Session Details

3rd-5th Grade Book Talks, 2022-2023 Louisiana Young Readers’ Choice (LYRC), LYRC Committee; Friday, 1:30 p.m.
This program and two other others will showcase upcoming titles and resources to promote them to educators, public librarians, and school librarians.

Anti-Racism and Libraries: What YOU need to know!, Preconference, John Tuggle, Shreve Memorial Library & Dr. Michael Hicks, Centenary College of Louisiana; Thursday, 1-4 p.m.
What is Anti-Racism, how can it help your library system? Dr. Michael Hicks, Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Specialist, and John Tuggle, Executive Director of Shreve Memorial Library utilize whole and small group exercises and discussions, providing you with knowledge, skills, and insights into

Broadband Initiative - Bringing Faster Internet to Your Community, Francesca Parent, Kisatchie Delta Regional Planning & Development District; Friday, 4 p.m.
Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts will share information relating to the Louisiana Broadband Initiative and how libraries and communities can be involved. Broadband is the crucial, cross-cutting infrastructure needed for advancing inclusive economic recovery, development, and competitiveness. Join our discussion, so your opinions and your library’s needs can be part of shaping and developing the Louisi-

Coaching Staff to Success: An Introduction to Coaching, Jessica Styons, Megan Thomas, & JD Lovelace; State Library of Louisiana, Saturday, 10:45 a.m.
Looking to better communicate with staff and improve conflict resolution? Want to figure out how to equip employees with the tools to work through problems? Join the State Library of Louisiana Library Development team to learn more about effective coaching for your staff

Critical Programming for Public Libraries, Poster Session, Nicollette Davis, Constance Milton and Crystal Chen, State Library of Louisiana & East Baton Rouge Public Library; Saturday, 8:30 a.m.
For this poster session, participants will be presented with various topics to plan, create, and implement inclusive library programs for adults and teens. This poster will highlight the ideas and tools necessary for participants to critique their library programming practices. Participants will hear from three librarians who identify as Black, Indigenous, or Persons of Color (BIPOC) on the different aspects of library programs. This poster is an abridged version of a webinar we presented earlier this year.

Fostering Wellness in the Library Workspace, Jennifer Ortiz, Katie Pierce-Farrier, UNTHSC, NNLM Region 3 and Margie Sheppard, University of Kansas Medical Center, NNLM Region 3; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.
During this interactive workshop participants will explore the aspects of a healthy workplace including physical, mental, and emotional components. We will look at the evidence on the benefits of having a healthy working environment and why it matters to you, to the library, and to your community.

6th-8th Grade Book Talks, 2022-2023 Louisiana Young Readers’ Choice (LYRC), LYRC Committee; Friday, 2:45 p.m.
This program and two other others will showcase upcoming titles and resources to promote them to educators, public librarians, and school librarians.

Bringing Graphic Medicine to Our Students: How It Worked for Us and Can For You, Poster Session, Erin Ware & David Duggar, LSUHSC; Saturday, 8:30 a.m.
We will share our experiences teaching a Graphic Medicine (graphic novels about health, disability, and illness) class to first year medical students and why we think Graphic Medicine is just the prescription for school and public libraries. We will also share resources to help you get started.

9th-12th Grade Book Talks, 2022-2023 Louisiana Teen Readers’ Choice (LTRC), LTRC Committee; Friday, 10:45 a.m.
This program and two other others will showcase upcoming titles and resources to promote them to educators, public librarians, and school librarians.

Collection Auditing for Children’s Books, Megan Thomas, State Library of Louisiana; Friday, 9:30 a.m.
This presentation will cover what a collection audit for a children’s collection entails and why it is critical to develop and grow your children’s collection to stay relevant and appeal to your community.

Face to Facebook: Library Service and the Crisis of Connection, Chandler Taylor, Ascension Parish Library, Poster Session; Saturday, 8:30 a.m.
When the COVID-19 pandemic forced many libraries to shut down or limit patron access, it created a crisis of connection that was unprecedented in the age of the internet. Our solutions to these challenges were not entirely innovative as our predecessors showed a similar tact for swift adjustment in 1918 when the Influenza pandemic threatened the survival of our public libraries. How can this inform our response to the next crisis?

