SIBF/ALA Library Conference

Preliminary Program

(program will be updated weekly)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

08:30-9:00 Preconference workshop registration: payment and badge pickup

10:00-17:00 SIBF/ALA Conference registration: payment and badge pickup

PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

9:00-16:00 Assessment in Action: Demonstrating and Communicating Library Contributions to Student Learning and Success" an ACRL Workshop

Higher education institutions of all types are facing intensified attention to assessment and accountability issues. Academic libraries are increasingly connecting with colleagues and campus stakeholders to design and implement assessment that documents their contributions to institutional priorities. In this daylong workshop on strategic and sustainable assessment, participants will identify institutional priorities and campus partners, design an assessment project grounded in action research, and prepare a plan for communicating the project results. This workshop is based on the highly successful ACRL Assessment in Action program curriculum.

Facilitator

Eric Resnis, Organizational Effectiveness Coordinator, Miami University Library, Oxford, Ohio (ACRL certified presenter)
9:30-16:00 Learn to be a Successful Electronic Resources Negotiator

Librarians are not trained to be negotiators. How do you avoid pitfalls and traps when acquiring and maintaining eResources that are a major budget item? This workshop will help you become a better negotiator. Participants will understand the complex, ever-changing electronic publishing environment, and be guided through the eResources negotiation cycle, all the way through execution of the license. The workshop covers negotiations with vendors, as well as internal negotiations within your institution. It will also help you to understand techniques and approaches for evaluating and assessing the use of your electronic resources. The workshop is intended for librarians responsible for the procurement of electronic resources, as well as for those who might be in the future.

**Milan Vasiljevic**, Head of Electronic Resources & Licensing, Qatar National Library, Doha, Qatar.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

9:00-10:00 **SIBF/ALA Conference registration, badge pickup, coffee**
Librarians’ Lounge, Sharjah Expo Centre Lobby

10:00–11:00 **Opening Welcome—Ahmed Al Ameri, Chairman, Sharjah Book Authority**


Jim Neal is President-elect of the American Library Association and will assume the presidency on June 27. He served as the Vice President for Information Services and University Librarian at Columbia University during 2001-2014, providing leadership for university academic computing and a system of twenty-two libraries. He is a frequent speaker at international conferences, consultant and published author, with focuses in the areas of scholarly communication, intellectual property, digital library programs, and library cooperation.

**James Neal**, University Librarian Emeritus at Columbia University; ALA President

11:00-11:30 **Break and Library Exhibits** Librarians’ Lounge, Sharjah Expo Centre Lobby
Session A (concurrent programs)

I. Project Based Learning in School Libraries

A vibrant library program includes students who are engaged, working cooperatively and thinking creatively. In this session, we’ll share several examples of how our students used project based learning to collaborate and solve challenges.

Wendy Garland, Avery Elementary School, Dedham, Massachusetts, USA

Todd Burleson, Media Specialist, Hubbard Woods Library Winnetka, Illinois, USA

II. Library as Studio

Richland Library set out to create spaces and services that would attract and retain a creative class of residents, support artists and entrepreneurs and create greater community cohesion in our neighborhoods. That vision—Library As Studio—has transformed the way we think about our role in the community, making us a vital partner and catalyst for solving community problems and creating opportunities for the community to learn, create and share together. Huggins will discuss the vision and approach that has guided the transformation of their entire library system.

Melanie Huggins, Executive Director, Richland Library, Columbia, South Carolina, USA

III. Running Effective Open Educational Resources (OER) Initiatives in Your Academic Library

The skyrocketing cost of college textbooks has driven an international movement toward Open Educational Resources (OER), openly licensed course materials that are free online to students. Academic libraries are uniquely positioned to advance this solution on campus, and many are already leading the way. This presentation will help participants develop and hone skills, strategies, and plans for effective OER initiatives.

Marilyn Billings, Scholarly Communication & Special Initiatives Librarian and Head of the Office of Scholarly Communication at the University of Massachusetts- Amherst.
Session B (concurrent programs)

I. School Librarians of the Year: Sharing Stories, Lessons, and Keys to Successes

Come and learn from winners of the first School Librarians of the Year Awards sponsored by the Emirates Literature Foundation, on how they’ve create successful school library programs.

Sheila Seiler, GEMS World Academy, Abu Dhabi

Michelle Plant, JESS Arabian Ranches Secondary
Shaikha Ali Mohammed Salaam, Jewereyyah bint Al Harith

II. Empowering and Developing Staff in the Changing (and Challenging) World of Library Work

As public libraries evolve to address larger and more complex issues in society, it is critical that staff be constantly learning, exploring and thinking about how to improve services and meet community needs. This interactive session will provide participants with tools to ensure staff are lifetime learners able to help our organizations anticipate and transform services.

Rivkah Sass, Library Director, Sacramento Public Library

III. Integrating Library Services into the Academic Library Curriculum

The session will look at how to integrate library services such as information literacy programs, collection development, and e-reserve into curriculum. It will discuss the importance of such integration and how could be achieved and the benefits that faculty, students, and librarians can achieved from this partnership. Using innovative approaches, the librarians at Alfaisal University were able to work closely with faculty members in integrating library resources in the curriculum thus increasing students’ academic achievements, retention, motivation, and intellectual development.

