and more will be covered.

Technology Solutions For Your Library  
Jacob Cole  
A look at technology and automation solutions that can provide efficiency and new services for your library.

Strategic Staff Development  
Julie Niederhauser  
Strategic staff development aligns staff resources to the library’s mission and goals, and fosters a knowledgeable staff that is able to anticipate and adapt to continuous change. This blended session combines pre-conference work with a highly interactive conference experience that includes various hands-on activities; following the conference, there will be online modules to complete. Public Library Directors skilled in strategic staff development will be able to identify and enhance the knowledge and skills that their staff need to acquire in order for the public library to be successful.

Fake News  
Karla Barkman and Katie Clark  
Breaking News! You can’t miss this! Great White Sharks in the Mississippi River! What? Students need to become critical thinkers and discerning users of information now more than ever. Join Karla and Katie as they share resources that elementary and secondary librarians can use to combat misinformation.

Alaska Native Issues Roundtable Annual Meeting  
Tyson Rinio  
Roundtable meeting for the Native Issues Roundtable.

Reinforcing Information Literacy Using High Impact Practices  
Deb Mole  
Come get inspired by thinking creatively about how to reinforce information literacy skills in an activity, course or program by using active learning, teamwork, reflection, and other high impact practices.

AkLA Ignite Session: Red Hot Library Programming  
Julie Niederhauser  
During the Ignite Session, librarians will have 5 minutes to share innovative library programming and/or partnerships. Each speaker’s presentation will be accompanied by 20 PowerPoint slides that will automatically advance every 15 seconds. Let’s spark some creative library programming in Alaska!

Library Lessons From The Stage  
Paul Adasiak  
We are all performers, whether our audience is on the telephone, at a meeting, or across the room. We will discuss tips culled from the stage: how they apply not just to libraries’ more “theatrical” jobs like storytelling, but also to public presentations and even talking on the phone. Participants will learn how to make themselves better understood through enunciation, projection, posture, and movement. We will start with lessons applicable to all workplaces and positions, then move on to lessons for those doing presentations and performances.
Build Bridges to the Best Bildungsroman

Amelia Jenkins, Cindy Holderith, Rochene Rowan-Hellen, Lisa Bunag, and Suzanne

You know the big ones: Prince, Newbery, and Coretta Scott King. But did you know that there are many other awards given with a wide range of criteria, genre, and format? Come and learn about the many ways Young Adult Literature is celebrated and which books have been honored in the past year. Public and school librarians will share our favorite titles and maybe introduce you to some new winners. If the stars align, we'll also have books to give away!

SATURDAY, March 10

Registration Desk Open

Battle Of The Books Title Selection Workshop

Shelly Logsdon

Join the Battle leadership team to select the 2018-2019 Titles for Battle of the Books from the working title list.

Intellectual Freedom Committee Annual Meeting

Suzanne Metcalfe

Annual Face-to-Face meeting of the Intellectual Freedom Committee

Skills To Address Disruptive Behavior In A Respectful Way

Amelia Jenkins, Jessica Greene, and Tracy Lauren

We all want our public spaces to be safe and inviting for everyone. What does this look like when disruptive behavior erupts? How can we redirect a patron’s behavior in a respectful way? Share ideas and gain perspective from a treatment program specialist in youth trauma and a nurse practitioner.

Collection Development Roundtable Meeting

Karen Jensen

In our annual meeting, the discussion will include zines, donations, e-books, reference books, and more. Everyone is welcome.

Public Library Roundtable

Karen Kresh

Connect with colleagues working in or interested in public libraries from around the state as we discuss topics and trends relevant to our work and share accomplishments, challenges, and ideas. All are welcome. We hope to see you there!

Special Libraries Roundtable Meeting

Teresa Williams

This session is the annual meeting of the Special Libraries Roundtable. All are welcome, particularly those work with special and unique collections/patrons. Come and network with your peers.

The Work and Worth of Words: Bridging the Gaps with Language

Dr. Jervette R. Ward

This keynote will address the power and privilege of language and the need to utilize words to not only bridge gaps but also to speak truth to power in regards to equity, equality, and social justice.

No Conflict: Exhibits and Poster Session Break

Poster Session 42 Tips For Teen Librarians To Make Your Program FUN And ENGAGING!