LEAP Librarian Legal Resource Training, Stephanie Beaugh & Rachael Mills, Louisiana State Bar Association; Miriam Childs & Sara Pic, Law Library of Louisiana; Friday, 2:45 p.m.
LEAP (Legal Education Assistance Program) offers Louisiana’s public libraries specialized legal “Libguides,” training for staff on how to respond to legal questions, and assistance with “Lawyers in Libraries” pro bono events. This training will provide a more in-depth look at how librarians can assist patrons in finding and accessing legal resources.
Learning Circles & Remote Workers, Clare Coleman & Rebecca Purcell, Jeff Davis Parish Library; Friday, 9:30 a.m.

Learning Circles are becoming the preferred format for adult learning classes. Find out what they are, why they can be so effective, and how you can implement something similar. Jeff Davis Parish Library will discuss their first Learning Circle, which focused on people interested in remote work or building a location independent business. Tools and digital handouts will be provided so you can replicate this program for any topic.

Library Ethics Round Up, Jessica Styons, Michael Golrick, Rebecca Hamilton; Friday, 2:45 p.m.

Public libraries face ethical issues all the time. This session aims to create open discussion about library core values and ethics. Borrowing the idea from a session at the 2020 Public Library Association Conference and at the 2021 Association for Small and Rural Libraries Conference, this program will provide scenarios, followed by a discussion. This is a highly interactive session; audience participation and questions are highly encouraged.

Loups Garous, Cauchemars, and Feux Follets! Integrating Archives and Folklore to Display Original Children’s Stories on the Institutional Repository, Zachary Stein & Roxanne M. Bourque, University of Louisiana at Lafayette; Friday, 9:30 a.m.

The presenters will discuss a collaborative project where undergraduate students in the College of Education explored Edith Garland Dupré Library’s Special Collections to craft original folktales and showcase them in the University’s institutional repository. The project presents a unique way to use archives to craft and teach children’s stories.

Membership Meeting, LLA Executive Board & Members; Saturday, 2:30 p.m.

Join us to meet the newly installed 2022-2023 Louisiana Library Association Executive Board. Learn about the future of the association, the journal, and more!

Mental Maintenance Self-Care and mindfullness for the overwhelmed, impatient, fastidious, and quick-tempered, Jeremy Bolom, Lincoln Parish Library; Friday, 1:30 p.m.

Mindfulness and self-care are well-intentioned buzz terms, but, how often do we really have the time or extra energy to follow through with them? Now more than ever, keeping your emotional well-being afloat can mean the difference between surviving and thriving, and not just at work. Drawing from various sources and personal experiences, including both successes and failures, discover how one hot-headed and persnickety librarian found a slice of inner peace (and can even sleep at night).

Libraries, OER, and Dual Enrollment, Caitlin Cooper, Marty Miller, Kayla Siddell, Brian Sherman, LOUIS; Friday, 1:30 p.m.

LOUIS: The Louisiana Library Network recently received two federal grants that will result in re-deployable OER courses for dual enrollment courses in Louisiana. This work builds collaboration between instructors in the educational systems in Louisiana and the library community. This session will outline the approaches and share opportunities for engagement.

LibraryReads Readers’ Advisory 101, Rebecca Vnuk, LibraryReads; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

New to Readers’ Advisory? Need a brush-up on the basics? Let LibraryReads share some best practices for RA. We’ll discuss appeal factors, book talking, how to read a book in 5 minutes, and more!

Managing Organizational Change, Giovanni Tairov, Livingston Parish Library; Friday, 10:45 a.m.

Managing changes in organization can be stressful for library administrators. The program will review theoretical frameworks and practical recommendations to handle organizational change effectively.

Mental Health Training for Librarians: Helping Ourselves to Help Others, Blair Jones, University of Louisiana at Lafayette; Friday, 10:45 a.m.

Library employees receive all kinds of training for their jobs. With current statistics showing more people facing substance abuse issues and mental health issues than ever before, it is important to share what resources are available for library employees to better prepare them for encounters with patrons experiencing these issues.