Dr. Mustafa Abdelwahid, Director of Library, Al Faisal University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
13:45-14:45  **Lunch (Cultural Hall)**

**Library Exhibits** (Sharjah Expo Centre Lobby)

14:45-15:45  **Session C (concurrent programs)**

I. **Empowering Local Innovation in Public and School Libraries: Thinking out of the Box**

An innovative culture is crucial in libraries, as well as every business, in order to respond to rapidly changing user needs, behaviors and expectations. Librarians should challenge their thinking process and learn techniques to improve ideas. This presentation will answer two key questions: What is innovation? What is innovative in libraries today? Attendees will be giving examples of innovative services and initiatives, and how to develop innovative skills? In addition, the presentation will motivate school and public librarians to implement innovative programs in their libraries through discussion, ideas, and resources.

**Emad Isa Saleh**, Professor, Information Science Dept., King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

II. **Exploring and Expanding Teaching Practices through the ACRL Framework**

The Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) has created a Framework that envisions information literacy education as a shared responsibility for all educators. It suggests both opportunities and challenges for teaching librarians in expanding pedagogical approaches and partnerships. How the Framework can be used to foster dialogue and collaboration among educators? Learn how the Framework can be used to foster dialogue and collaboration among educators and about incorporating the Framework to create instruction plans for your local context and for growing teaching partnerships.

**Brittney Johnson**, Head of Library Instruction, Munday Library, St. Edward’s University, Austin, Texas

III.  **TBD**
I. Creating a Personal Librarian Program: Engagement,Effectiveness & Efficiency

Miami University Libraries created a Personal Librarian program to supplement its liaison system in support of student success and information literacy advancement. The program was designed to be integrated into university curriculum and build toward connections with subject librarians. Learn how a Personal Librarian program can be integrated into a first-year university course, how to utilize a project management tool to administer a program, and methods for assessment.

**Eric Resnis**, Organizational Effectiveness Coordinator, Miami University Library, Oxford, Ohio (ACRL certified presenter)

II. Public Libraries Transform the Arab World

Public libraries throughout the Arab World are already transforming services and staff, creating active, impactful initiatives for their users. Hear what’s new at public libraries in three countries, and how you can provide similar services at your library.

**Ali Abbas Mahmoud**, Librarian, Ministry of Culture and Development, UAE

**Tahri Wafa**, Chief of Service, Public Libraries of Manouba, Tunisia

**Doaa Adbullah**, Librarian and information services specialist at The Cultural Center, ESCD, Cairo, Egypt

17:00- Book Fair, Book Buying
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

9:00-9:30  Registration and coffee

9:30-10:15  Keynote— “Libraries in the MENA Region Moving Forward: What Do We Need to Do?”

Dr. Sohair Wastawy assumed the position of Executive Director of the Qatar National Library in October 2016. Dr. Wastawy has more than 30 years of international library and university management experience to the position, and has practiced and taught librarianship in Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and the US.

10:30-11:30  Session E (concurrent programs)

I. Developing a Community of Learners

A student-centered library program reflects the strengths and needs of students and is centered around student voice, choice and connection with the greater community and beyond. See how building a program beyond the walls of the library began, from developing a vision, partnering with the public library and community groups, and incorporating community, national and global initiatives to connect with others.

Wendy Garland, Avery Elementary School, Dedham, Massachusetts, USA

II. Can online book clubs enhance reading among Arabs?

Reading plays a pivotal role in human development; it is the foundation of the progress of any nation everywhere. Reading within online book clubs motivates many Arab people to share thoughts and ideas about favorite books and getting ideas for future reading. This presentation will discuss books and readers in the Arab World, Reading Initiatives, the phenomenon of Arab online book clubs and its characteristics, management and services.

Dr. Amany Elsayed, Professor, Library & Information Dept., Helwan University, Egypt, Visiting professor at Information Science Department, King Abdulaziz University, Saudi Arabia
III. Trends and changes in global and regional metadata management

In the evolving age of the internet of things there is an ever-increasing importance of metadata in the library environment. The related processes of creating, managing and using metadata describing the resources has changed dramatically. This presentation will follow the new paths of metadata and how libraries are streamline streamlining their workflows to remain vital contributors to discoverability. How any individual libraries can make its distinct contributions regionally and globally?

Eric van Lubeek, Vice President, Managing Director, EMEA & APAC, OCLC

11:30-12:00 Break, Library Exhibits, and Posters (outside Intellectual Hall)

12:00-13:00 Session F (concurrent programs)

I. Using Technology to Develop and Enhance Fluency through Poetry

Fluency is the ability to read text quickly and correctly, it is essential in developing reading comprehension. Fluency instruction is enhanced through repeated reading of appropriate text. Poetry is a fantastic tool to develop fluency and a love of language. In this session, we'll highlight several ways that technology can enhance

Todd Burelson, Media Specialist, Hubbard Woods Library Winnetka, Illinois, USA

13:15-14:15 Lunch, Cultural Hall; Library Exhibits, Sharjah Expo Centre Lobby
14:30-15:30 Closing of Conference
15:30-16:00 Distribution of Certificates
Librarians’ Lounge, Sharjah Expo Centre Lobby

During breaks and free time, please enjoy the relaxing Librarians’ Lounge that will be open to librarians and educators in the Sharjah Expo Centre throughout the Sharjah International Book Fair, thanks to our generous sponsors.