Cayla Armatti

Poster Session Alaska Talking Book Center

Freya Anderson

Poster Session Getting The Most Out Of SLED

Freya Anderson

Poster Session Using Lean Six Sigma To Improve Efficiency In Libraries

Jacob Cole

Poster Session Sharing The Wealth: Connecting New Teachers With Classroom Libraries

Kathryn Ohle
Saturday - SESSIONS and MEETINGS

Poster Session  
**The Making Of A Pop-Up Book In Alaska**  
Liz O’Connell

Poster Session  
**800# ILL**  
Sandy Knipmeyer

Poster Session  
**Finding Your Path To Purpose At The Library**  
Sarah McBryde

Poster Session  
**Live Homework Help — Expanded Services Training**  
Susan Del Rosario

11:00 am–12:30 pm  
**Storytimes With Bells And Whistles and Youth Services Roundtable Meeting**  
Amelia Jenkins

The heart of storytime is the story, but we all know that developing brains need more than that to stay engaged. Learn and share tips and tricks to keep storytimes active and engaging with music, puppets, movement activities, sounds, and other participation. Come prepared to share a favorite addition or stay quiet and learn from your colleagues. The Youth Services Roundtable will meet afterwards.

11:00 am–12:30 pm  
**Alaskana For Your Library Collection: Multiple Perspectives**  
Karen Jensen, Arlene Schmuland, David Cox II, Katherine Arndt, and Douglas McAllister

Our panel discussion features librarians and an archivist from university and public libraries around the state who collect Alaskana materials for their libraries. We will describe the focus of our collections, tell how we stay current with recent publications, and explain our special processes of acquisition, storage, maintenance and outreach to users. If you collect Alaskana in your library, this is a great opportunity to connect with others and ask questions.

11:00 am–12:30 pm  
**AkASL Membership Meeting**  
Karla Barkman

Join the Alaska Association of School Libraries for our annual membership meeting. Learn what AkASL has done this past year, assist us in setting goals for next year, meet your regional representative, and network with your colleagues.

11:00 am–12:30 pm  
**Advocacy In The Elevator**  
Katie Baxter

We offer a hands-on, down-to-earth, grassroots approach to library advocacy that will boost your confidence and provide you with sound bytes to use when you are called upon to give your elevator speech. Practice makes perfect, and when you practice your advocacy style among friends, colleagues and peers, your grassroots effectiveness and comfort level grows in leaps and bounds. Join the AkLA lobbyist and members of the AkLA Advocacy Committee for a successful ride in the Advocacy Elevator.

1:00–2:30 pm  
**Authors to Alaska Luncheon and Awards Presentation with Brendan Kiely: Literature with a Listening Heart**  
Join a discussion about the intersection of literature, social justice, and the art of listening.

2:45–3:35 pm  
**Literary Citizenship**  
Brendan Kiely

Another way of thinking about contemporary realistic YA literature is that it is the literature of now, novels that are in direct dialogue with today's headlines. How then can YA novels be used to foster a sense of social engagement and responsibility?

2:45–3:35 pm  
**Is Access To Information A Basic Human Right?**  
Anna Bjartmarsdottir and Page Brannon

Our panel will explore the rapidly changing landscape of information literacy and how it relates to democratic values and human rights. We will talk about the role of librarians in a world where information can be fake, facts can be withheld, and new information challenges seem to occur at the speed of light. How do worldwide organizations and governments look at this issue? We will explore examples of how information literacy can be seen as a human rights issue.

2:45–3:35 pm  
**WiFi Management Tips And Tricks**  
Daniel Cornwall

We'll cover the basics of wifi security and management, which will include how-to’s on finding your documentation, logging into the system if you lose your password, prioritizing internet traffic (if this function is available on your router), checking the number of devices on your network,
and more. Bring a laptop or smartphone along if you have one. This session is recommended for small libraries responsible for managing their own wifi network.

2:45–3:35 pm  **Prove You’re Crucial: Crunch the Data!**  
**Jared Shucha**
Collecting accurate and up-to-date data is one more thing on your very full plate. But crunching the data is the first step in making your case and proving school library program effectiveness to your stakeholders. We’ll look at how analyzing and effectively communicating data on your collection, checkouts, student attitudes and academics, and more can lead to better understanding and more support.