Outdoor Youth Programming, Poster Session, Morgan Sherlock, St. Tammany Parish Library; Saturday, 8:30 a.m.

Outdoor programming has become a new normal for youth services librarians. From creating an outdoor storytime essentials checklist, discerning new technological needs, creating new outdoor spaces for outreach opportunities, and more, there is a lot we are constantly discovering in this new, niche area for library programming. While this has been initially thought of as a poster program, this could also be formatted as a discussion among youth/teen programming librarians and how they have adapted to the new normal outdoor programs, and provide a space for brainstorming or idea sharing.
Partnerships Make Perfect, Kacey Richard, Lincoln Parish Library; Friday, 1:30 p.m.
This program covers ways libraries can effectively partner with local businesses to reach new patrons.

Performers’ Showcase, Organized by Pabby Arnold, East Baton Rouge Public Library; Friday, 2:45-5 p.m.
Performers who offer educational and entertaining programming for libraries will have fifteen minutes each to show what they do and five minutes to answer questions.

Spotlight on National Library Trends:
Ditching Dewey, Megan Thomas, State Library of Louisiana; Friday, 4 p.m.
This presentation will cover the ongoing national trend of libraries ditching the Dewey Decimal system. This new change in libraries has seen success all over the country, as various libraries adopt new, more accessible ways for patrons to find the items they need.

State of the State Library, Rebecca Hamilton, State Library of Louisiana; Friday, 9:30 a.m.
State Librarian Rebecca Hamilton will present an overview of the activities and initiatives of the State Library of Louisiana.

Upcoming Titles from HarperCollins, Lainey Mays, HarperCollins, Friday, 4 p.m.
Hear about exciting upcoming Summer and Fall 2022 titles from HarperCollins Publishers.

Weeded: Retirement Planning for Library Workers, Preconference, Shaye Bertrand, Stacy Dubrock, Keisha Hamilton, Kathy Tuminello, Greg Walker, LaSSAL Sponsored Event, Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
This is important information for those getting close to retirement age or those who want to start planning on their first day of work. Five speakers who will be speaking on the topics of estate planning, social security, and the retirement parochial system.

Partnerships to Bridge the Digital Divide: What happens when Academic libraries, public libraries, the state library of Louisiana, and government leaders come together? Rebecca Kelley, Stacie Davis, Jessica Styons; Friday, 10:45 a.m.
LOUIS, Board of Regents, ConnectLA, State Library, public libraries, NorthStar Digital Literacy, and National Digital Inclusion Alliance are all coming together to pilot a program to address digital inclusion in Louisiana. As many as 460,000 Louisiana residents ages 18-64 lack basic foundational computer skills to take advantage of broadband

Read and Rave, Moderated by Luis Interiano, West Baton Rouge Public Library; Saturday, 10:45 a.m.
Librarians from across the state will provide a preview of their favorite upcoming new releases across a variety of genres.

Staff Association - What?, Gail Goldberg, Kendra Bertrand, Cory Miller, & Celise Reech-Harper, Rapides Parish Library; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.
The need of a Staff Association - things that can be done for the staff that the system is not allowed to do: hospital stays; funeral; celebrations and items that can not be purchased because of Ethics. Discuss the cost compared to the worth.

The Scots & Irish in Louisiana: In Story and Song, Rickey Pittman, Bard of the South; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.
A presentation in story and song about the influence, notable individuals, settlements, and achievement of the Scots and Irish in Louisiana.

Virtual Reality Children’s Books, Poster Session, Zack Berenson, Peeka VR; Saturday, 8:30 a.m.
Peeka brings picture books to life in virtual reality, so kids can jump into the pages of beloved books and let the stories happen to them. In large, we provide access to high quality educational experiences for kids who don’t usually have access to it. It's motivating kids K-3 to fall in love with reading, thus read more books & increase literacy rates.

Wizards of Zero Dollar Fun, Poster Session, Shawnie Crador & Anna Lester, Cameron Parish Library, Saturday, 8:30 a.m.
No budget? Trying to get people of all ages in the door (virtual or not)? Let us show you how to do magic with no money.