Conference Sessions, Schedule and Events

**Wednesday, September 13 – Bayliss Public Library**

1:00pm – 2:00pm

- Buffet Lunch from Wicked Sister sponsored by the Bayliss Friends of the Library

2:00pm – 2:45pm

- UPRLC Board Meeting

- **The Hands-On Book Repair Workshop**: Informal and interactive tips and tricks to fix your books.
  
  *John Previle and Meredith Sommers, Bayliss Public Library – Staff Work Room*

**Wednesday Sessions**

3:00pm – 5:00pm

- **Developing Positive Relationships at Work**: We spend a large amount of time with our co-workers, and having constructive, positive relationships with those we work with benefits everyone and support and encouragement between work colleagues is highly important. This session will help participants develop relationships with co-workers that are supportive, constructive, encouraging, and free from negative drama or conflict.
  
  *Scott Garrison, Midwest Collaborative for Library Services*

- **Trustee Roundtable with the Library of Michigan**: Meet other public library trustees at this event to discuss issues facing Michigan library trustees and their libraries. Learn about the resources available to assist Michigan public library trustees and test your library board knowledge! Small group discussions will be
facilitated by presenters. This session is only open to trustees.

Clare Membiela & Joe Hamlin, Library of Michigan

Wednesday After Hours

- The Soo Film Festival will be showing films at the Bayliss Public Library from 6:30pm – 8:30pm. For a list of films, visit www.facebook.com/SooFilmFestival
- For recommended bars and restaurants in downtown Sault Ste. Marie, review the attached list of dine out options.

Thursday, September 14 – LSSU Cisler Center

8:00am – 9:00am

- Registration - Hallway
- Continental Breakfast (fruit, yogurt, pastries, coffee, juice) – Superior Room

8:00am – 3:00pm

- Vendor Hall Open – Hallway

9:00am – 10:30am

- Welcome and Opening Keynote
  Using Our Words: Communicating with Clarity During Factitious Times: We think of libraries as warm spaces where people can come to learn, find community, and enrich their lives. We see ourselves as community partners, which is why it has been so startling to hear a small but vocal minority describe us in extreme and ugly terms. We’ll talk about communication strategies that can help us reclaim our narrative, reconnect to community members, and seek common ground.
  Kristin Fontichiaro, Clinical Professor, University of Michigan School of Information - Superior Room

10:30-10:45

- Break: Make your way to a breakout session and visit with vendors - Hallway

Breakout Sessions

10:45am – 11:30am

- UPLINK Update: This presentation will update session participants on the status of the Upper Peninsula Digital Network. The presentation will review new collections, new member organizations, upcoming activities, and grant funding opportunities.
  Marcus Robyns & Anika Peterson, Upper Peninsula Digital Preservation Network
- Huron Room

- **Get in the PR Groove:** When the SRP marketing materials provided by Collaborative Summer Library Program didn't fit with what our library thought "All Together Now" meant, we decided to rebrand Summer Reading to make it memorable and comprehensive for all age groups. During this session we will talk about making a brand on Canva to create eye-catching and memorable PR for your library and your community.
  *Crystal Jacklovitz, Dickinson County Library - Erie Room*

- **Michigan Humanities Grants and Partnerships:** Ready to discover funding opportunities library programming? Interested in taking part in a statewide reading program or hosting a traveling exhibit? Michigan Humanities staff will share current grant and program offerings available to Michigan libraries, including Bridging Michigan and Arts & Humanities Touring grants, and Great Michigan Read, Poetry Out Loud, Museum on Main Street, and annual Michigan Humanities Awards programs.
  *Estee Schlenner, James Nelson & Maurice Imhoff, MI Humanities – Michigan Room*

- **STEAM Into Preschool:** Do you love STEAM activities? This session is going to show you fun and interesting ways to share your love of STEAM with Preschool-age kids.
  *Michelle Neuwirth Gray, Canton Public Library - Ontario Room*

- **Overview of SirsiDynix Data Control, SymphonyWeb, and BlueCloud Analytics:** UPRLC's new contract will include some new products. This session will present an overview of Data Control, SymphonyWeb (aka WorkFlows in a web browser), and BLUEcloud Analytics products.
  *Shawn Andary, SirsiDynix - Superior Room*

11:35am – 12:15pm

- **UPRLC Membership Meeting** – *Superior Room*

12:15pm – 1:30pm

- **Lunch & Visiting with Vendors** – *Superior Room & Hallway*

1:30pm – 2:30pm

- **Better Together: A Keynote Panel Discussion on Michigan Libraries**
  Clare Membiela of the Library of Michigan, Scott Garrison of MCLS, Amber
Sheerin of MLA, and Kristin Fontichiario of University of Michigan School of Information – Superior Room