2:45–3:35 pm  **Sensory Overload! How To Adapt Storytime For Children On The Autism Spectrum**  
**Kelsey Skrobis and Linda Klein**
With the ever-growing prevalence in autism and other sensory-processing disorder diagnoses, cultivating environments that cater to different communication and learning styles may be difficult. In partnership with the Alaska Autism Resource Center and the Stone Soup Group, Anchorage Public Library has created a Sensory-Enhanced Storytime designed for children for whom a traditional storyline is not viable. APL librarians will present information on the ways autism manifests, how that affects storyline behavior, tips on different presentation techniques you can use to accommodate children of all learning levels, and specific tools you can use to keep kids of all sensory-processing levels engaged. This session is applicable to librarians in both school and public librarianship and to anyone who works with children.

3:45–4:35 pm  **Towards Gigabit Libraries Toolkit: Field Testing For Better Knowledge And A Better Internet**  
**Daniel Cornwall, James Werle, Carrie Longpre, and Marguerite La Riviere**
We will discuss a broadband assistance toolkit being developed by the Towards Gigabit Libraries (TGL) project, how it was tested in Alaska, and how others might benefit from this toolkit. Our presenters are from the Alaska State Library, Internet 2, Aniak Public Library, and Kegoayah Kozga Public Library in Nome. General background on the TGL Toolkit may be found at: https://tinyurl.com/yddmfuk6

3:45–4:35 pm  **Hosting Authors In Schools And Libraries**  
**Stefanie Tatalias, Ann Dixon, Debby Dahl Edwardson, Tricia Brown, Jen Funk Weber, and Lynn Lovegreen**
Discover why former Juneau elementary school librarian-turned-author Annie Boochever says, “Author visits are at the heart of any good library program.” A panel of Alaskan children’s authors who are members of The Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI) will discuss the kinds of presentations authors offer, benefits of hosting authors, how to contact authors, the planning and setup required, arranging funding, and more. Attendees can submit questions in advance by emailing jen@funkandweber.com, and we’ll leave time for questions during the session. Attendees will receive useful resources such as templates for author-visit agreements; tips for hosting a successful event; instructions for how to set up a Skype visit; and ideas on how to convince a PTA, principal, or community organization to fund a visit.

3:45–4:35 pm  **Returning The Favor: Contributing Back To Sources Of Free, Open Content**  
**Micah Muer**
Every day, we make use of free, open content. We browse Wikipedia articles, read Project Gutenberg ebooks, play old games or read old magazines at the Internet Archive, listen to Librivox audiobooks, or get directions from apps drawing on OpenStreetMap data. Every day, we get so much from these volunteer-driven projects — but what do we give back? This session we will showcase the fun, easy, quick ways that you (and your patrons) can make meaningful contributions to the Internet’s wealth of free, open data and cultural material.

3:45–4:35 pm  **What’s Love Got To Do With It: Libraries And The Romance Genre**  
**Nancy Clark, Tamsin Ley, and Erin McLellan**
Romance fiction accounts for the largest share of US fiction sales, and can be a circulation boon and a vector for diversity in all respects. Nancy Clark of Anchorage Public Library and authors Tamsin Ley and Erin McLellan of AKRWA (Alaska Romance Writers Association) give data on the romance genre, how current publishing trends have affected the reach of romance fiction, and why it should feature prominently in public libraries.
3:45–4:35 pm  Finding Data About Alaska’s People, Businesses, And Communities  
Ruth Terry and Eddie Hunsinger

Join UAA’s Business and Government Information Librarian and the State Demographer with the Alaska Department of Labor for a tour of locally-focused data and tools that you can use to better serve your community. Learn to access data that can inform your decisions about programming, purchasing, and grant applications, help you support entrepreneurs and small business owners, and improve your data reference skills.

3:45–4:35 pm  Bridging The Teen Gap, Or How To Woo Reluctant Teen Readers And Their Teachers  
Cayla Armatti, Jill Gann, Sharon Pinkney, Jared Shucha, Suzanne Metcalfe, and Others

Our panel of secondary school librarians will discuss and present ideas that encourage students and their teachers to frequent the school library. We’ll focus on getting books into students’ hands, keeping them reading, and promoting great titles. We will include strategies for collaborating with teachers, soliciting new title recommendations, promoting electronic and print books, creating snazzy displays, and increasing circulation. We’ll revisit some old methods and introduce you to some new ones. Although we will focus on school libraries, all teen librarians are welcome and will benefit. Handouts and examples will be provided.

4:45–5:45 pm  Future Ready With The Library: An Exploratory Lab For Middle School Youth  
Katie Baxter

Wondering how libraries can create partnerships to bridge the middle school services gap? Learn the results of Kodiak Public Library’s participation in YALSA’s (Young Adult Library Services Association) Future Ready with the Library Cohort. In January 2017, Kodiak joined 19 other libraries from rural, remote, and tribal communities to launch a collaborative initiative designed to connect libraries with communities for college and career readiness services. Find out how five hours of middle school programming turned into powerful moments of team building, leadership development, and career readiness for village school students.

4:45–5:45 pm  Databases By Alaskans  
Katie Fearer

Do your patrons ever ask where they can get more information about candidates for office? Or perhaps they want to know where to catch rainbow trout. No? Perhaps they need a list of all Anchorage public schools. No matter what your Alaska-related information need is, chances are good that a state agency has put that information in a database. In this session, Katie Fearer will introduce you to some Alaska agency databases that may help you answer questions library patrons frequently ask. And we’ll also take a look at some that are just plain fun.

4:45–5:45 pm  Implementing Ed Tech For Global Libraries  
Michelle Carton

See amazing but simple tools that allow libraries to come to life and reach students in the most important way possible: encouraging them to engage with the global world. This link will get you to the presentation slides, although the links in the slides will only work in presenter mode: https://tinyurl.com/ybvto83d

4:45–5:45 pm  Ch-ch-ch-ch-Changes, Turn And Face The Strange  
Sherri Douglas, David Adkins-Brown, Julie Varee, Karen Kresh, Lisa Bricker, Pat Tully, and Rayette Sterling

Come listen as a panel of your peers shares our lively experiences in making career changes. Our panelists’ current occupations include Retired from Anchorage Public Library (Douglas), Manager at Mt. View Neighborhood Library (Adkins-Brown), Donor Relations Director at the Anchorage Museum (Varee), City Librarian at Unalaska Public Library (Kresh), Library Assistant II at Z. J. Loussac Public Library (Bricker), Director at Ketchikan Public Library (Tully), and Leadership Programs Manager at Alaska Humanities Forum (Sterling).

4:45–5:45 pm  AASL Best Of  
Steven Yates

Don’t miss this opportunity to learn how the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) can ignite your passion and your career! AASL President, Steven Yates, will help you navigate the multiple features and benefits of AASL membership while highlighting exciting and practical resources to help you in your career as a school library professional. Learn more about how your membership in AASL supports the profession and how you can get involved with the work of your
national association. New and prospective AASL members are invited, and long-time AASL members are welcome to attend this great networking opportunity.

4:45–5:45 pm  **The Boarding School Experience In Northern Books For Youth**  
Christy Jordan-Fenton, Margaret Pokiak-Fenton, Debbie Dahl Edwardson and George Edwardson have captured the searing boarding school experience of a generation of indigenous Northern youth in their books for young people. Christy and Margaret have won acclaim for their books *Fatty Legs* and *A Stranger at Home*, as well as for two picture books that reflect Margaret’s experiences as a Canadian boarding school student. Debbie Dahl Edwardson was a finalist for the National Book Award for Youth for her novel *My Name Is Not Easy*, depicting her husband’s years at an Alaska boarding school. Attend this session to learn more about their books and to explore issues of common concern in Canada and the U.S., including questions of cultural appropriation and the need for diverse voices in literature for youth.

**SUNDAY, March 11**

2:00 am  **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME: Set Your Clocks Ahead One Hour**

7:30–10:00 am  **Registration Desk Open**

8:00–8:55 am  **Don’t Just Think Outside The Box–Breakout!**  
Deborah Tice and Julie Doepken

In this fun and interactive session, you’ll learn the basics of setting up a breakout that can be adapted to a variety of curricular objectives, group sizes, or classroom settings. We will explore how to set up a physical breakout using real objects, as well as using Google Sites and Google Forms to create a digital breakout. And we also have resource lists and how-to’s for you.

8:00–8:55 am  **Cards For All:**  
Elizabeth Nicolai and Ann Morgester

Incorporating School Student Records Into The Public Library Database

Answering the White House ConnectED challenge, Anchorage Public Library and Anchorage School District teamed up to get a library card in the hand of every Anchorage student. It took three years of multiple trials and pilot projects, but last year we added 34,000 students, and this year 40,000 students now have public library cards and access to all of our resources. Come learn about what went wrong, what went right, and how and why you should consider a partnership between public and school libraries.