2:30pm – 2:45pm

- **Break**: Make your way to a breakout session and visit with vendors – Hallway

**Breakout Sessions**

2:45pm – 3:30pm

- **The Path to Drag and Drop Digital Preservation**: Do you have digitized local history collections or institutional records that are vital to your services and mission? The Michigan Digital Preservation Network (MDPN) recently received a grant from the Institute for Museum and Library Services to make digital preservation as easy as dragging and dropping files. This session will discuss the vision of our grant, what we've accomplished, and a timeline for the MDPN's future. Learn more about how the MDPN is working to make digital preservation affordable, manageable, and equitable for institutions across the state.
  *Chelsea Denault, MCLS – Huron Room*

- **Charting the Course with Clubs and Crafts for Kids**: This session will have two parts: Part 1 will inform attendants about some neat clubs they can do with children, such as Global Explorer Story Hours, Terrific Tales for Tweens, Library Club, Summer Scares, and YA Book Club. Part 2 will be interactive and attendees will complete some cute and creative crafts that work!
  *Evelyn Gathu, Crystal Falls District Community Library – Ontario Room*

- **The Dos and Don’ts for Applying for Grants**: Applying for grants can be a mystifying process. What should be in the budget? What is a measurable outcome? How do we do a needs assessment? Come learn some quick rules of thumb for writing a proposal, figuring out a budget and understanding the grant process.
  *Karren Reish, Library of Michigan – Michigan Room*

- **Library Law Q & A**: Join us for a Library Law Q & A with the Library of Michigan’s Library law Consultant, Clare Membiela. Bring your library-related legal questions and Clare will field questions from attendees.
  *Clare Membiela, Library of Michigan – Superior Room*

- **Doing More With More: Being Strategic with Unexpected Library Funding**: In a persistent funding climate where libraries are asked to do more with less, how would your library make the most of a funding increase? Let’s talk about strategic advocacy with decision-makers that utilizes abundance-based planning instead of scarcity.
  *Erin Matas, Michigan Tech’s Van Pelt and Opie Library – Erie Room*
Breakout Sessions
3:45pm – 4:30pm

- **Academic and Public Libraries - Better Together**: What have you always wanted to know about your library counterpart in the community but have been too afraid to ask? In the Upper Peninsula, public and academic libraries are often operating in the same communities but haven't historically had many opportunities to collaborate. In this interactive presentation led by two public turned academic librarians you will learn about the similarities between the two types of libraries as well as ideas for partnerships.
  *Angela Badke and Dory Shaffer, Michigan Tech’s Van Pelt and Opie Library – Michigan Room*

- **Connect Your Community to MeL Resources**: People rely on public libraries to help them locate a wide range of resources. Connecting vital information to partner organizations can strengthen a community and its library. We often think about providing the perfect eBook to help a student with a report, but what about a startup entrepreneur who wants to learn about becoming an LLC or a newcomer who wants to prepare for the U.S. Citizenship Test? Join MeL’s Public Library Engagement Specialist as we investigate the content of the MeL eResources.
  *Laura Warren-Gross, MCLS – Huron Room*

- **Cataloging with a Little Help From Your Friends**: Improve your cataloging game by bouncing questions off a panel of experienced catalogers. New and experienced catalogers are welcome. Everyone learns, everyone wins.
  *Ellen Moore, Superiorland Library Cooperative - Erie Room*

- **Running D&D for Teens**: Dungeons & Dragons has become incredibly popular. Are you wondering how to run a game at your library? Or do you have stories from your own campaigns to share? Jessica Holman, director of the Negaunee Public Library, has been playing tabletop role-playing games including D&D for more than 20 years. She has been running D&D games in library and school settings, in-person and over Zoom, for four years.
  *Jessica Holman, Negaunee Public Library – Ontario Room*

- **Starting Your Own VR Programs for Adults and Kids**: Virtual reality (VR) systems are gaining popularity, but for many people it is not feasible or practical to own one of these systems themselves. Libraries are an ideal way to give people access to this technology without spending a lot of money. This presentation will go over the basics of starting a VR program at your library, tips and tricks to run your program smoothly, and common roadblocks you might run
into.
Sheila Hatch, Superior District Library – Superior Room

4:35pm – 5pm

• Conference Wrap Up & Raffle Drawings – Superior Room

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