8:00–8:55 am  **Bullet Journaling: A Low-Tech Way**  
Freya Anderson

To Keep Track Of Your Info And Yourself

Bullet journaling is a simple, no-tech technique for keeping track of almost anything, including your own day, week, and month. We’ll focus on the practical, but we’ll also show multiple samples of different types. If you’d like to go home with your own bullet journal, bring a high quality blank book and your favorite pen. It’s nice if it lays flat and has paper that doesn’t bleed, but it can be truly blank or have dots or lines if you prefer. Learn the process and find out about resources for ideas.

8:00–8:55 am  **DirLead Meeting**  
Patience Frederiksen

DirLead (the directors of the 20 largest public libraries) will meet to review their activities and discuss the DirLead retreat in October 2018.

8:00–8:55 am  **Alaska Library Network (ALN) General Membership Meeting**  
Tracy Swaim

At this meeting, we will review the many projects and grants ALN has participated in during the last year. We will have an update on the Alaska Digital Library, talk about some of the benefits of ALN (like Project Choice deposit accounts and vendor discounts), review ALN’s financial health, ponder policies, and discuss future directions.
Together We Can: Libraries Building Community
Loida Garcia-Febo
ALA President-Elect

Join Loida Garcia-Febo, President-Elect of the American Library Association, and hear about nationwide library initiatives, including Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. Together, we can bring change to impact public policy, benefit the communities we serve and our profession.

Fantastic Resources And Where To Find Them
Jared Shucha

The Alaska State Library offers a wide variety of resources to school librarians. We’ll highlight some of the lesser-known SLED offerings, discuss how to bring experts and virtual tours into your library, and go over ongoing professional development resources and opportunities, free and inexpensive e-books, public domain Alaskana, and more. We’ll also look at the new school library handbook and most importantly, we’ll listen to you to learn what else we can be offering school libraries across the state.

History Of The American Comic Book
Dean Brovold

Superman, Batman, Captain America and oh, so many others! Come listen to a whirlwind history of American comic books and the people who created them, beginning in the 1800s all the way up to the current day. An annotated bibliography will be provided. Manga not included.

Learn The National Standards For Learners, Librarians, And School Libraries
Deborah Rinio

Join us and get to know the recently released AASL National Standards for Learners, Librarians, and School Libraries. Come discover what’s new and what’s remained the same. We’ll brainstorm ways of implementing the standards with your colleagues and come up with strategies for educating your administrators and teachers. You’ll be able to develop a plan for implementing the new standards into your curriculum, your routine, and your school/district.

Public Library Report: Preparing And Sharing Your Library Statistics
Julie Niederhauser and Tracy Swaim

Our presenters from the Alaska State Library will begin with an overview of the Alaska Public Library Report, an annual report that every library that receives a Public Library Assistance Grant (PLAG) is required to complete. During this session, we will share how libraries can create compelling stories through data visualization. You’ll gain an understanding of the background and history of the Public Library Report, as well as learn how to access the Public Library Report and locate other available resources that may assist you in preparing and completing the survey online. You’ll understand why storytelling is essential in communication, and also learn about basic story structure elements and mechanisms.

Tabletop Gaming For Education And Fun
Rachel Nash

Come learn practical tips and tricks of tabletop gaming in libraries, including a presentation describing how and why to start a tabletop gaming program, different types of games, ways to use gaming to support the development of 21st century skills, current game trends, programming ideas, and collection ideas. We’ll have time to play examples of a variety of tabletop games.

These Books Are Made For Bettering: Bibliotherapy With Toddlers And Preschoolers
Samantha Blanquart

Children thrive in safe, secure environments. This session will cover the basics of bibliotherapy, a learning technique used by teachers, counselors, and librarians, focusing on its use with toddlers and preschoolers. Attendees will learn how to find and select age-appropriate books and other materials to help children identify and validate their feelings, develop coping skills and solutions, and deal with the problems of childhood from the simple (e.g., interpersonal relationships) to the more complex (e.g., poverty, disability, or death). This session will also highlight dialogic reading as a method to enhance read-alouds that can be used in conjunction with bibliotherapy.
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